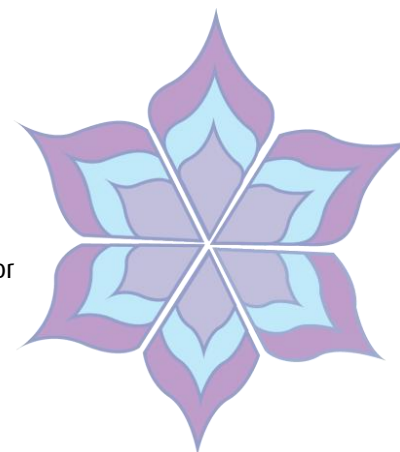


Special Event Information Pack



Greetings from Sangam!

Sangam offers Special Events to those who unable to join our regular events or for those who would like to schedule a tailored event to suit their particular group's needs. The following information details the sessions which Sangam runs so that you can assist us in building a schedule to suit your group.

It is divided into two sections: 'Always Included Sessions' and 'Your Choice Sessions'. Always Included Sessions are those which we consider essential to an event held at Sangam and as such will be included as part of your event. Your Choice Sessions are those which Sangam can offer to your group in their event and are for you to select as to your preference.

Each of the sessions we have described below have also been given a category, according to their topic or theme. The categories are:

- Sangam: these sessions offer information and activities which are specific to Sangam, its history and the way we as a centre operate today.
- WAGGGS and International Guiding/Girl Scouting: these sessions involve learning about WAGGGS, it's Member Organizations, themes, projects, regions and World Centres as well as sharing the international friendship that Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting offers.
- Indian Culture: these sessions involve experiencing the unique culture of India through its traditions, history and people.
- Leadership: these sessions emphasise intercultural learning and personal growth through interaction with Sangam's Community Partner organisations and exposure to the Be the Change toolkit.
- Day Trips: these are whole day adventures which combine a number of different sites or activities to give you an insight into Indian culture and life.

At the end of this pack, we have included a sample schedule to give you an idea of what a typical schedule for a Sangam event can potentially look like.

Selecting Your Sessions



Below are a few tips from our Programme Team to assist you in selecting which 'Your Choice' sessions you would like to include as part of your event:

- When selecting sessions we recommend a mix of the above mentioned categories as at Sangam we have found this makes for the most varied and enjoyable experience for our event participants
- Consider the approximate time advised for each session and the feasibility of what your group would be able to participate in each day
- Keep in mind the other facilities available at Sangam and in the local community which your group may wish to take advantage of during their free time: the Sangam pool, shop, internet services, additional free time for shopping etc.

Once you have selected the sessions which you would like to include as part of your special event, please send these ideas to our Guest Services Team on guestservices@sangam.waggs.org who will work with you to create the confirmed schedule for your event. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Always Included

| Session | Category | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Sangam Welcome Ceremony | Sangam | 1 ½ hrs Takes place in the evening | Be formally welcomed into the Sangam family in this traditional welcome ceremony that intertwines Indian and Girl Guiding/Scouting traditions. |
| Sangam Tour | Sangam | 45 mins | Be taken on a guided tour of Sangam and learn about the history and people that have made the place what it is today. |
| Namaste Sangam | Sangam | Dependent on event length | An orientation session conducted during our events to introduce participants to Sangam and their event. |
| Daily Flag Ceremony | WAGGGS and International Guiding/Girl Scouting | 5 mins Takes place 8.25 before breakfast | Our Flag ceremony is done just before we sit down for breakfast and is very brief. It can include a Reflection of your choice that encourages us to think about the spiritual element of Girl |

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| | | | Guiding and Girl Scouting. |
| Be the Change | WAGGGS and International Guiding/Girl Scouting | 1- 1 ½ hr per session | Sessions where you can learn more about WAGGGS, its themes and projects as well as reflect upon your experiences during your time at Sangam. |
| Sangam Tiffin | Sangam | 30 mins | This is a fun and informative session where we will share opportunities that are available at Sangam and WAGGGS including Sangam Volunteer opportunities and information about the Community Programme. |
| Phir Milenge Sangam | Sangam | Dependent on event length | The final session in your event at Sangam, this self directed session allows time to complete Sangam's evaluation, write a postcard to self, collect any resources to take home and complete any pending projects or tasks from throughout your event. |
| Closing Ceremony | Sangam | Dependent on size of group and event length | A time to reflect on your Sangam experience. |

Your Choice Sessions

Sangam

| Session | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Anu Karkare Reflection | ½ hr | A reflective session to learn more about Sangam, its history and the woman who started it all. |
| Leave Your Mark | 2-3 hrs | You can leave your mark and do service to Sangam! There is painting, gardening, creating a log book page, pick the top photos for the event, planning your closing ceremony and many more options according to the needs of the event and Sangam. |
| Water Tower Climb | 30 mins Usually takes place at 7am | Enjoy the view of Sangam and its surrounding neighbourhood from the top of our Water Tower. |

WAGGGS and International Guiding/Girl Scouting

| Session | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Interaction with Nivedita Guides | 5.00-6.30pm Sunday Only | Interact with Sangam's local guides. Please bring along songs, crafts or game ideas with you. |
| International Fair | 2-3hrs (including preparation) Usually takes place as an evening activity and only available if there is more than one cultural group in your special event | Friendship and sharing are part of this session. Share a short performance from your culture, make a display about your country and bring some light food to share with others. |
| WAGGGS Game | 1 hr Usually takes place as an evening activity | Participate in this interactive and fun quiz designed to teach you more and put to the test your knowledge about WAGGGS and what you have learnt during your time at Sangam |
| Campfire | 1 hr | Share and sing the night away at Sangam's campfire circle! |

Indian Culture

| Session | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Yoga | 45 mins (Not available Sundays) | Rise early at 7am for a yoga session in Sangam's hall. A refreshing start to any day! Additional charges apply. |
| Neighbourhood Walk | 1 ½ hrs | Explore Phule Nagar, Sangam's local neighbourhood on a guided tour where you will get to visit a local Indian home as well as see local stores, a school and places of worship |
| Wadi Challenge | 2 - 3 hrs | Discover the neighbourhood near Sangam and begin to get to know your local community. Find out where to go during your free time. This is a good introduction to India and opportunity for participants to gain confidence, exploring in small groups. |
| Explore Indian Culture | 1 hr | Minakshi, our Community Relations Manager will explain to you aspects of Indian Culture. You can ask her as many questions as you like about India. This session is strongly suggested |

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| | | if your group participates in the Wadi Challenge or can be run as a standalone session. |
| Laxmi Road Cultural Tour | 4-5hrs Not available on Monday's | Discover Laxmi Road, Pune's commercial and shopping district. Visit a market, explore bangle alley and enjoy the opportunity to shop for Indian saris and punjabis! Includes an introduction to catching rickshaws and Indian shopping as well as a meal out either lunch or dinner. |
| Tailor | 30 mins | After shopping at either Laxmi Road or in your free time, Sangam can arrange a tailor to come and make your Indian Saris or Punjabis. (Only available in events 4 days or longer). |
| Pune Challenge | 4 hrs | Venture outside Sangam in a rickshaw as you follow directions, clues and answer questions to find various locations. Your challenge? Discover and explore some of the highlights of Pune. Includes the option to conclude at a restaurant for an Indian lunch or dinner out, or back at Sangam if preferred. |
| Travel Agent | Usually half day but can be however long is desired | Venture outside Sangam in a rickshaw to discover and explore some of the highlights of Pune. Whether it is shopping, temples, museums or a relaxing morning at a coffee shop, we will be ready to give you advice on the best place to visit to suit your interests. |
| Indian Art: Embroidery and/or Warli Art | | It's time to get creative! With guidance from professional and local instructors, learn how to embroider Indian designs including mirror work or paint Warli Art, an indigenous art form from the state of Maharashtra. For groups of 12 or more it is possible to offer both during the session with participants having the choice of doing one. For smaller groups you need to choose Embroidery or Warli Art in one session. |
| Bollywood Dancing | 1 hr | Learn how to be a Bollywood star by participating in this fun dance class instructed by one of the of Sangam's guides! |

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| Dandiya | 1 hr | Learn this traditional style of stick dancing taught by one of Sangam's guides. |
| Laughter Yoga | 30 mins | 30 minutes of laughter together with a laughter yoga teacher will surely have you in stitches! |
| Indian Afternoon & Maharastrian Dinner | 4 hrs | Discover more about Indian culture as you learn to tie a sari, make Rangoli, receive Mehendi from some local women and play Indian games. Afterwards, dressed in typical Indian clothes, sit down to enjoy a traditional wedding feast from our state of Maharashtra |
| Visit to Indian Family | Approx. 3 hrs Takes place in the evening | You will visit a local Indian family and have dinner with them in their home. A great opportunity to learn about Indian life! |
| Bollywood Movie in Sangam | 2-3hrs depending on length of movie | Experience the colour and sounds of India's famous film industry. Depending on weather and suitability, can also be viewed poolside on Sangam's outdoor screen. |
| Explore India Tour Session | 30 mins | As Sangam is often the starting point in many of our guests' travels across India, our guest services team offer this session to share advice, tips and tricks for travel and safety after your stay at Sangam. |

Leadership

| Session | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Community Partner Visit | Whole morning or afternoon with the possibility of doing more than one in each event. Offered in consultation with the organisation and according to their availability as to time and day of the week. | This is an opportunity to learn about social issues in India. You will see Leadership in action! Get the opportunity to learn about one of Sangam's Community Partner's efforts, tour the site and see the work that these organisations do in action. Visit includes pre-visit briefing and Be the Change debrief session to share experiences and evaluate learning. |
| Community Action Project (CAP) | Whole day Can be from 1 day to many days to suit the | Learn about Leadership while working together on a project designed to meet the needs of one of Sangam's Community Partners. You will plan |

needs of your group, the type of project you would like to undertake and the needs of the partner organisation

and carry out the project in small groups! Projects, for example could include painting, gardening, creating resources needed by the organisation, teaching English or running a workshop on a particular topic. CAP includes pre-project briefing, preparation session and Be the Change debrief session to share experiences and evaluate learning.

Day Trips

| Session | Approximate Time | Description |
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| Alandi, Tulapur and Ishwari, | Whole day (Visit to Ishwari not available Sunday) | A 45 minute journey by bus will take you to the country side of Pune, to visit Alandi a town of religious significance for Hindus. Along the way stop at Tulapur, a 'Sangam' (a place where 3 rivers meet) and visit the riverside temple. We will then check out village life and visit one of Sangam's Community Partners, Ishwari, an organisation which works with young women in rural communities to give them skills for income generation. |
| Aditti Learning Centre, Village Visit & Big Ganesh | Whole day (Not available Sunday) | Take a break from the busy city! A 45 minute journey by bus will take us to the country side of Pune. Along the way stop at a giant Ganesh statue perched on a hill top. Visit one of Sangam's Community Partners, Aditti Learning Centre which aims to educate girls who have dropped out of school and discover village life as you visit the homes of the girls who you meet at Aditti. |
| Karla and Bhaja Cave Temples | Whole day | Visit two ancient Buddhist cave shrines that are one hour's drive away from Pune. See ancient carvings in the first cave and enjoy the serene quietness at the second cave. Though there is a little hiking involved the experience and view makes it well worth the trip. |

Sample Schedule

| Special Events Sample Schedule | | | | | | | | | |
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| 07:00 | Yoga | Yoga | Yoga/Swimming | Yoga | Yoga/Water Tower Climb | Yoga | Yoga | Yoga | Swimming |
| 8:25 | Breakfast | Staff Flag & Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast | Flag and Breakfast |
| 9:00 | | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time | Patrol Corner/Free Time |
| 9:30 | | Anu Karkare Reflection | | | | Intro to Visit to Indian Fam. | Tailor | Laughter Yoga | |
| 10:00 | | | | | | Leave Your Mark | | Sangam Tiffin | |
| 10:30 | Free and Easy | | Visit to Community Partner | | Community Action Project (number of days as desired) OR Day Trip Picnic Lunch | Tea | | Phir Mileng Sangam | |
| 11:00 | | Wadi Challenge | | | | Leave Your Mark continued | Pune Challenge | Tea | |
| 11:30 | | | | | | Explore Indian Tour | | Phir Mileng Sangam Continued... | |
| 12:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30 | Namaste Sangam | | Laxmi Road Cultural Tour Lunch Out | | | Explore Indian Tour | | Closing | |
| 1:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 01:30 | Lunch | | | | | | | | |
| 02:00 | | Lunch Indian Aaram | | Lunch Indian Aaram | | | | | |
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| 03:00 | Namaste Sangam | | | | | | | | |
| 3:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4:00 | | Explore Indian Culture | Free | Free | Free | Indian Art | | | |
| 4:30 | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | | | |
| 5:00 | | | Tailor | | | | Indian Afternoon | | |
| 5:30 | Neighbourhood Walk | Be the Change | Be the Change | Be the Change + Preparation for CAP | Be the Change | Indian Art continued | | | |
| 6:00 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6:30 | | Dinner | MDG Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | | | | |
| 07:00 | Dinner | | | | | | | Maharashtrian Dinner | |
| 07:30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8:00 | Welcome Ceremony | WAGGGS Game | Bollywood Movie in Sangam | Preparation Continued | Campfire | | | Bollywood Dance | |
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| 9:00 | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | Tea | | Tea | |