**Travel Is The Only Thing Where You Spend Money And Get Rich!!**

Life is beautiful, exciting and full of mysteries. Ever since my childhood days, I have always loved the adventure of travel, exploring the unknown, something different and to find something new. My excitement of just going around the “next bend” has over the years developed a passion for travelling, exploring new places, meeting new people and experiencing new cultures, traditions and of course different cuisines. Exploring a new land, a new language, new currency, and all the little challenges that go with it, make it even more exciting for me. I have also been very fortunate and lucky to be in a profession which allows me to travel to new and different places and thus live my passion. Having been in the profession of International Business Development for two decades, I have had the opportunity to travel to some of the most remote corners of the world. Although it can be challenging at times but I have become addicted to it. It gives me a great adrenaline rush whenever I land in a new destination with full of opportunities to be explored.

I believe that travel broadens your mind in so many ways. Meeting new people, sharing new experiences, and to let down your guard much more than when we are back at home caught up in our mundane day to day routine of life that we think is “normal”. Be it for a vacation or a business trip, I like the excitement of landing in a new place and to see how the world lives. The differences and similarities from people to people living in this world makes it even more interesting for me. Whenever I travel for work, I try to ensure that there is adequate time to explore the place as much as I can.

From the local market and beaches of Freetown in Sierra Leone, an exciting late evening boat ride on the North Atlantic (due to compulsion though), exploring the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro to an adventurous evening in Astana in Kazakhstan, I feel blessed to have been able to explore some of the unique places in this world, places where we would normally not plan a vacation to. One of the most exciting places that I have been able to explore are the snowcapped mountains in the north of Almaty in Kazakhstan. From all my little experiences, I have realized that our world is a beautiful place and in no other time in my life have I met so many generous and friendly people and made so many friends.

Also, being a foodie, I have had the opportunity to try many different cuisines from different regions of the world. So many things influence cuisines from different places and it has helped me learn so much about people, cultures and traditions through the food they eat. From the borshch soup in Kiev Ukraine, pelmeni in Russia, different types of bush meat in West African countries to the Koobideh in Iran, I have tried it all. Food tells us a lot of story and history behind different cultures and traditions. Whenever I am in a new place I try to explore the local unique and traditional cuisine rather than looking for my own traditional food. The very first thing on my itinerary would most likely be a famous food place. It may be a fancy restaurant or a hole-in-the-wall, as long as it is considered their specialty, it’s a must try for me. Knowing what people eat and the taste of their food gives an idea the personality of a certain place. I believe that what people eat is a reflection of themselves.

Having spent almost two decades now travelling, I feel that I have not even been able to explore even a fraction of this beautiful world. To be able to live my dream follow my passion for travel and food is the greatest blessing which I have and it has taught me so much. We should always be reminded that there’s the whole world for us. We all have dreams and aspirations in life, the things that keep us moving on. As I go to places, travel unlocks a certain part of me. It allows me to have a deep understanding about my entire existence in this world.

“I wandered everywhere through cities and countries wide. Everywhere I went, the world was on my side.”

Sayndippta A Ghosh