

Trip de Shillong

With the commencement of the batch of Diploma in Travel & Tourism Management (2012-13), the students were saddled to organise a short trip to a holiday destination. They came up with the idea of Shillong and hence the planning began. We left for Shillong via Guwahati on the 15th of October by boarding the Kanchenjunga Express at 6:40pm.

We reached Shillong at 10:00am and the itinerary continued with the halt at The Shillong club, where we were supposed to put up for the next two days. We hurried with breakfast and freshened up to explore the city on the first day of the tour with- **St. Edmund's College, Lady Hydri Animal Park, Salesian training centre, St. Anthony's School, Don Bosco- Shillong, Police Bazaar and the Shillong Cathedral.** The second day followed with the beautiful waterfalls of **Cherrapunji- Seven Sisters falls, Bishop's falls, Nohkalikai falls, Dainthlen falls, Cherrapunji Valley, Dew point and Mawsmai caves.** The third day had a tight schedule as we had to return back to Guwahati to board our train. Hence we covered **The Shillong Peak, Elephant falls, Bara Pani Ummain Lake and the Indian Air Force headquarters** in Shillong and left for Guwahati. Since we had ample time left to board the train we visited **The Mini Tirupati temple** and the very famous **Kamakhya temple** in Guwahati and also ambled through the local **Fancy market.**

We were thrilled to see the panoramic waterfalls and the scenic beauty which Shillong city offered. The students enjoyed to the fullest and also grabbed every opportunity to learn the culture of Meghalaya. They made merry every night after returning to the hotel by singing and dancing happily. The tour finally ended on the 18th of October after leaving for Siliguri at 10:30pm.

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My warm wishes to the batch of TTM to make the plan come true. I am sure each one of you will come out with flying colours in the field of Tourism in near future.

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