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f you believe in the motto 'to travel is to live', what better way to make it a reality than this Independence Day? Much to everyone's delight, the 76th Independence Day is falling on Tuesday, giving us an opportunity to extend the weekend prior to that a bit more and enjoy the true freedom to travel to a destination of our choice.

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If our country's freedom struggle is intriguing for you, we suggest you embark on exciting journeys to the places that carry footprints of India's journey towards independence - a journey to the historical splendours that will fill you up with empathy and a deep sense of patriotism.

If your idea of celebrating freedom is visiting offbeat destinations, we've got you covered! We present a curated list of destinations from across India that is bound to leave you astonished and excited at the same time. Ready to explore? Read more!





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Celebrate DEPENDENDENCE Day Top Destinations

By PRIYANKA DESAI, Staff Reported

"Our's is a land of sages, Known for bravery for ages. None can with it compete, Its culture none can beat." - APJ Abdul Kalam

Independence Day in India is not just a celebration; it is a reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals who fought for the nation's freedom. These top destinations provide a unique opportunity to be a part of this historic occasion while experiencing the cultural diversity and natural beauty that India has to offer. Whether it's Red Fort in Delhi or Wagah Border in Amritsar, each destination adds its own touch to the patriotic celebrations. So, this Independence Day, pack your bags and embark on a journey to witness the true spirit of India while reveling in the joy of freedom.





Celebrate Independence Day: Top Destinations to Visit

Red Fort Delhi

he Red Fort in Delhi holds immense historical importance as it was the site where India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, hoisted the national flag on 15th August, 1947. Today, the Prime Minister's speech and flag hoisting ceremony take place here, attracting a massive crowd of locals and tourists alike.

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India Gate New Delhi

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ndia Gate, a war memorial, pays tribute to the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during World War I. On Independence Day, it becomes a hub of celebration, with the monument illuminated in the tricolor and people gathering to show their patriotic spirit.



National War Memorial New Delhi

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he Memorial is a revered and iconic structure that honors the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives defending the nation. Situated in the heart of the Indian capital, the memorial stands as a powerful symbol of India's gratitude towards its armed forces and serves as a place of reflection and remembrance for the entire nation. Celebrate Independence Day: Top Destinations to Visit



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Wagah Border Amritsar

ocated on the border between India and Pakistan, the Wagah Border is renowned for its daily Beating Retreat Ceremony. On Independence Day, this ceremony takes on special significance, with enthusiastic crowds coming together to witness the event.



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known as 'Kala Pani', the Cellular Jail in Port Blair served as a notorious prison during the British Raj. Visiting this historical site on Independence Day is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters for India's freedom.



Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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Sabarmati Ashram Ahmedabad

The Sabarmati Ashram was home to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, during India's struggle for independence. The serene atmosphere of the ashram and its association with the freedom movement make it a fitting place to pay homage on Independence Day.

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Jallianwala Bagh Amritsar

A nother site of historical significance, Jallianwala Bagh, witnessed the tragic massacre of innocent Indians by British troops in 1919. Visiting this memorial on Independence Day is a solemn way to remember the sacrifices of those who laid down their lives for the country.

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Rashtrapati Bhavan Delhi

he residence of the President of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan, hosts a flag hoisting ceremony on Independence Day. Visitors can witness the grandeur of the ceremony and explore the magnificent presidential palace.

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Kargil War Memorial Jammu and Kashmir

he Kargil War Memorial, also known as the Dras War Memorial, is a poignant and significant destination located in the town of Dras in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir, India. It stands as a tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the Kargil War of 1999, a conflict fought between India and Pakistan.

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Jhansi Fort Uttar Pradesh

hansi Fort, also known as Jhansi ka Kila, is a historic monument located in the city of Jhansi in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. It is one of the most prominent landmarks of the region and holds immense historical and cultural significance. The fort is a symbol of bravery, resilience, and patriotism due to its association with Rani Lakshmibai, the fearless queen of Jhansi who played a crucial role during the Indian Rebellion of 1857 against British colonial rule.

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Kirti Mandir Porbandar

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coastal city in the Indian state of Gujarat holds special significance on Independence Day due to its association with Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. It was in Porbandar that Gandhi, also known as Bapu, was born on October 2, 1869. As a result, the city is deeply connected to the Indian independence movement and the principles of non-violence and civil disobedience that Gandhi championed.

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National Salt Satyagraha Memorial Dandi

coastal village in the Indian state of Gujarat holds immense historical significance in the context of India's struggle for independence. It was at Dandi that Mahatma Gandhi led the iconic Dandi March, also known as the Salt March, in 1930 as a protest against the British-imposed salt tax. The event played a pivotal role in the Indian independence movement and inspired millions of Indians to participate actively in the fight for freedom.

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These are just a few of the many destinations across India where you can celebrate Independence Day, soak in the patriotic spirit, and pay homage to the country's freedom fighters. Each place offers a unique experience, reflecting India's diverse cultural heritage and historic journey towards independence.



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Incredible India

ndia offers a plethora of offbeat travel destinations that promise unique and enriching experiences. From the crystal clear backwaters of Kerala to the mesmerising valleys of Himachal Pradesh, this diverse country has something for every traveller seeking unconventional adventures. Discover the surreal landscapes of the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, explore the mystical ruins of Hampi in Karnataka, or immerse yourself in the tranquillity of Ziro Valley in Arunachal Pradesh. India's offbeat destinations invite you to embrace the extraordinary and forge unforgettable memories. This list of destinations certainly invites globetrotters to set off on a memorable journey.

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Halebidu Karnataka

alebidu in Karnataka, is a gem renowned for its ancient Hoysala temples. The intricate stone carvings and architectural surprises of the Hoysaleswara and Kedareshwara temples leave visitors spellbound. Engage yourself in the rich history and craftsmanship of this lesser-known destination, away from the tourist crowds. Halebidu is a must-visit for history enthusiasts and architecture lovers seeking a never-before travel experience.

Chembra Peak Kerala

Dising majestically in the state of Kerala, Chembra Peak offers a captivating adventure. Trekkers are drawn to its scenic Trails, lush greenery, and the heart-shaped Chembra Lake. The breathtaking views from the summit make the challenging climb worthwhile. Experience the serenity of nature as you take a look at this hidden gem, away from the popular tourist destinations of Kerala. Chembra Peak promises an outstanding escape amidst the Western Ghats.

Heart Shape Lake



Majuli Assam

ajuli, located in Assam, is an enchanting destination. Known as the world's largest river island, Majuli is a haven for nature lovers and culture enthusiasts. Travel the peaceful landscapes, interact with the local tribes, and observe the Majuli festivals for a truly immersive experience.

Khajjiar Himachal Pradesh

Khajjiar in the lap of Himachal Pradesh, is a paradise. Known as the "Mini Switzerland of India," it offers wonderful landscapes with lush meadows, dense forests, and a lake as pretty as a picture. Experience tranquillity, go trekking, and soak in the fantastic beauty.



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Hemis Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir

emis, located in Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, is a captivating destination. Home to the famous Hemis Monastery, it offers a glimpse into Tibetan Buddhist culture. Explore the ancient gompas, behold colourful festivals, and soak in the undisturbed beauty of the rugged Himalayan landscape.

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okarna on the coast of Karnataka, 🛶 is a coastal paradise. With its pristine beaches, sacred temples, and cool vibes, it offers an escape. Embrace the laid-back atmosphere, indulge in beachside yoga, and relish the eye-soothing sunsets for a rejuvenating getaway off the beaten path.

Goutam Buddha statue, Ladakh



Patan Gujarat

Datan, situated in Gujarat, is a gem studded on the history pages. Known for its ancient step wells, intricate architecture, and exquisite handicrafts, it offers an incomparable cultural experience. Scout the UNESCO World Heritage Rani ki Vav, admire the Patola silk sarees, and involve yourself in the rich heritage of this lesser-known destination.

Manas National Park Assam

anas National Park, nestled in Assam, is a heaven for wildlife enthusiasts. Home to endangered species like the Bengal tiger and Indian rhinoceros, it offers thrilling safaris and nature trails. Explore the lush forests, unspoiled rivers, and diverse flora and fauna for an extraordinary wildlife experience.



andu, located in Madhya Pradesh, is a treasure steeped in history. Its splendid Afghan architecture, ancient palaces, and intricate monuments transport visitors to a bygone era. Check out the romantic Jahaz Mahal, the grandeur of the Mandu fort, and the soundless Rani Roopmati Pavilion for an enthralling journey.

Jahaz Mahal or Ship Palace



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awang in the mountains of Arunachal Pradesh, is a jewel awaiting discovery. Its flawless landscapes, picturesque monasteries, and amazing views of the Himalayas offer a serene escape. Get lost in the rich Buddhist culture and explore the Tawang Monastery for an indelible travel experience.



Lunglei Mizoram

unglei in Mizoram is a paradise in Northeast India. With its stunning landscapes, cascading waterfalls, and Mizo Les culture, it offers an unparalleled travel experience. Explore the scenic town, trek to the bewitching Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary, and embrace the untouched beauty.

Tadoba Maharashtra

adoba in Maharashtra, is a wildlife haven. Home to the majestic Bengal tiger and vivid flora and fauna, it offers thrilling jungle safaris. Explore the rugged terrain, soak in the natural beauty of the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, and experience the raw wilderness of this lesser-known destination.

Tadoba National Par

Mokokchung Nagaland

okokchung, located in Nagaland, is a destination brimming with cultural vibrance. Absorb yourself in the traditions of the Ao Naga tribe, be the part of colourful festivals, and explore the picturesque villages. Experience the warm hospitality, taste traditional Naga cuisine, and delve into the rich heritage of this lesser-explored treasure in Northeast India.

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Talasari Beach

alasari Beach in Odisha, is a coastal retreat waiting to be discovered. With its unblemished shoreline, golden sands, and soothing ambiance, it offers an uninterrupted escape. Enjoy long walks, watch stunning sunsets, and savour the solitude away from the tourist crowds in this hidden pearl of Eastern India.

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Rundi, tucked away in Rajasthan, is a marvel permeated through Dis a marver permet palaces, step wells, and intricate frescoes transport visitors to a bygone era. Explore the ornate Taragarh Fort, admire the artistic marvels of Chitrashala, and soak in the old-world charm of this glory.





rivers, forming the holy Ganges. Feast your eyes on the mesmerising union, visit the ancient Raghunath Temple, and experience the silent aura of this divine town amidst the Himalayas.

Stepwell

Chopta Uttarakhand

hopta in Uttarakhand is a perfect spot for nature lovers. Known as the "Mini Switzerland of India," it offers breathtaking views of snow-capped peaks and lush meadows. Trek through the forests, visit the Tungnath Temple, and embrace the noiseless beauty of this gem in the Himalayas.

Tungnath-Chandrashil

Nubra Valley

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Nubra Valley, located in Ladakh, is a matchless gem amidst the mighty Himalayas. Its dreamlike landscapes, sand dunes, and ancient monasteries captivate travellers. Experience the thrill of riding a doublehumped Bactrian camel, witness the Diskit Festival, and revel in the untouched beauty of this remote destination.

Tungnath



Valley of Flowers

alley of Flowers in Uttarakhand is a blooming beauty. Bursting with vibrant alpine flowers, cascading waterfalls, and spectacular meadows, it offers a surreal experience. Trek through its pristine trails, look on at rare flora and fauna, and immerse yourself in the tranquil charm of this jewel.

Hampi Karnataka

ampi, situated in Karnataka, is an architectural grandeur. Explore the awe-inspiring ruins of the Vijayanagara Empire, check out the impressive temples and rock-cut structures, and breathe in the ethereal landscapes dotted with ancient relics. Hampi offers a captivating journey into the past. 🔟

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Tale of Two Backpackers Agni and Amrita

By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Reporter

Travel has made us realise the great wonders of the world as well as the little joys of life. We have travelled across many places and seen many cultures and we have learnt to accept difference and diversity with an open mind. Moreover, travelling has awarded us with an infinite dose of patience and empathy.



Here is a tale of two backpackers. They never get tired of the journey because they not only love but live their journey. Speaking exclusively to Tourism One, Agni and Amrita share their experiences and adventures of world tourism. They are true-blue travellers who believe that travelling inadvertently broadens their horizon and makes them more accepting and empathetic. During our conversation, we came to know about an important fact: people are inherently good. Agni and Amrita are a working couple, smoothly handling their professional goals and personal passion. On their trips, they face many unpredictable situations, but they witnessed that kindness of strangers is more powerful than those troubles. In Jammu & Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh, they were up against man-made and natural calamities; however, the immeasurable courage of locals helped them overcome the touch-and-go situations. Read this interview of two dyed-in-the-wool globetrotters who live their life by compass and not clock.

1. Is travel related to wisdom? I heard a lot of people saying: the more you travel the more wisdom you gain. What is your experience?

you get.

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Agniswar and Amrita Q-A

Yes, of course. The more we travel, the more we see, the more we understand. It opens up a whole new world. As we travel, we get to see other people and places, other cultures and rituals and so many new things. Travelling inadvertently broadens our horizon and makes us more accepting and empathetic. So yes, the more you travel, the more wisdom

As a couple we do have conflict of interests and our own squabbles. But we always try to talk to each other and understand what the other wants. Communication is the key to any successful partnership and that goes for life partners as well. We respect each other's choices. We do not try to impose our decisions and choices on the other. If there is a conflict, we sit down and discuss.

2. Full-time jobbers and travelers as well? Is it possible? How do you manage? Doesn't it affect your performance at work?

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That is how we have been managing all our travels and hope to do so in future as well.

3. When couples have the same interests, there are countless clashes. Apart from your choice of destinations, what else sets you apart from each other? How do you manage this difference of opinion?

us click.

4. A writer and a photographer. Who decides the content topics? How do you reach any conclusion when you are engaged in heated arguments, if any?

with each other.



Yes, it is absolutely possible to be a traveler while having a full time job. We have managed it for the last 12 years and will continue doing so.

Even as working individuals, we have made travel a priority in our lives. We usually take three long leaves in a year around the holiday seasons. These long leaves are usually for 10 to 15 days and we travel extensively during

Secondly, we utilize the long weekends to the fullest. Adding a day or two makes a long holiday which we utilise for travelling.

We also make full use of our business trips. We usually extend our stay for a few days and explore the place.

Finally, we work hard and travel harder. When we are at our workplace, we concentrate on that. We are good at our job and do not give any reason for complaints to our boss and co-workers. We complete our designated job in time and when that is done, our superiors usually grant us the leaves we

Both of us, by nature, are quite different from each other. While Agni is the extrovert, talkative and gregarious one, I am an introvert. While there are several other differences between us as individuals (from choice of food to choice of music), we also have a lot of mutual interests. And travel is something that we both love.

Yes, as a couple we do have conflict of interests and our own squabbles. But we always try to talk to each other and understand what the other wants. Communication is the key to any successful partnership and that goes for life partners as well. We respect each other's choices. We do not try to impose our decisions and choices on the other. If there is a conflict, we sit down and discuss.

Being in a relationship does not always mean that we have to do the same thing together always. If there is something that one of us wants to do on our own, we do encourage each other. Endless trust, loyalty and love make

The content topics are usually decided by Amrita with valuable inputs from Agni. Amrita is the writer and she has the full freedom to present the topic in a way she seems fit. Agni is the photographer and he takes photos and videos in his own unique way. It is both of our unique perspectives on a topic that makes it work with our readers and viewers.

We do have our difference of opinions regarding how the content is going to be presented. But we hardly have any heated argument regarding our content decision. If we have any disagreement, we sit down and discuss it





5. You have faced a lot of unpredictable troubles during your travels. What lessons did you learn from those situations?

Yes, we have faced a lot of unpredictable situations on the road. And the most important thing that we learned from these situations is the inherent goodness of people. Whenever you face trouble, you will inevitably find someone who will help you.

We were once stuck in a communal riot while travelling in Jammu and Kashmir. There was a curfew all around. In that critical time, the local people opened up their homes for us and gave us shelter for the night.

There is another instance where I was stuck at the highway in Arunachal Pradesh (I was travelling alone at that time) as the cab broke down on the road. There too the locals helped me reach my destination safely.

6. You follow Stephen Covey's famous quote, "Live your life by a compass, not a clock". Was there any situation in your life when the clock conquered the

Well, we try to live our life by the compass. And that does not only mean that we are travelling. It also means that we try to lead our life in a direction. We do not tend to just pass another day, but try to live it fully. While time is very important, life should not only be about deadlines and routines. It should be a mix of punctuality and creativity. We respect time, but do not always let it dictate our everyday life.

7. What is the current scenario of ecotourism in India? Tell us about its potential in our country.

India has a lot of potential for ecotourism because of its abundant natural and cultural wealth. Every state in India is rich in both natural and human resources. At present, ecotourism is at a growing stage in the country. We have seen many of our acquaintances opting for alternative stays like homestay and eco stays rather than traditional hotels. People are more focussed on experiences, rather than just ticking off bucket lists. This is quite a positive trend towards development of ecotourism.

Sustainable tourism is the need of the day, as the focus should be on preserving the ecosystems, natural resources while giving the benefits to the local communities. The potential of growth is there, but it has to be developed in a careful way so that the local communities and nature are not exploited.

We have seen some great ecotourism practices at Bastar, Northeast India, Madhya Pradesh and the Kutch region of Gujarat. We hope that the other states also take measures towards sustainability and growth of tourism.

What's Happening!

Ministry of Tourism endeavors to position India as a preferred tourism destination

July 2023 - As per provisional data received from Bureau of Immigration, the Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during January to April 2023 reached 79% of FTAs during the same period in 2019. The Ministry of Tourism endeavors to position India as a preferred tourism destination in the tourism generating markets to promote various tourism products and destinations and to increase India's share in the global tourism market. The objectives are met through an integrated marketing and promotional strategy and a synergized campaign in association with the Travel Trade, State Governments and Indian Missions overseas.

The Ministry of Tourism has been working very closely with Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs for easing of the Visa Regime in the country. e-Visa scheme is now available to the nationals of 166 countries and it is available in five



categories - e-Tourist Visa, e-Business Visa, e-Medical Visa, e-Conference Visa and e-Medical Attendant Visa e-Visa is

valid for entry through 29 designated Airports and 5 designated seaports.

(Source: PIB Delhi)

All the G20 destinations have attracted global attention and put India on the global tourism map

July 2023 - During India's G-20 Presidency, more than 200 meetings are planned at over 60 locations across the country. All these destinations have attracted global attention and put India on the global tourism map. G20 meetings have fostered collaboration between governments, private sector

and other stakeholders to provide a memorable experience for the G20 delegates visiting India. Infrastructure has been upgraded at the host cities and various initiatives have been taken up for building the capacity of stakeholders for successful conduct of the event.

The Ministry of Tourism also inked several significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the Tourism Working Group Meetings, paving way for development and promotion of the tourism sector in the country.

(Source: PIB Delhi)

Reddy extends a warm invitation to US firms to invest in India's flourishing tourism sector

July 2023 - During his five-day visit to New York. Union Minister for Culture. Tourism, and Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER), G Kishan Reddy, urged US firms and companies to consider investing in India's robust and diverse tourism sector. The Minister seized the opportunity to make this appeal while addressing a community reception organized by the Consulate General of India in New York.

In a tweet on July 13, the minister revealed that he is scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the ongoing High-Level Political Forum at the UN headquarters on Friday (July 14), along with participating in several official and community engagements.

Additionally, Reddy enthusiastically promoted investment in the tourism industry, assuring that both the government and his Ministry would extend a warm welcome and provide full support to US companies and any other individuals interested in participating in India's flourishing tourist sector.





At the @UNWTO High-Level Political Forum. I showcased India's progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs.

Shared India's efforts under the leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi to promote tourism while preserving our rich heritage and creating world-class infrastructure for tourism.





India - the largest source market for Sri Lanka's tourism industry

July 2023 - According to Chalaka Gajabahu, Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau (SLTPB), India holds the top position as the largest market for tourism arrivals in Sri Lanka, and this trend is expected to persist in

the long run. The SLTPB is the managing all marketing and island nation.

By the end of June, the number of

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government entity responsible for promotional endeavors for the beautiful

tourist arrivals from India reached 1.16 lakhs, contributing to the total tourist arrivals of 6.24 lakhs in Sri Lanka. India had retained its position as the primary source market in 2022 with 1.23 lakh tourist arrivals.

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