

INTRODUCTION

As the name suggests, this feature provides the opportunity to the user to explore his trip on his computer. On a Google map showing all major cities, the user clicks on his starting city. Then by providing his interest, and the range of his travelling he will get all the cities, which matches both criteria, on a Google Map centred on his starting city. Now with just only a click he can explore any city for its rating, main attractions and experiences of the past travelers to that city. Along these things, a slide show of the photos of that city searched from Flickr completes the Virtual Trip. This feature offers user a trip on the basis of his travelling needs like his starting station, interests and the number of days he wants to travel. The offered trip is featured in an interactive manner on a Google Map, complete information of which is provided next to the map. It is further enhanced by providing individual city information which includes rating, main attractions of the city, reviews of other travelers who have visited the city earlier and a further link to view that city through its photos which are searched from Flickr and shown in a beautiful manner. The cities which are part of the trip are selected in decreasing order of their rating in the held of travelers interest and then, the whole trip is planned keeping in mind it does not exceeds total number of days. Forums form an important part of the travel facilitation service as they allow users to interact with each other. Forums allow anonymous visitors to submit topics for discussion and communicate with each other using publicly visible messages. It facilitates users to post any query, share their experiences on some tour or city and create a bond of relationship among its users.