

KUTCH

Where Experience Shapes Perspective

5 DAYS



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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

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90%+

Improved Collaboration

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Higher Student Engagement

Strong

Gains in Confidence & Application

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Kutch — Ancient History, Art & Architecture

Kutch, a district located in Gujarat, can be wholly portrayed as an arid land with a flourishing culture, rich heritage, traditional crafts, and natural beauty. Students will visit non-profit organisations and historical sites such as Khamir Centre, Hunnarshala Foundation, and Dholavira — learning about traditional arts and crafts, sustainable practices, low-energy building designs, ancient history, and the legacy of the Indus Valley Civilization.

Edutour Objectives

- ▶ **Explore the local way of life**, livelihood practices, culture, and traditional arts and crafts of the natives
- ▶ **Learn about innovative approaches** to sustainable and low-energy building designs at Hunnarshala Foundation
- ▶ **Gain a deeper understanding** of the ancient history of the Indus Valley Civilization at Dholavira

Destination Snapshot

Location
Kutch District, Gujarat

Base
Bhuj (all nights)

Heritage
UNESCO Site — Dholavira

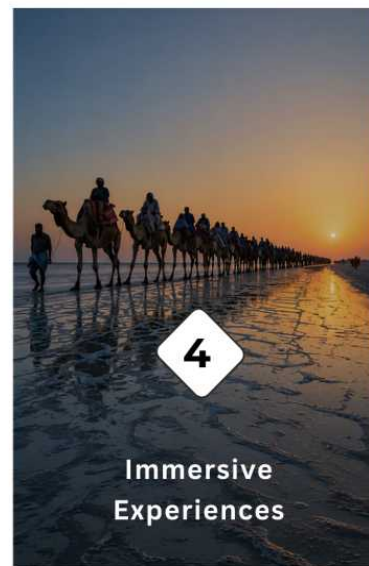
Season
November to February

Duration
5 Days / 4 Nights

Flight
Bengaluru → Rajkot (IndiGo 6E)

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR STUDENTS

What Students Will Gain



1. Crafting Cultural Legacies

Hands-on immersion in Rogan Art, Block Printing, Lippan Art, wood lacquer, and leather craft with master artisans including Padmashree awardees.

2. Habitats of Harmony

Discover earth-based, bamboo, and earthquake-resistant building techniques at Hunnarshala Foundation — sustainable wisdom meets modern engineering.

3. Legacy of the Harappans

Walk the ruins of Dholavira — a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to 2500 BCE — and visit the Archaeological Museum to understand the excavations.

4. Immersive Experiences

Sunset at the White Rann, bonfire nights with folk music, hands-on craft workshops, and interactions with living-tradition artisan communities.

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

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

5-Day Program Schedule

DAY 1	<h3>Program Kick Off</h3> <p><i>Arrival in Bhuj • Icebreakers • Heritage Walk • Local Experts</i></p>	Kutch
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Kutch is a land with a vivid culture set amongst captivating deserts. Its people weave vibrant fabrics, craft intricate embroidery, and mold beautiful pottery — all steeped in a rich cultural heritage that has survived centuries of trade, migration, and natural upheaval.

- ▶ **Fly into Rajkot and depart for Bhuj (120 km, 2 hrs).** Check-in, lunch, and get set to begin your programme !
 - ▷ **as you get familiarized with the location and your facilitators** Participate in fun icebreakers & energizers
 - ▷ Set expectations and norms for the coming days
- ▶ **Head out on a heritage walk** to learn about Kutch's rich history by visiting historical landmarks, architecture, and folk tales that reveal the culture and traditions of the region
 - ▷ **for the coming days' activities and develop a deeper understanding of the changes in the region before and after the 2001 earthquake** With local experts, set context
- ▶ **Dinner and overnight stay in Bhuj**

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2

Indus Valley Civilization

Dholavira • Archaeological Museum • Rann of Kutch Sunset

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Dholavira, an ancient archaeological site in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, is a testament to the advanced civilization of the Indus Valley. Dating back to the Harappan period around 2500 BCE, it was one of the largest and most prominent cities of its time.

- ▶ **Spend the morning exploring Dholavira from Bhuj (130 km, 2.5 hrs)**
 - ▷ **along with the excavated remains of the citadel** Explore the ruins of Indus Valley ancient civilization
 - ▷ **to learn about the excavation process and the antiquities excavated from the site** Visit the Dholavira Archaeological Museum
- ▶ **Visit the Rann of Kutch [15 km, 30 min]** — a salt marsh in the Thar Desert — in the evening to experience a breathtaking sunset at the unending expanse of this white desert
- ▶ **Return to Bhuj (130 km, 2 hrs). Dinner and overnight stay in Bhuj**

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3

Traditional Artisans

Nirona Village • Rogan Art • Ajrakhpur Block Printing • Bonfire

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Known for its intricate craftsmanship and vivid colors, Kutchi art forms are deeply rooted in the traditions of local communities. The region has a long history of Lippan Art, Block Printing, Rogan Art, Lacquer and Leather craft — living traditions passed down through generations.

- ▶ **Experience the lives of traditional artisans** and their art forms first-hand as you visit two artisan communities
 - ▷ **an artisan village to gain insights into Rogan art, wood lacquer art, leather crafts, and copper bell work** Visit Nirona Village (40 km):
 - ▷ **interact with artisans and learn hands-on techniques at the birthplace of block-printing** Visit Ajrakhpur (20 km):
 - ▷ **(Rogan Art) and Ismail Khatri (Block Printing)** Interact with icons such as Padmashree Abdul Khatri
 - ▷ **developing a deeper appreciation for both the art and the artisans** Participate in hands-on experiences at both locations
- ▶ **Enjoy a fun bonfire with music in the evening** to conclude the day. Dinner and overnight stay at the resort

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NGOs In Action

Khamir Centre • Natural Dyeing • Hunnarshala Foundation • Musical Night

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Khamir Center promotes Kutch's arts, crafts, and culture, fostering sustainability through innovation. The Hunnarshala Foundation — founded by artisans, architects, and engineers — aims to create sustainable habitats by blending traditional wisdom with modern techniques.

- ▶ **Visit Khamir Center** to understand how they work towards sustainable livelihoods for artisans
 - ▷ **and interact with artisans at their natural dyeing facilities** Learn about Khamir's sustainable practices
 - ▷ **gaining a deeper appreciation for skill, dedication, and artistry** Participate in hands-on workshops
- ▶ **Proceed to Hunnarshala Foundation** to understand sustainable architecture and earthquake-resistant housing
 - ▷ **to understand the principles of sustainable building design** Interact with architects and engineers
 - ▷ **focused on using earth-based materials, bamboo construction, or natural plastering** Participate in hands-on workshops
- ▶ **Groove to your favourite tunes at a musical night** to end the day. Dinner and overnight stay in Bhuj



Conclude the journey with a reflective session to contemplate the invaluable experiences and learnings gained during your time in Kutch, before commencing your return journey home.





- ▶ **Morning Conclusive Reflection Session:** encapsulate and share learnings and takeaways with your peers from the Edutour
 - ▷ **as you proceed to Rajkot Airport (240 km, 5 hrs) for your return flight** Bid farewell to Bhuj
- ▶ **Conclude your Edutour** with fond memories of Kutch — its historical heritage, arts, crafts, and the unique way of life of its people

Travel & Accommodation Details

Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Private AC buses for all local transfers▶ Flight: Bengaluru → Rajkot	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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