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Dwell in Tree House

Who doesn't like to live amidst nature? Of course everyone. An opportunity to be a part of nature and live life in a bird's style is offered by the tree houses. They are the latest inventions in the tourism industry. Tourists from worldwide come to India to feel the enjoyment of spending moments in tree houses. They are built on giant trees located in the tropical forests. These houses give tourists the pleasure of relishing the beautiful surroundings.

Tree Houses in great numbers is found in the Indian State of Kerala. The houses appear amazingly creative and beautiful. The tree houses are ethnically designed, adorned with prerequisite items. Most of them are made of eco-friendly materials. Equipped with beds, washrooms, verandas the tree houses offers comfort of a type no less than a fine hotel. Enjoy a pollution free stay in the tree houses of India.



Enjoy Darjeeling Toy Train

Ready for one of the most spectacular train journeys? If yes, then the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, lovingly called as 'Toy Train' awaits your arrival. It is a 2 ft narrow gauge from Siliguri to Darjeeling in West Bengal. The Toy Train is a World Heritage Site. It is also an indispensable part of the lives of people of Darjeeling. It is also an important means of conveyance for the localities. The train was built by Franklin Prestage, an agent of the Eastern Bengal Company in 1881, with a view to cope up with the increasing traffic.

The train takes a total time of 8 hours to cover the stretch of 86 km from Siliguri to Darjeeling. One can relish the mesmerising scenic beauties of tea plantations, orchids and red-chicked children through the windows of the train. The Toy Train is indeed the little wonder and a must catch on a trip to India.

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Behold Buddhist Monastries

The religion of Buddhism got originated in the holy land of India. It is the place where Lord Buddha meditated and got 'Nirvana' (enlightenment). There are various places in India that is closely associated with the life of Lord Buddha. Vaishali, Rajgir, Nalanda, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh etc.

One can visit the 17th century monastery of the Mahayana Buddhists in Tawang. Arunachal Pradesh is also home to over 500 Lamas. Other Monasteries in India are:

Dhankar, Kyr, Namgyal and Tabo Monastery of Himachal Pradesh

Rumtek, Tashiding and Pemayangtse monasteries in Sikkim

Hemis Monastery in Jammu & Kashmir

Many of the monasteries welcome western tourists as paying guests. No smoking, drinking or loud music is aloud inside the monastery complex.



Enjoy Pushkar Fair

Enjoy Pushkar Camel Fair of Rajasthan and be a part of Asia's largest cattle fair. Auction of around 25000 camels take place in the fair. In addition to the cattle there are other things which a tourist can enjoy in the fair. The fair displays the vibrant colours of Rajasthani culture in the best form. Various little stops in the fair which offers trinkets and other handicraft items that are made by the local artisans. The fair is organised every year in the auspicious month of Kartik Poornima or the full moon night in November. The fair continues for a week and welcomes great numbers of tourists. Various challenging competitions are organised during the Pushkar Fair. Camel beauty pageant is held where the camels are beautifully decorated. There are also performances by the folk dancers and musicians at the Pushkar fair.

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Celebrate Dussehra Festival

Dussehra is one of the grandest festivals of India. It is celebrated with great devotion in every part of the country in the month of October. This festival symbolizes victory of good over evil. There are several exciting tales associated with the festival. The legend goes as- on this very day, Rama (the God king) beheaded the 10 headed demon-king of Lanka, Ravana, who abducted Rama's wife, Sita.

Dussehra continues for ten days. Several pandals on this occasion are adorned with the statues of Goddess Durga. Worship continues with full fervour. In Bengal the festival is known as Durga Puja and is the single most important festival for the Bengalis. On the tenth day of festival, most people wait for the Ramlila (dance dramas enacting the story of Lord Rama). On this day effigies of Ravana, his brother Kumbhakaran and his son Meghnath are packed with firecrackers and burnt at sunset.



Go Ayurveda

Ayurveda has its roots in India since ancient times. It is one such practise that guarantees remedies for most of the ailments. This healing system offers cures without any side effects. It also offers peace of mind, body and soul. It works on the principles that a healthy mind exists in a healthy body. Ayurveda recognises the important roles of physical balance, mental health, emotional release and spiritual progression in achieving good health. Kerala is the hub of Ayurveda in India. There are many Ayurvedic resorts in this state that offers great Ayurvedic massages. These massages offer a complete relaxation of body. An unusual feeling of wellness is experienced with Sirodhara, as medicated oil is poured in an even stream onto the forehead. This treatment is said to pacify and revitalize the mind and body.

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Wobble on a Camel

A tour to Rajasthan brings with itself great opportunities of adventure and other exciting activities. Camel Safari is one such activity which cannot be missed. Wobbling on a camel back and touring the varied attractions is a worthwhile experience. Camel Safari on the sand dunes, around Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Bikaner swiftly passing through havelis and historical monuments.

Special camel safaris are organised during Pushkar and Nagaur fairs of Rajasthan. Winter season is considered very apt for camel safari. Encountering an oasis in the desert is also a sight of great relief. There are certain tips of camel safari which if followed well can make your trip memorable. These safaris also give the opportunity to gel well with the local people of Rajasthan.



Visit the Artist's Village

India is indeed land of great artists that produce handicrafts and other items of great delights. The various artisans of India has helped to keep alive the long age tradition of Indian arts and crafts. Shilparamam is one of the crafts villages in India that is located in the state of Hyderabad. The reason behind its making was to help preserve the traditional handicrafts of India. In order to give a platform to the artisans and buyers from various parts, annual festivals are organised in Shilparamam., where several craftsmen display their craft.

Amphitheatre is also a major attraction in Shilparamam. Dilli Haat in Delhi and Surajkund Mela are also examples of crafts villages that India boats of.

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Live in a Maharaja Style

India has been a land of kings and queens. During their reign they constructed massive and magnificent palaces. These palaces and great havelis have been a major centre of focus for many tourists from abroad. Most of the palaces have been converted into heritage hotels, thereby giving opportunities to the tourists to enjoy their stay in these heritage hotels and live life in king's style.

India can be called as land of heritage hotels. These heritage hotels are the greatest earners for the tourism industry of India.

- Hotel Shiv Niwas Palace, Udaipur
- Karni Bhawan Palace, Bikaner
- Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur
- Rambagh Palace Hotel, Jaipur



Fly Kite at Makar Sankranti

Indians are a great lovers of kite. They need an occasion to be one on one with the wind. Makar Sankranti is one such festival of India where people celebrate by flying kites. The whole day one can find the skies dotted with colourful kites of all sizes. On this day several kite flying competitions are also organised.

Kite making is also an industry in the country. Gujarat is famous for its kites and the locals here are experts at flying these paper birds. People of all age group participate in the kite festival with full joy and fervour. As the sun sets and darkness hovers over, youngsters still continue to compete each other at flying kites with paper lanterns tied to their kite strings.

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Trail Through Jungles

India is a land of fascinating wildlife. One can find a variety of wild creatures in the wildlife parks of India. A closer view at the tigers and other fiery mammals amidst the greenery in their very natural habitat is a wonderful experience. There are 80 national parks and 440 wildlife sanctuaries in India. Sitting on an elephant's back and passing through thick confines of forest and having an encounter with the tiger is an ultimate thought one can think of.

Most of the wildlife sanctuaries in India like Ranthambore, Corbett, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary and others have the facilities for wildlife watching and bird watching on jeeps, special buses, elephants, cycles and other vehicles.



Go for a Temple Tour

India is a religious land that is adorned with many worship places. South India is one such zone that is famous for its magnificent temples and their architecture. The state of Tamil Nadu is a terrific religious destination that is visited by most of people with a religious bent of mind. Most of the temples of south India follow the Dravidian style of architecture. The Vimana and the Gopurams are certain distinctive features of the south Indian temples.

Many relevant dynasties like the Cholas, the Pallavas, the Pandayas contributed to the development of the south Indian temples. Major Temples in South India are:

- Badami Caves Temple
- Jagannath Temple
- Lingaraja Temple
- ISKCON Temple
- Meenaxi Temple
- Tirupati Tirumala Balaji

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Visit Varanasi Ghats

Varanasi is one of the most revered pilgrimage sites of India. It is also named as Banaras. The beautiful Ghats of Varanasi are the major delights of the city. Ghats are the steps that take the pilgrims down to the river, where they take a sin cleansing dip in the Ganges. There are around 80 ghats in Varanasi. Some of the famous ghats are:

- Asi Ghat
- Mir Ghat
- Manikarnika Ghat
- Harishchandra Ghat
- Scindhia Ghat
- Balaji Ghat

These ghats look stunning during the dawn and at sunset. The ghats start getting flooded with devotees during evening hours when the Ganga Aarati is held. Many lighted lamps get lit and the ambiance turns magical. Tourists from all over the world visit Varanasi to savour the real taste of bhakti and devotion.



Marry in Indian Style

The rituals and customs associated with Indian weddings are found nowhere else in the whole world. The marriages in India are colourful and a celebration of a kind no less than grand festivals. Every community in India has its own distinctive style of marriage. In fact the religious, regional and cultural diversity of India is well reflected by the wedding ceremonies.

From the past few years India has become an ultimate marriage destination. People from various countries charmed by the styles of Indian marriages come to get wed in a typical Indian style. Rajshani wedding, Punjabi wedding, Tamil-Vedic wedding are certain common Indian wedding styles which draw them to this land. Come to India and get wed in the wedding style of your choice with traditional entertainers like folk dancers, musicians, fire eaters, snake charmers, grand firework, hire elephants, traditional attires and horses.

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Apply Traditional Mehendi

Mehendi is regarded as the inthing for women. It is a temporary decoration of skin. In fact no Indian wedding is said to be complete without henna coloring akka Mehendi. The lovely red hue of Mehendi gives the brides of India a Goddess like look. Among the Mehendi art the Rajasthani mehendi is said to be very popular. In this popular traditional images are used like peacock, the lotus, an elephant with a raised trunk and other designs of creepers.

Today Mehendi is used not only as a traditional art but also has become a craze among the youngsters who use it as a decorative element. A dark hue of mehendi is said to be the symbol of good luck for married couples. The art of mehendi today has also created a rage among the foreigners. It usually takes six hours for the mehendi to set properly and get dry. The intricate patterns are dabbed with cotton balls dipped in sugar syrup and lime juice to make mehendi darker.



Try Indian Attire

India is dotted with many states. Each state here follows its own set of clothing. The clothes are different in style and are very colourful with a tinge of traditional appeal. Getting clicked in Indian attire is a prime demand of the tourists and is also a major crowd puller. Graceful sarees covering the body, heavily embroidered lehenga choli, colourful turbans and salwar kameez are main clothing of India.

In matters of clothes, the Indian state of Rajasthan is said to be the most diverse. The Ghagharas (ankle length skirt), choli (blouse) and odhni (head cover) are the main clothing of Rajasthani women. They also look stunning in various jewellerys. Sarees are the main traditional costumes of the women of Maharashtra. Young girls in south India drape themselves in a half saree while the others wear a full length saree.

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River Rafting

River Rafting is one of the most sought after water sports of India. Most of the adventure buff visit India to enjoy this adrenalin pumping sport of river rafting. In the past few years India has emerged as a major adventure sports destination. In this sport one gets an opportunity to be one on one with the blue aqua. In India there are many destinations where river rafting is enjoyed to the fullest. One such spot is Rishikesh. There are several rafting trips organised here. You can enjoy the sport by being a part of such trips. September-November and March-April-May is regarded as best time to go for rafting in Rishikesh.

River Rafting in Teesta River, Sikkim is also very famous. The Teesta river offers a series of white water rapids with different intensities at frequent intervals. Makha and Rongpo, Dikchu and Teesta Bridge are some of the river rafting stretches in Sikkim.



Explore Indian Bazaars

The Bazaars of India are as colourful and vivid as the land and its people. India no doubt can be termed as a shopper's paradise. One can find things of every kind, of various quality and at varied prices. Apart from shopping in the skyscraping malls one gets an opportunity to shop in the traditional markets of India. These street markets are the heart beats of India that display articles made by the local artisans.

Shopping in Dilli Haat, Chandni Chowk, Carol Bagh is an ultimate experience when in Delhi. However the city of Agra gives you an opportunity to take away quality leather items as well as replica of Taj Mahal in white marble. If looking for good quality crystals and silk sarees, the city of Bangalore is the best place. If in search of western and trendy clothes, the city of Mumbai would be the best option for you. In a nutshell shopping of every sort can be commenced in India.

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Savour Indian Cuisine

When it comes to appetite, believe me you can never satisfy it when in India because the variety of dishes in India is so much that one's stomach asks for more and more. Every part of India has some or the other food specialty. The Indian cuisine is famous for the sophisticated use of spices and herbs. Go to south India and relish Dosa Sambhar, Uttappam, Idli served beautifully on banana leaves. You can savour the best Kofta, peppery ground lamb tenderly embracing a boiled egg and succulent chicken all this at Karim's, one of the oldest restaurants of India.

You can also try the soft, spongy and syrupy Rosogollas, which are the specialties of Kolkata. Going to India and returning without taking a taste of the Hyderabadi Biryani would be a major miss. Chole Bhature, Paav Bhaji, Tandoori chicken are the special dishes of North India. Give no break to your taste buds when in India.



Practise Yoga

For maintaining physical and mental well being most of us believe in practising yoga. Yoga comprising a system of exercises was developed about five thousand years ago. Deep breathing and meditation are the major focus of Yoga. Yoga is a fine substitute of gym that can be practised very well at home too. The traces of yoga can be found in the seals discovered from the Indus Valley Civilization. Patanjali, the writer of 'Yoga Sutra' is said to be the father of Yoga.

Major branches of Yoga are:

- Hatha Yoga
- Karma Yoga
- Jnana Yoga
- Bhakti Yoga
- Raja Yoga

Come start yoga right away to unite the human soul with the universal spirit and to attain peace of mind.

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India is a country with largest democracy, a land of contrasts, a place where tradition is intricately blended with modernity. The richness of the country in matters of magnificent landscapes is what makes it an ultimate paradise.

Let's find out more on India:

Name: India

Official Name: Republic of India

Government: Federal Republic

Capital City: New Delhi

Area: 3.28 million sq.km

Population: 1 Billion

People: 72% Indo -Aryan, 25% Dravidian, 3% other.

Major Languages: Hindi is the national language. Other official languages in India, like English, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya, Punjabi, Assamese, Kashmiri, Sindhi, and Sanskrit.

Major Religion: Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism.

Principal Rivers: Brahmaputra, Indus, Ganga, Godavari, Kavari, Krishna, Mahanadi, Yamuna and Narmada.

Currency: Rupee