

A one-day study visit to Worli and Dharavi, Mumbai

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At **The Orchid School** we have always believed in holistic education, and we have many possibilities for the same by designing programs which integrate curriculum. A one-day study visit to Worli and Dharavi was one such trip for students to have an enriching learning experience.

The trip began with the visit to Worli Fishing Village under the able guidance of: Team No Footprints. The simple and unembellished lifestyle of the residents was an eyeopener for the students. They saw a different side of Mumbai with a visit to this village of Worli. Next was the mesmerising Worli Fort, which has stood for over 250 years. This was followed by spending time soaking up the atmosphere at a local goddess temple and at the fish market. Students were also enlightened about the history of the city of Mumbai at the backdrop of the breathtaking view of the Sea link.

After a sumptuous lunch at Sadanand kids were joined by: Furkan, guide for Dharavi.

The goal of this Reality Tour to Dharavi was to dispel the negative connotations of living and working in Dharavi. Our guide said that the word “slum” is a derogatory term that the Indian population does not like to use. This tour provided a window into Mumbai's working neighborhood, explore the alleyways of makeshift homes and workshops, and meet the locals, learning how they live.

The people here are working citizens and contributors to society. Prior to taking the tour, students associated laziness, drug dealing, and crime with living in slums. By the end of the tour, their views had changed after witnessing the hard work people are involved in like: Plastic Recycling, Dying Unit, Paper Recycling, Leather Factory and many more.

Overall, the Educational Trip to Dharavi gave students unique insights into the people, culture and divide between extreme wealth and deprivation.





