

## WELCOME

## Why the Chambal

The Chambal is one of India's last untamed river landscapes — a region of dramatic ravines, clean waters and a level of biodiversity found in very few places left on the subcontinent. It is one of the last strongholds of the critically endangered gharial and among the few remaining habitats of the Gangetic dolphin.

The Chambal Expedition is built around this landscape. Over one night and two days, students move through structured, supervised outdoor experiences — designed not simply as adventure, but as a set of deliberate learning opportunities in ecology, self-reliance and teamwork.

## WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL GAIN

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| <b>Teamwork &amp; Collaboration</b>   | Working in small expedition teams for every activity, from shelter-building to cooking.        |
| <b>Ecological Awareness</b>           | Direct exposure to a rare river ecosystem — gharials, Gangetic dolphins and native birdlife.   |
| <b>Self-Reliance &amp; Resilience</b> | Pitching tents, cooking a meal, and navigating a full outdoor itinerary independently.         |
| <b>Cultural Exposure</b>              | A traditional Chambal meal and immersion in the region's food and landscape heritage.          |
| <b>Outdoor &amp; Safety Skills</b>    | Guided instruction in fire safety, river safety and basic camp-craft under expert supervision. |

## DAY ONE

# Enter the Chambal

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

## Welcome to the Chambal

Arrival at the expedition basecamp, welcome refreshments, expedition check-in and distribution of the Acuity Edge Expedition T-shirt. Students are introduced to the expedition team and familiarised with the campsite, landscape, wildlife and the journey ahead.

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

## Build Your Shelter

*Tent Pitching Workshop*

Working in small expedition teams, students learn the fundamentals of outdoor camping and collectively pitch and organise their own tents under the guidance of the expedition team.

TEAMWORK

SELF-RELIANCE

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

## Taste of Chambal

*Traditional Local Lunch*

Students experience a freshly prepared traditional Chambal meal featuring Chulhe ki Roti, seasonal local preparations, regional chutneys and traditional desserts, accompanied by a brief introduction to the region's food traditions.

CULTURAL EXPOSURE

3:00 PM – 6:45 PM

## Chambal River Wildlife Expedition

Board expedition boats and venture into the Chambal river landscape with an experienced naturalist. Students observe and learn about the region's remarkable biodiversity, including gharials, Gangetic dolphins, freshwater turtles and diverse birdlife.

ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS

OBSERVATION

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM

## Basecamp Hour

Time to relax, freshen up, explore the campsite and unwind with fellow expedition members.

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

## Fire & Feast

*Outdoor Cooking Experience*

Students work together in supervised teams to prepare dinner around a live fire — learning basic outdoor cooking, fire safety and teamwork while preparing and enjoying a meal together.

TEAMWORK

SAFETY SKILLS

**9:30 PM – 10:15 PM****Under the Chambal Sky***Night Walk & Astronomy*

A guided night exploration around the campsite followed by an introduction to the night sky and telescope-based observation of celestial objects visible that evening.

**ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS****10:15 PM ONWARDS****Lights Out**

Return to tents and overnight stay at the expedition basecamp.

**DAY TWO****Explore & Reflect**

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**6:00 AM****Wake Up**

Students rise and prepare for the morning expedition.

**6:30 AM – 10:30 AM****Chambal Ravine Expedition**

An early-morning exploration through the distinctive ravine landscape of the Chambal. Students discover the ecology, terrain and unique character of the region while developing observation, teamwork and outdoor awareness.

**TEAMWORK   OBSERVATION****9:00 AM****Breakfast at the Viewpoint**

A freshly prepared breakfast served at a scenic viewpoint during the morning expedition.

**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM****Return to Basecamp & Freshen Up**

Students return to basecamp to wash up and prepare for the closing session.

**11:00 AM – 11:45 AM****Expedition Closing Circle**

A closing session bringing together student reflections, experiences and learnings from the expedition, followed by the Acuity Edge Expedition Certificate presentation and a group photograph.

**11:45 AM ONWARDS****Packed Lunch & Departure**

Students receive a packed lunch for their journey home before departing the expedition basecamp.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

## Program Inclusions

- ✓ 1-night tented accommodation
- ✓ Meals & refreshments
- ✓ Acuity Edge Expedition T-shirt
- ✓ River wildlife expedition & naturalist
- ✓ Ravine expedition
- ✓ Tent pitching workshop
- ✓ Outdoor cooking experience
- ✓ Night walk & astronomy
- ✓ Expedition certificate
- ✓ Packed departure lunch

**Note:** Transportation to and from the Acuity Edge Chambal Base Camp is arranged separately by the school.