

# Heritage visit Vellore – Golden Temple and Vellore Fort

On 11th February 2023, around 60 foreign students of VIT University, Vellore, embarked on a tour to visit two of the most significant historical places in South India: The Golden Temple and Vellore Fort. The group was accompanied and supervised by Dr. R Sujatha, Asst. Dir. (SW), VIT and traveled in a VIT bus. The tour started at 2 pm and ended at 7 pm. The first destination was the Golden Temple, which the group reached at 3:15 pm. They visited the main temple, were captivated by its beauty, and learned about its history. The students also took blessings from the god and had a group photo taken to commemorate the visit. The group then proceeded towards the Vellore Fort, which they reached by 5:30 pm, after a short recreation time on the way. At the fort, the students engaged in sightseeing and explored the architecture and history of the monument. The fort has a rich historical and architectural significance, having been built by the Nayak Dynasty and later fortified by the Vijayanagara Empire.



During the tour, the students were able to witness the grandeur of the fort, which was surrounded by a moat and had multiple gateways. They also explored the fort museum, which showcases various artifacts, including weapons, sculptures, and coins from different eras. The foreign students expressed their gratitude to the university authorities for organizing such an informative and educational trip. The tour enabled them to learn about the rich cultural heritage of South India and helped them gain insights into the country's diverse history and traditions. In addition to sightseeing, the students engaged in team-building activities during the bus journey, which allowed them to connect with each other and share their cultural backgrounds. They sang songs from their home countries and shared stories about their unique traditions, language, and food. The team-building activities helped the students to get to know each other better and appreciate the cultural diversity within the group. The international students from



different countries shared their experiences and perspectives, which fostered a sense of unity and understanding. The activity also helped them to appreciate the similarities and differences between their cultures and build lasting friendships.

The foreign students of VIT University expressed their gratitude towards Dr. Sujata, who supervised and guided them throughout the tour. She ensured that the tour was well-organized and that the students' safety was a top priority. Her guidance and knowledge about the historical significance of the landmarks visited enriched the students' learning experience.

In summary, the team-building activities on the bus journey were an excellent addition to the tour, which helped the students to connect and appreciate the diverse cultures within the group. The activities complemented the tour's overall objective of providing an educational and immersive experience for the students, and it was a valuable opportunity for them to learn, grow, and create lifelong memories together. The tour to Golden Temple and Vellore Fort, organized for foreign students of VIT University, Vellore, was a resounding success. The tour provided an opportunity for students to learn and explore the cultural and historical significance of the landmarks visited. The team-building activities during the bus journey were an excellent addition that allowed the students to connect and appreciate each other's diverse cultures. The tour was a valuable learning experience that created lasting memories for the students. The university authorities should be commended for organizing such an informative and educational trip.



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