

USA Tour

St. Mary's School

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On the morning of the 3rd of June, we had a flight to catch. But not just any flight it was the flight that would be carrying a few select children of St. Mary's School to the United States of America for an educational tour. A fourteen hour fight sure was difficult for us, but we managed it and reached. In Orlando we covered sea World which was a theme park dedicated to raise awareness about the importance of the various water bodies and how marine life is important to sustain life. We also covered the Kennedy Space Center where we interacted with an astronaut Anna Lee Fisher who was the first mother to make it to space and was an inspiration for all of us, especially the girls among us. Our third day had three tasks, we went to Walmart where we were allowed to shop for two hours and were allowed to buy anything we'd like. After that we went to Cocoa Beach where we were allowed to go into the water, and it was fun for all of us. After having drained 50% of our batteries we headed once again to the Kennedy Space Center for the ATX in which we would experience how it would be like to be an astronaut on Mars if we ever made it there. It was an amazing experience in which almost all of us liked the Rover driving activity the best. We also visited Universal Studios in Orlando



We went to our second location which was Buffalo on a very tight schedule since as soon as we would land there, we had to catch a bus to Niagara Falls and board the Maid of the Mist, a ship that took us close to the falls. The best part was the Canadian falls since they surrounded us

on three sides and were huge on all of them. Closing up on it was like entering a raging thunderstorm with small droplets of refreshing and cold water grouping up and hitting us. We then stayed at our hotel for one night only and we were all really tired once we came back, hence a good night's sleep.



Boston was our third location where we visited Harvard on our first day there. In Harvard we were given a tour of the campus by this very well-educated lady who gave us all the proper info along with many fun facts about Harvard and the locations at the campus we visited.

On our second day in Boston we attended a robotics workshop at MIT where we ourselves got to code and program a robot and it made us realise how much potential we have and how we are wasting it.



Our last two days were spent in New York City which was the most anticipated part of this trip by many.

On our first day there we were taken to see the places where all the historical stuff took place such as One World Trade Center and 9/11 Memorial. We could feel the tension in that place as people would look down into the water and cry over the horrifying memories of this incident.

After that we were taken to the Apple Store in OWTC and some children even bought stuff from shops near the Apple Store.

We were also fed NYC pizza which was scrumptious and a delight to eat, it was also, most probably, the best pizza we ever had and will have.

We were allowed to shop in The Times Square and were given classic New York food after we were done with shopping.

On our next day in NYC we were taken to look at the Statue of Liberty up-close and were given insights into the history of this marvel of engineering. We were told facts such as it was orange when it was delivered, and it was delivered in 322 different pieces.

After that we were again given our last chance to shop from The US in Times Square.

With our hearts sinking we said goodbye to the US and headed on to our homes.

In the end I would like to thank the people who guided us throughout this trip such as Mr. Dexter, our bus driver for NYC, Mr. Giovanni, our guide for NYC and Mr. Smiti, our driver for Orlando

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This truly was once in a lifetime experience and I look forward to more trips like this in the future.