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Romancing wanderlust

Remember that trip you embarked upon? The moment you realized that "Man, This (going new places) Is The One For Me!" You remember all the specifications of the destination, its people and ambience, which come alive whenever you hear its name.

That's the thing about travelling. You get to live and experience something different from your routine. How thrilling it is to meet people beyond your own culture? How exciting it is to explore the streets you never been to before? How amazing it is to tinkle your taste buds with the combination of spices you never tasted before?

It's quite like a love story, where you can't think of anything else, especially when you're helpless about it. Of course Covid-19 is the bad guy in your love story here, if we put it in Bollywood style.

Not to mention, we are in the supporting role (Yes, that enthusiastic friend of a hero who would do anything to complete his love story).

So here we present a list of Virtual Tours that will give you the satisfaction of seeing that a bit far-away interest of yours.

Yeah, thank us later!



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In Long Distance Relationship with Travelling



With travelling plans to faraway places coming to a near standstill, technology is allowing you to visit almost any place on the planet in the blink of an eye. According to Google Keyword Planner data, the term “Virtual Tour” increased seven times – from 1,300 in February to 10,000 in March when governments around the world began locking down countries and cities. And as billions of people around the world facing travel restrictions, the numbers keep rising. So here we present a list of Top-20 virtual tours that will fuel that much-needed passion in your long distance relationship with travelling.

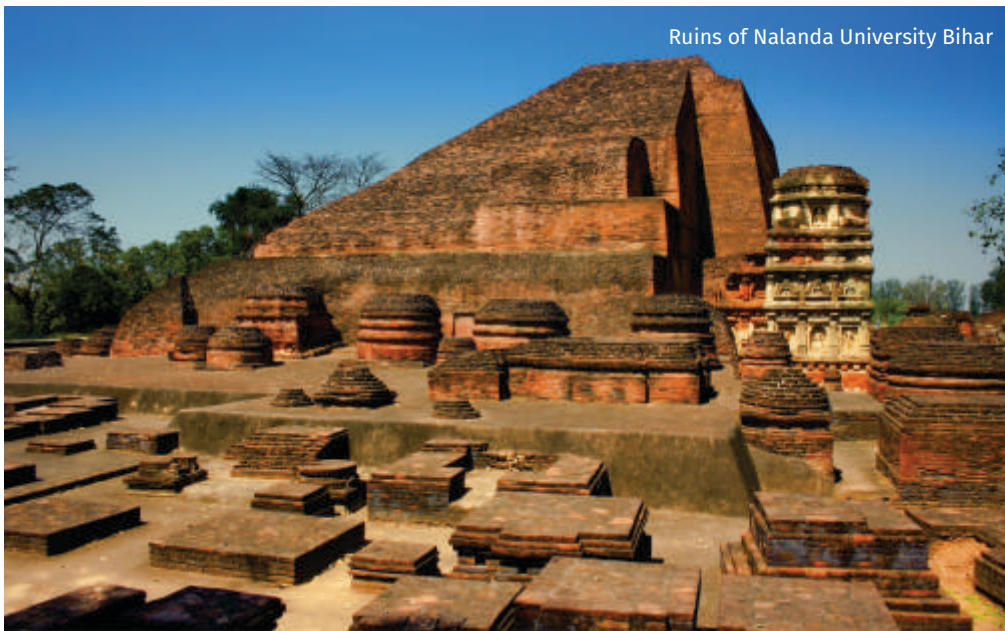




Incredible India



Great Stupa Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh



Ruins of Nalanda University Bihar



The Kailasa Temple, Ellora Caves



While many other countries offer one or other monolithic experience of holidaying, India opens portals to diversified experience of climate, geography, culture, art, literature, ethnicity and food.

The diverse spectrum of experiences make India 'incredible' and a paradise, which is much sought after.

The usage 'Incredible India' brings to mind a plethora of stunning images – ranging from the snow-capped mountains of Himalayas, vast expanses of deserts of the west, tropical rainforests and exotic flora of the east and panoramic lakes, beaches and monsoon rains of the south. Besides this, a range of historic, cultural and heritage sites, the torch bearers of the diversity of a country which is proud of its millennia of legacy.

Watch virtual reality tours of The Ajanta Caves, The Taj Mahal, The Ellora Caves, Bhimkheda Rock Shelters, Fatehpur Sikri, The Red Fort, Churches of Old Goa, Nalanda, The Jantar Mantar Observatory, Sanchi and many others. 📺

Fujiyoshida, Chureito Pagoda



Lake Kawaguchiko

Japan

Where traditional meets future

Cancelled your plans to visit Japan because of Coronavirus? Check out this 360-degree VR movie from the Japan National Tourism Organization, which takes you on a wide-ranging tour of the country that features everything from bamboo forests to sushi making.

With the concept of fusing together tradition, innovation and nature – which co-exists in the diverse culture of Japan – this highly entertaining video takes you on a virtual tour of the country, including 16 of its most unique attractions such as Tokyo Tower, Kyoto's Sagano Bamboo Forest and the torii gates of Fushimi Inari Shrine. [👉](#)

Tokyo Tower





Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine in Kyoto



Kyoto's Sagano Bamboo Forest



Red Torii gates in Fushimi Inari shrine in Kyoto

Mount EVEREST





Mount Everest is still the ultimate mountaineering adventure. To stand at the pinnacle of the Earth is one of life's most rewarding experiences. But it is no easy feat.

For those stuck at home and those who can't think of climbing the highest mountain, renowned cameraman Jonathan Griffith created a documentary specifically for their virtual headset – Everest VR: Journey to the Top of the World.

The series consists of three episodes. It begins with French Alps, following elite mountain athletes and exploring their motivations. The series beautifully captures a Himalayan avalanche, a rock climbing fall, and a surfeit of breathtaking views. 📺




Antarctica a virtual adventure





The Antarctica is the coldest and the most extraordinary continent of the Earth. Its native inhabitants are not of the Homo sapiens species. The main feature of the local landscape is mountains covered with snow.

The remoteness and a severe climate make the most difficult continent to reach. But don't let this put you off. Airpano's virtual tour is a unique opportunity to visit it while staying indoors. Now you can experience some of the most spectacular scenery unrivalled by anywhere else in the world and the thrill of a voyage right on your mobile or computer device. 





Pyramid of Giza - Egypt

UNESCO

World Heritage Sites

Google Earth is making it easy to go on an adventure, virtually though, by offering digital tours of 30 UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Pyramid of Giza - Egypt, Taj Mahal, Sagrada Familia, Towers of Angkor Wat, Seville Cathedral, The Dolomites, Borobudur Temple, Prambanan Temple, Hiroshima Peace Memorial, Itsukushima Shrine. And we believe it's never a more appropriate time to explore areas with cultural, historical and scientific significance. These historical sites provide communities with a sense of pride and identity. ■



Sagrada Familia



Towers of Angkor Wat



The Dolomites



Seville Cathedral



Hiroshima Peace Memorial



Itsukushima Shrine



Borobudur Temple



Into the Ocean



The Blue Planet is a series created by BBC. Described as “the first-ever comprehensive series on the natural history of the world’s oceans”, each of the eight 50-minute episodes examines a different aspect of marine life.

Excellent footage shot on a circumglobal photo safari, the awesome narrator David Attenborough orates zoological narratives as if delivering a state-of-nature address. “Blue Planet II” follows the network’s “The Blue Planet,” which dropped in 2001. 





Louvre Museum, Paris

Art and Cultures around the World



Louvre Museum, Paris

Breathe a little culture into your day! Discover a beautiful artwork from Google Arts & Culture, where you will see masterpieces ranging from Van Gogh and Monet, all the way to contemporary works from street artists around the world. The artwork is refreshed every day.

In Google Arts and Culture's comprehensive list, users can visit the most prominent museums around the world, including the Louvre Museum in Paris, the MoMA, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Guggenheim Museum in New York and more. [📄](#)



18 - The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



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Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

A Tour to Mars



Ever wondered what it feels to explore Martial landscape? Well, now you can get a taste of what it feels like from your living room with Google & NASA's Access Mars, a free immersive experience on both desktop and mobile device as well as virtual reality /augmented reality headsets.

Access Mars lets anyone with an internet connection take a guided tour of what those scientists experience. A simple walkthrough explains what the curiosity rover does and details dramatic landing in 2012. 





Disney World

In need of a little Disney magic? If you can't get to the most magical place on Earth, fíkar not. Visit Walt Disney World virtually through YouTube ride and attraction videos. Virtual Disney World is a fun way to explore and enjoy the parks when you can't be there.

The fun part is you won't get a sunburn or need to worry about Fast Passes, nobody will block your view of the Parade, every park is magically in the same place so you never have to run from ride to ride – in fact, everything is practically perfect in every way! 📺



Machu Pichhu Peru





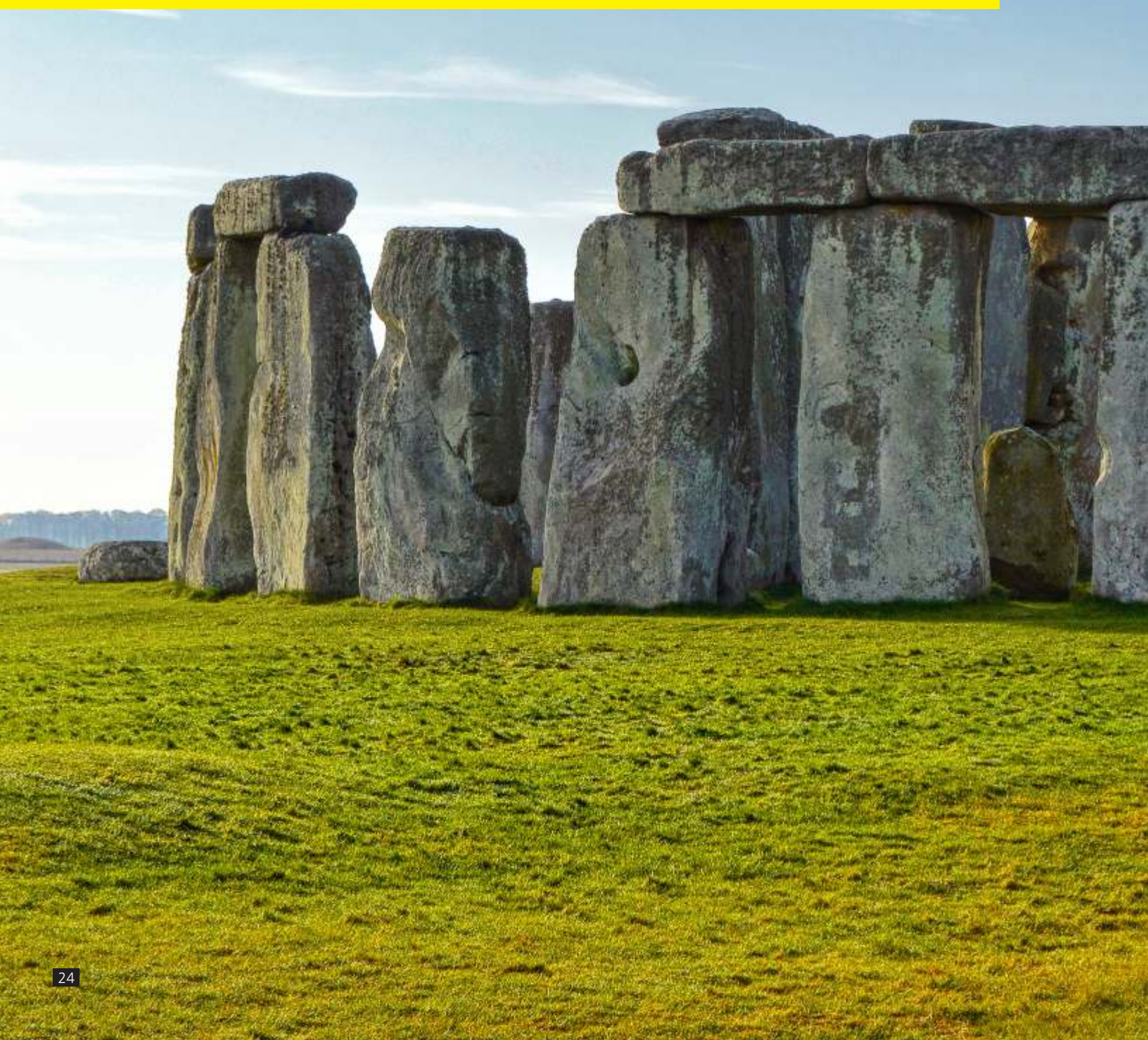
Google will now let you pay a virtual visit to Machu Picchu, the great Inca ruins located in the Andes in Peru. Take a train ride through the Andes to this historic site. And once you're there, visit the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, including the Temple of the Three Windows, The Temple of the Sun, the Astronomical Observatory, and the Sacred Rock, among other parts of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

You can also explore more Inca artifacts over at the Museo Machupicchu at Casa Concha, which holds the largest collection of such artifacts in the world. ¹⁰





Stonehenge UK





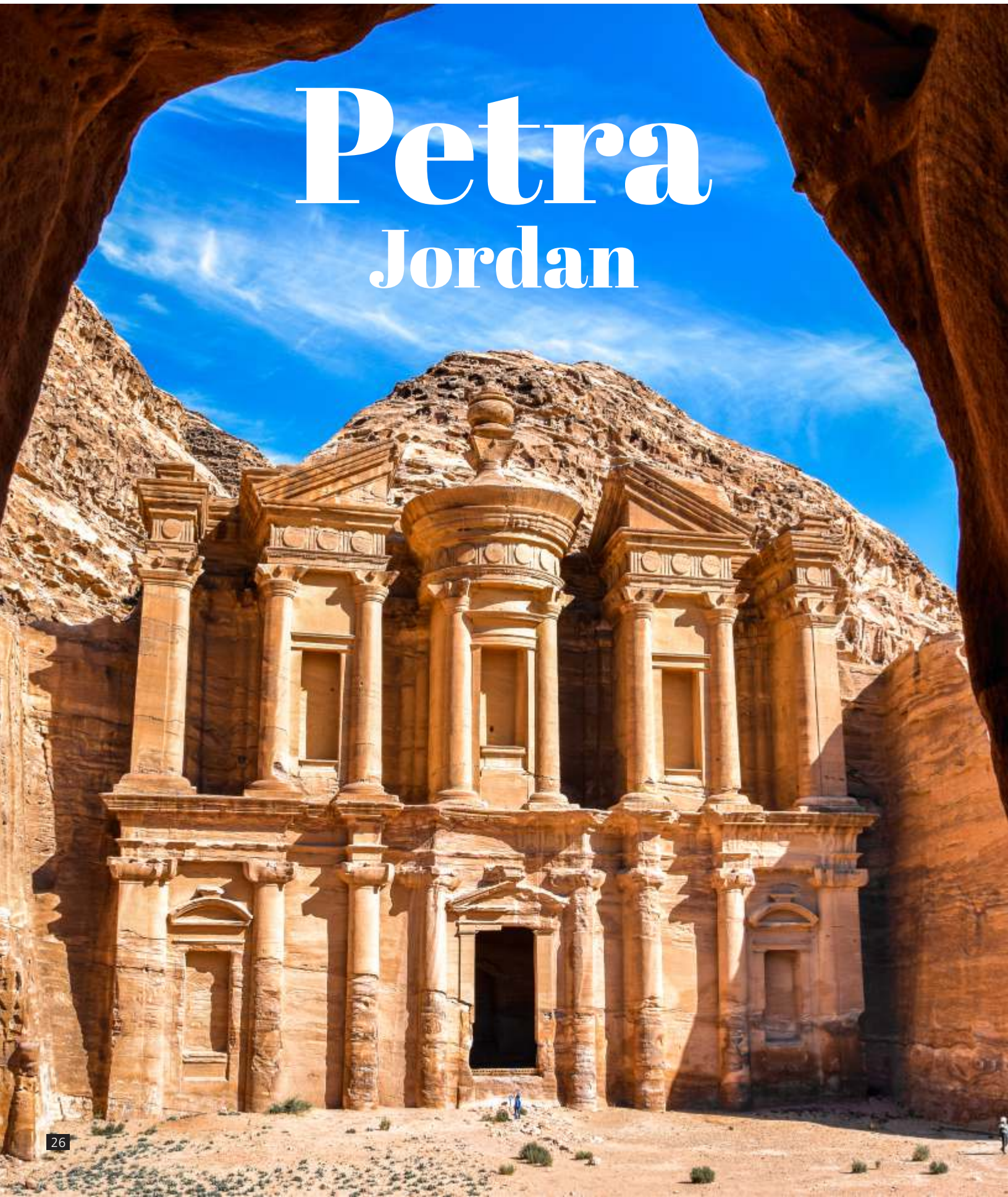
Experience the skies above the iconic stone circle to learn about movements of the Sun, Moon and planets and to see the solar alignment at Stonehenge. Skyscape, a website created by English Heritage, offers a small escape.

Read a full history of one of the world's most famous prehistoric monuments, from its origins about 5,000 years ago to the 21st century. Discover what the landscape around Stonehenge has looked like from before the monument itself was first built through to the present day. Explore the interactive map created by Historic England to find out about the latest in-depth research into the Stonehenge World Heritage Site landscape. 📄



Petra

Jordan





You have probably seen the iconic façade of The Treasury in movies, and almost definitely on multiple Instagram feeds in the past few years. This was in large part thanks to the collaboration between Google and Queen Rania of Jordan, where a concerted effort was made not only to boost tourist numbers but to also help preserve the wonder and awe of the stone city for future generations.

Although there is no substitute for seeing Petra in person, the benefit of digitally visiting the city is that it can be done in comfort and peace. Explore the ancient city and learn of the history and culture of its once-nomadic Arabian inhabitants, the Nabateans. The best part of the digital exploration of Petra is that you can go at your own pace, click back and forth as much as you want. 📄

Bristol



Bristol Harbourside

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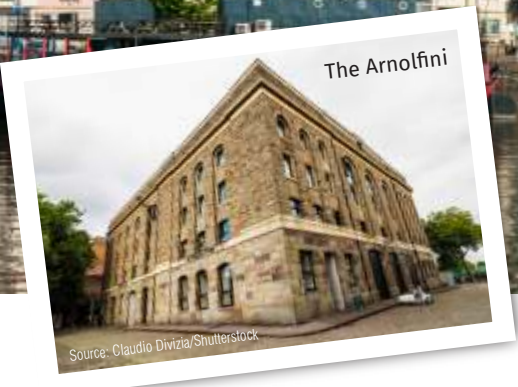
Bristol is a city straddling the River Avon in the southwest of England with a prosperous maritime history. Its former city centre port is now a cultural hub, the Harbourside, where the M Shed museum explores local social and industrial heritage. The harbour's 19th-century warehouses now contain restaurants, shops and cultural institutions such as contemporary art gallery The Arnolfini.

'Visit Bristol' is the best way to visit Bristol virtually for cultural lovers, travelers and school children alike. Explore Bristol's heritage, street art, galleries, historic museums, music and top attractions online, with virtual tours, podcasts and playlists. 🎧



Bristol Cathedral

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Greece

Mykonos Island




Santorini, Greece Island



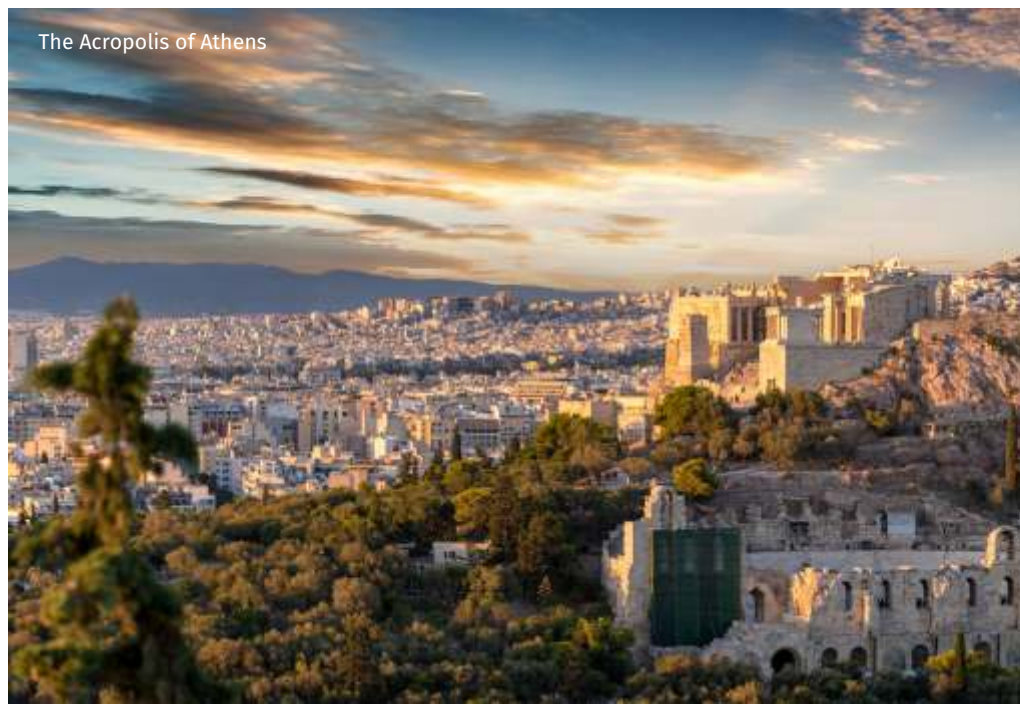
Fira Town, Santorini Island



GreeceFromHome, an initiative of Greek Tourism Ministry and the Greek National Tourism Board, offers a new and varied way to explore Greece and all its facets from the comfort and safety of home. The regularly updated channel features a wealth of content covering a broad range of topics: Greek-inspired music, gastronomy, theatre, dance, sports and fashion as well as videos of destinations and experiences from all over Greece.

Visit the most impressive destinations of the country through beautiful photography, and get tips on where to visit, what to eat and what activities to plan for future visits to the country. 

The Acropolis of Athens





Navagio Beach, Zakynthos Island



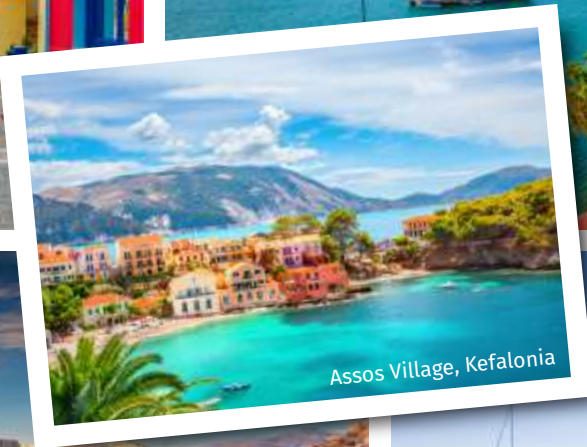
Corfu Island, Pelion



Kos Island



Mikrolimano Harbour




Assos Village, Kefalonia



Paxos Island

Egyptian Tomb



Every self-diagnosed wanderlust patient has at least once dreamt of digging deep into the mysterious tombs of Egypt. There's something deeply intriguing about the architectural wonders of Egypt, because of which they manage to draw curious eyes across latitudes every year. But now that physical travel is out of picture, the Egyptian Tourism Board is inviting enthusiastic explorers from across the world, to explore the 5,000-year-old tomb of Quenn Meresankh III for free. Through the use of computer reconstruction, along with 3D modeling, this virtual travel tour lets the users examine the monuments in startling details. 







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Dubai

Dubai is like nowhere else on the planet. From its glittering skyscrapers to its sweeping sand dunes, this multi-cultural metropolis is as awe-worthy as ever. It has world's largest shopping mall, the world's tallest tower, beautiful beaches, and even man-made islands.

If you have a bucket list of cultural spots, landmarks and hotels you've yet to see in Dubai, Dubai 360 has got you covered. It is one of the world's leading immersive virtual city tours, enabling users from around the World to visit Dubai using latest technologies. Not only does the website offer viewers a bird's eye view of Dubai including the iconic Palm Jumeirah and The World Islands, but it also takes you to the top of Burj Khalifa, inside the majestic Atlantis, The Palm, Etihad Museum, Dubai Museum and Al Fahidi Fort, among many other attractions. ■

Dubai Frame



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Croatia

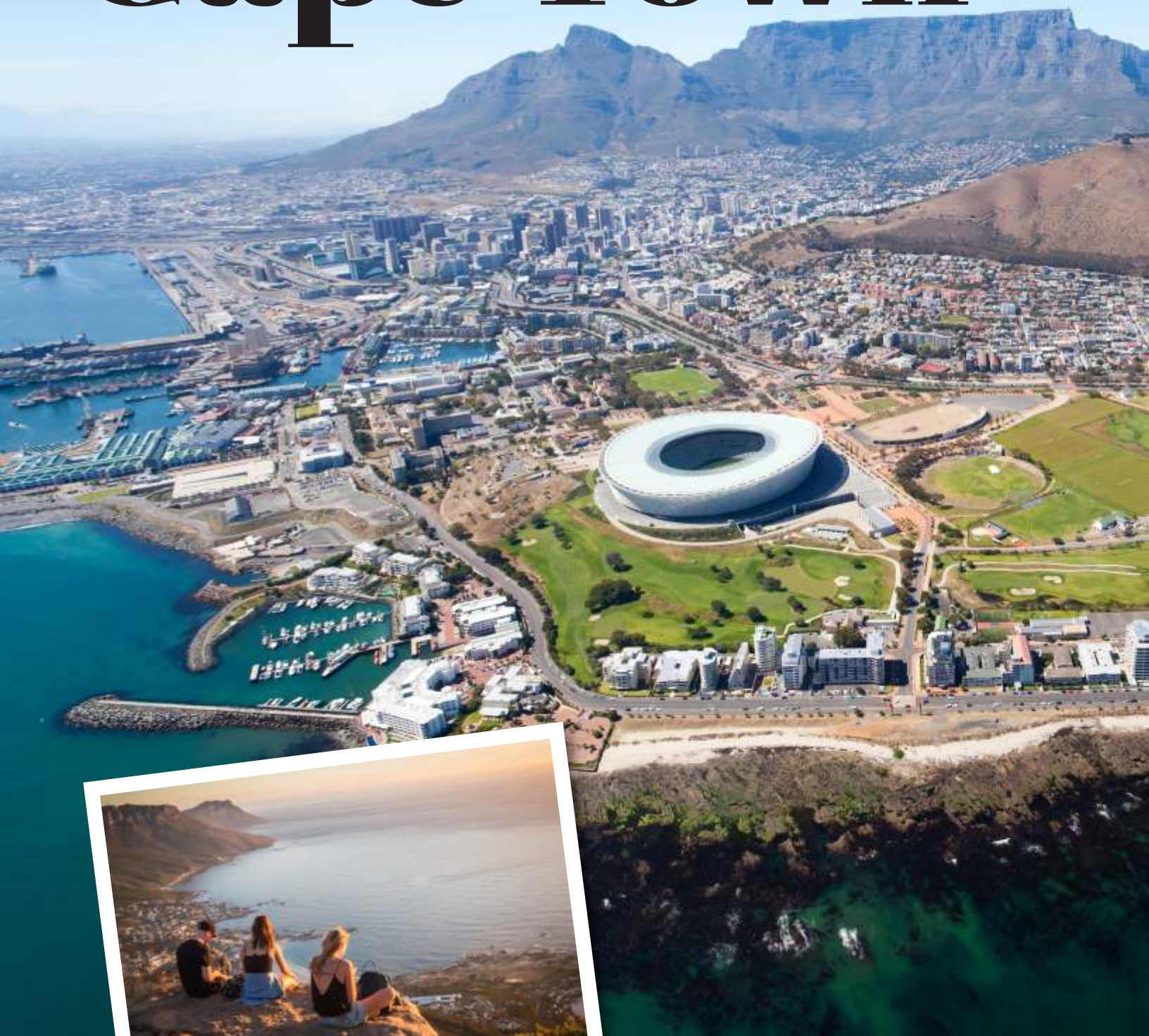
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Dubrovnik

Cape Town



Cape Town Tourism's new "We Are Worth Waiting For!" is a treat to explore the beautiful city with a long distance relationship. The beauty of Cape Town that you fell head over heels for is resetting and you will find her well-rested and happy once you get back. To remind you of this, "Postcards from Cape Town" is posted across Love Cape Town's digital platforms, showing off the city's natural beauty. 📧

Penguin Colony, Boulders Beach





Northern Ireland

Step onto the land of giants without worrying about spilling your Guinness. Giant's Causeway is full of basalt columns, history, and ancient mythology, making it the perfect place to get lost in for a few hours... or days if your technology will allow it. The hexagonal landscape was formed around 60 million years ago due to slow-cooling lava. Immerse yourself in this world of wonders by starting your virtual tour at the Giant's Port, then make your way to the hexagon-lined coast of the Grand Causeway. 📍





Giant's Causeway



Belfast City Hall



Titanic Belfast Museum

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Old medieval ruins of Castle Ward

Skiing in Canada

Ski Resort



For the skiing lovers, we've found one of the best virtual travel experiences for you. This awesome 360° virtual tour video is definitely one of the best VR travel experiences you can get online, that too for free. This video offers breathtaking 360° views of stunning powdery snow along with a virtual opportunity to experience what skiing on the legendary Canadian Rockies, feels like. The VR tour features famous points like Banff National Park, Lake Louise Ski Resort in Alberta, Canada.



Sulphur Mountain, Banff National Park





Stroll around
the stunning forest area of

Polo Forest

Gujarat Tourism presents virtual tour of Polo Forest near Abhapur Village in Vijay Nagar taluka of Gujarat. Located 150 km from Ahmedabad, it is a preferred weekend destination. The Polo monument includes the ruins of historical state of Parihar, Kings of Idar in the 10th century. The tour beautifully lets you virtually visit Shiv Mandir, Surya Mandir, Harnaav Dam, Jain Derasar and some architectural locations.

An ideal monsoon location, Polo Forest is an area of around 400 sq.km. full of medicinal vegetation, reptiles, birds and animals. Gujarat Tourism organizes Polo Festival annually featuring adventure activities, cycling, camping and more. 📍





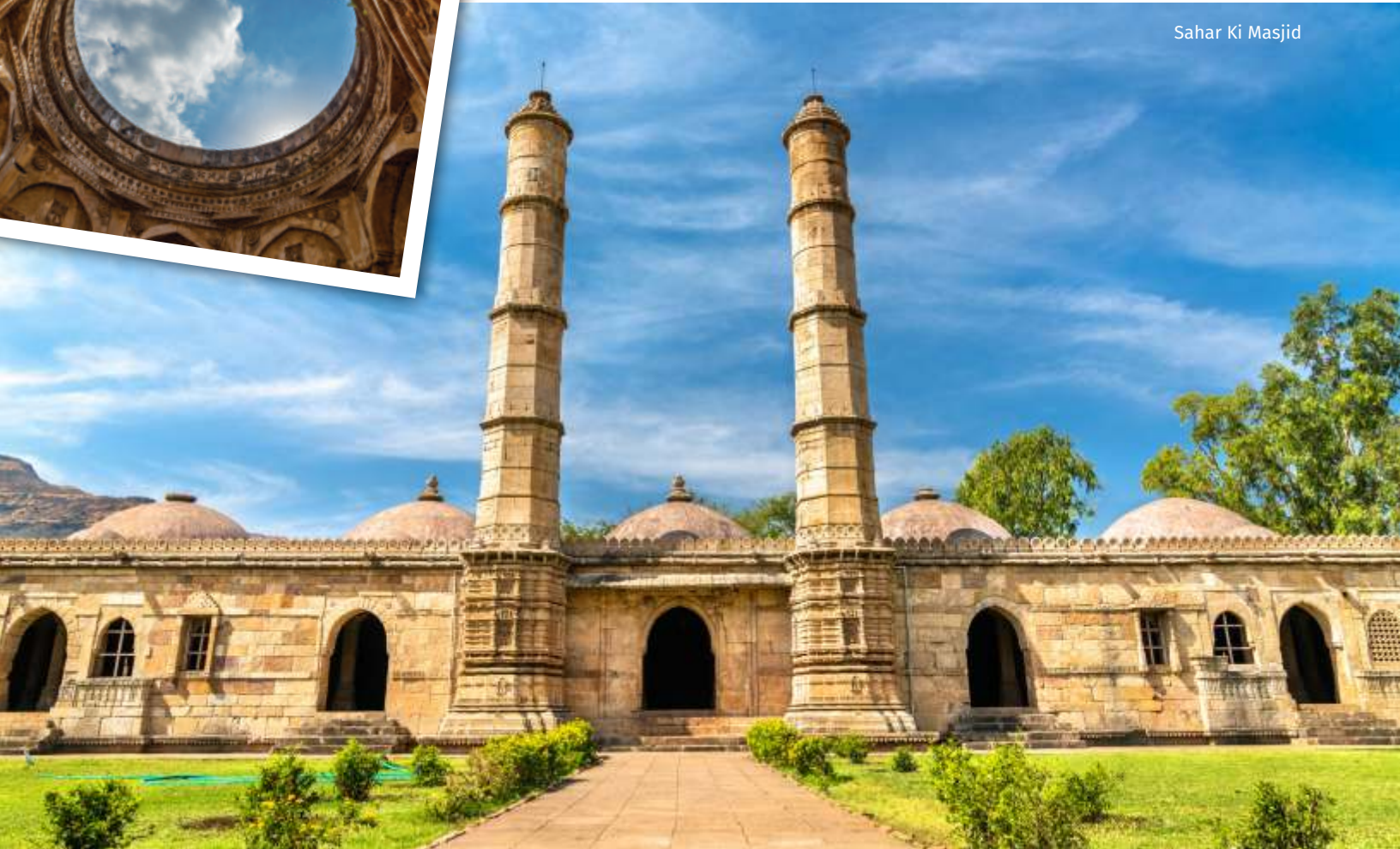
If you happen to be in Gujarat and prefer to visit the destination, August is an ideal time to visit it. For your hygienic and safe stay, Gujarat Tourism presents sanitized Homestays in Himmatnagar. Please visit www.gujarattourism.com to book your stay in advance.

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the historical wonders of*



Champaner

Sahar Ki Masjid



A concentration of largely unexcavated archaeological, historic and living cultural heritage properties cradled in an impressive landscape which includes prehistoric sites, a hill fortress of an Hindu capital, and remains of the 16th-century capital of the state of Gujarat.

The Site also includes, among other vestiges, fortifications, palaces, religious buildings, residential precincts, agricultural structures and water


installations from 8th to 14th centuries. The Kalimata Temple on top of Pavagadh Hill is considered to be an important shrine.

The Virtual Tour by Gujarat Tourism is a perfect way to explore the beauty of Champaner in this crucial time of pandemic.

The tour of Nagina Mosque, known as 'Jewel Mosque', boasts minarets, globe-like domes, and slim stairs. The carvings are done skillfully with

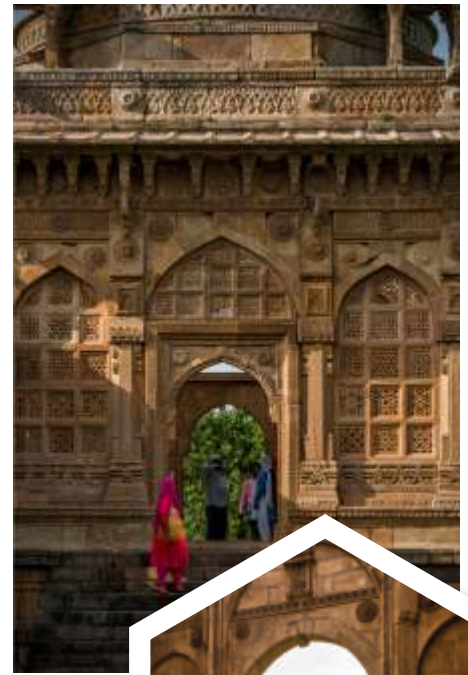
beautiful flowery designs.

A separate virtual tour on Lakulish Shiva Temple, located on the hill of Pavagadh, takes you to intricate carvings and structure of Dakshinamurthy Shiva, Ganesh and Gajantaka Shiva.

Also do not miss an opportunity to take a good view of Sat Kaman, a significant structure located on the edge of a hill on the southern tip of Champaner. 



Jama Masjid



Kevda Masjid



Kevda Masjid



Saat Kaman

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