

# **The Deep Journey!**

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This project is a structured approach to exploring and understanding different countries beyond surface-level facts. Instead of relying on online information, I aim to ask deeper, experience-based questions that help me truly grasp the essence of each society.

By traveling, observing, and engaging with locals, I will document key insights about culture, economy, daily life, and the mindset of people. The goal is to build a personal framework for analyzing any country and seeing the world through a deeper lens.

## Essential Questions for Understanding a New Country

### 1. Culture & Values

- ✓ What do people here value the most? (Hard work, freedom, family, tradition, etc.?)
- ✓ What are they most proud of as a nation? (Historical events, sports, inventions, culture?)
- ✓ What do people dislike or consider taboo? What are the cultural "red lines"?
- ✓ How do they treat strangers? Are they warm and welcoming or reserved and distant?
- ✓ How do humor and sarcasm work in this culture? (What jokes are funny or offensive?)

### 2. Economy & Business Environment

- ✓ How do ordinary people make a living? (Entrepreneurship, industry, agriculture, government jobs?)
- ✓ What professions are the most respected, and why?
- ✓ Is it easy to start a business here? What are the biggest challenges?
- ✓ How do the wealthiest people in this country make their money? (Inheritance, business, oil, politics?)
- ✓ If I were a local, what would be the smartest way to become rich here?

### **3. Urban Life, Infrastructure & Daily Living**

- ✓ How do people get around? Is public transportation efficient and widely used?
- ✓ How expensive is life for an average person? What's a comfortable income level?
- ✓ How different is life in the capital compared to smaller cities and rural areas?
- ✓ How safe do people feel here? Can they walk at night without fear?
- ✓ What does a typical daily routine look like for most people?

### **4. Education & Knowledge Culture**

- ✓ How important is education in this society? Is it a priority or just a formality?
- ✓ What do children learn in school that deeply shapes their worldview?
- ✓ Are people generally curious and eager to learn new things, or do they stick to what they know?
- ✓ Is higher education more about knowledge or just getting a diploma for career purposes?
- ✓ How do people gain skills outside of formal education?

### **5. Politics, Power & Government**

- ✓ Do people trust their government, or is there widespread skepticism? Why?
- ✓ What is the biggest political issue in this country? (Corruption, bureaucracy, lack of freedom?)
- ✓ How much do ordinary citizens care about politics? Do they openly discuss it in cafes and public spaces?
- ✓ Is it possible for someone from a lower social class to gain political power?

- ✓ What happens when people disagree with the government? Can they protest or criticize freely?

## 6. Entertainment, Arts & Social Life

- ✓ How do people have fun? (Sports, nightlife, cafes, music, nature?)
- ✓ Who are the biggest cultural icons? (Famous musicians, actors, writers?)
- ✓ How much free time do people have? Is the society workaholic or relaxed?
- ✓ How does dating and relationships work here? What are the unspoken rules?
- ✓ What role does religion play in daily life and entertainment choices?

## 7. Deep Insights & Unique Discoveries

- ✓ What's a local secret or hidden aspect of this country that outsiders rarely know?
- ✓ If I wanted to fully integrate and be treated like a local, what would I need to do?
- ✓ Why is this country the way it is today? (Colonial history, wars, natural resources, political decisions?)
- ✓ If I could change one thing in this country to improve life for most people, what would it be?
- ✓ What is something about this country that even many of its citizens don't realize?