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A JOURNEY BEYOND THE MAP



❖ Dive into a world of budget-friendly destinations where affordability meets adventure.

❖ India offers a plethora of destinations that cater to various preferences and suggests some budget-friendly destinations by "Wheels, Wings, and Waves: A Journey through Diverse Transport Modes"

❖ In this budget-friendly travel guide, we'll unlock the secrets to experiencing the wonders of India without breaking the bank.

❖ KERALA (GOD'S OWN COUNTRY)

- one of the cheapest travels in India.
- The average Kerala Trip Cost in 2023
- Rs. 15,700- 25,000 for two persons. If you are traveling with your family the price per person decreases because children's tickets are cheaper, and you can share hotel rooms. Your daily budget will also be reduced if you plan a longer holiday.
- Boats are one of the popular and enjoyable ways to get around Kerala.
- As the first rays of dawn gently embrace Kerala backwaters, revealing its secrets in the soft morning light, it becomes clear that this is not merely a place on the map; it's an invitation to embark on a journey where every step is a dance with discovery.

- India is a country with a rich tapestry of culture, history, and diverse landscapes. Here are some of the best Keralite destinations:

❖ KERALA BACKWATERS

❖ DISCOVER THE MAGICAL BACKWATERS OF KERALA

- These lakes are usually full of freshwater, surrounded by dense plantations and natural forests.
- Visitors can enjoy various activities like boating, fishing, swimming, and hiking.
- Some may wonder how these backwaters are formed the answer to this question is these are formed due to the action of shore currents and waves resulting in the formation of islands of low barrier across the river mouth
- The Best Backwater of Kerala
- There are many beautiful backwaters in Kerala. Here are a few backwaters that might be worth your attention:

1. Mundakkal

- It is a beautiful backwater located in the Idukki district of Kerala. It is known for its crystal-clear water, stunningly scenic surroundings, and a variety of wildlife.

2. Periyar

- It is another beautiful backwater located in the Idukki district of Kerala. It is known for its lush greenery, crystal-clear water, and numerous wildlife species.

3. Palar

- It is a quiet backwater located in the Kollam district of Kerala. It is known for its beautiful beaches, delicious food, and friendly locals.

Why Are Kerala Backwaters Important?

- The backwaters in Kerala are one of its most important tourist attractions. They are a series of interconnected lakes and rivers that run parallel to the coast, and their calm waters make for a perfect spot to relax and escape the hustle and bustle of city life. What's more, the backwaters are home to various wildlife species. If you're looking for a unique and relaxing holiday experience, then a trip to the backwaters of Kerala is a must!

What Are the Different Activities that One Can Pursue in the Backwaters?

- Kerala is one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in India. The state, known for its backwaters, offers plenty of activities for tourists to indulge in. Some

popular activities include cruising on a houseboat, fishing, and bird watching. You can also visit nearby villages or explore the lush green paddy fields. The backwaters are also home to some temples, which are worth a visit. So, if you're looking for a relaxing holiday with lots to do, Kerala is your place!

Conclusion

- Kerala, famous for its backwaters, has different types of accommodation available. The most popular option is to stay in a houseboat, which gives you a unique and unmatched view of the backwaters.
- Another great option is to stay in an eco-cottage designed to be environmentally friendly. If you're looking for a more luxurious experience, you can also stay in a plantation bungalow or heritage home. No matter what type of accommodation you choose, you're sure to have a unique and unforgettable experience in the backwaters of Kerala!
- Also, we can fall in love with the beaches here like Gokarna and Varkala.
- Varkala is popular among relaxation seekers.

❖ Thrifty Tips: Budget-Friendly Bliss of Tamil Nadu

- TAMILNADU to the long history of the Tamil people, Tamil Nadu is famous for its temples, and festivals, and offers a delightful mix of South Indian flavors. The Hindu temples and monuments at Mamallapuram have become famous tourist attractions.
- As the sun dips below the horizon, casting a warm glow over the queen of hill station Ooty in TAMILNADU
- Ooty is well connected by various national and state highways. You could take buses from neighboring districts or drive up the winding roads, which is an experience.
- Officially called Ootacamund, the hill town is better known by its nickname–Ooty. It is loved by Bollywood directors, honeymooners, families, and even backpackers, for its mountains, lakes, gardens, and waterfalls.
- Where the allure of the unknown guides our way here are some of the best places in Ooty!
- Best Time to Visit Ooty
- All year-round destination

▪ OCT-MAR

- APR-MAY
- JUN-SEP

- What to expect: Pleasant and cool weather.
- Things you'll love: Scenic views and sightseeing.
- Ooty Lake (The Ooty Lake is an artificially constructed lake, built by John Sullivan in 1824.)
- The song 'Dil Deewana' from the movie 'Maine Pyar Kiya' featuring Salman Khan was shot here.
- Things to do here: Take a ride in the toy train, Trekking, Boating, Camping, Toda's Tribal Experience.
- Now we will venture into the realm of travel, seeking not just places, but the narratives etched into the fabric of each locale:

❖ Ooty Botanical Gardens

- The flower show conducted here as a part of the Ooty Summer Festival is a major attraction. Another popular attraction of the Botanical Garden is the Fossil Tree Trunk which is said to be around 20 million years old. The wide variety of plants here is worth exploring also, Ooty is most famous for its tea plantations.

❖ Pennywise Paradise: Your Wallet's Best Friend, planning a Goa Trip Has Never Been This Easy, Embarking on Elegance: A Stylish Sojourn through GOA

- Goa is a land of celebrations and festivities that's why it is visited by large numbers of international and domestic tourists each year because of its white-sand beaches, active nightlife, places of worship, and World Heritage-listed architecture.
- Mainly known for its beaches, Goa can be the perfect destination for a short holiday and seafood lovers. Moreover, it has multiple options for entertainment, like parties and nightlife, which also add to an exquisite holiday.

❖ Which part of Goa is best?

- If you want to experience the extravagant nightlife and busy beaches, then North Goa, especially Baga and Calangute is ideal.

❖ Places to visit in Goa:

❖ Cruise in Goa (A Journey through the Rivers of Goa)

- There are several types of cruises in Goa ranging from simple evening cruises, elaborate and romantic dinner cruises, backwater cruises, and casino cruises. All

of these usually originate from Miramar Beach in Panjim

❖ Dudhsagar Falls

- The Flowing Cascade of Milk
- The Dudhsagar Falls should be visited during the monsoon when it is in full flow and the surrounding deciduous forests are at their verdant best. However, reaching the falls during monsoon is difficult and it is closed if the water level gets too high.

❖ CLUB-LPK(Love,passion,karma)

- Club LPK is one of the most popular nightlife spots in Goa,
- The nightclub has generally some good DJs playing a mix of house, trance, and Bollywood music for all kinds of customers. The dance area is big, and the ambiance is great. The iconic Love Passion Karma sign along with the leaning lady is a popular photo-hop amongst visitors.

❖ **Bargain Bites Bonanza: Affordable Adventures in Flavor of Mumbai:**

- Rejuvenate, and immerse yourself in the timeless allure of Mumbai About Mumbai
- Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay), India, is famous for its chaotic streets. For bargains and people-watching, outdoor bazaars top the list of attractions. Popular waterfront destinations are Marine Drive, where visitors go to watch the sunset over the Arabian Sea, and the carnival-like Juhu Beach. More sightseeing options are the Gandhi Museum, in the leader's former home, and the cave temples of Elephanta Island. For tranquility, Mumbai has many religious sites, lakes, and parks.

❖ Best Mumbai Gem Attractions

Take a Local Train Ride

- Popularly called 'Mumbai Local', the city's trains and stations offer the best space to experience the maddening speed at which this city runs and understand the 'spirit of Mumbai' that everyone talks about.

❖ Juhu Chowpatty Beach

- As far as beaches go in India, Juhu Beach in Mumbai has made quite a name for itself.

• Highlights of Juhu Beach

- Its picturesque shoreline, street food delights, and magnificent sunsets.

❖ Drive through the Bandra-Worli Sea

- Operational since 2009, the famous Bandra-Worli Sea Link is a cable suspension bridge over the Arabian Sea that connects Bandra in the west to Worli in South Mumbai. It lessens the time of travel between Mumbai's suburbs and town area by almost 30min.

• Ultimate list of few must-try street food in Mumbai

- Mumbai's most famous street food includes Vada Pav, bhelpuri, panipuri, Sev puri, Bombay sandwich, ragda-pattice, pav bhaji, omelet pav, and kebabs. Among the popular desserts of Mumbai are Kulfi and Ice Gola.

❖ Sensible Savories Spot: A Culinary Journey on a Budget in KARNATAKA,

- If the beach means bliss to you, then Gokarna is the place to be for water sports enthusiasts, Gokarna offers a wide range of interesting activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, banana boat rides, and more. Known for its various temples and shrines, one of the cheap places to visit in India,
- Gokarna also attracts many spiritual and religious visitors throughout the year. While here, do visit one of the oldest Shiva temples in the country—Sri Mahabaleshwar Swamy Temple.
- KARNATAKA, A land known for its silks, spices, and sandalwood, adds up as an experience to remember for a lifetime. Tourism in Karnataka stands out with its diverse offerings that include
- wildlife & national parks, monuments & heritage sites, beaches, and pilgrimage sites.

❖ Trusting God with Your Family by managing Finances that is VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH

- May this devotional guide you toward a deeper connection with your faith as you navigate the path of budgeting. Remember, with God as your guide, every step can be a step of faith, leading to a more purposeful and financially balanced life.
- Varanasi, Banaras, or simply Kashi—there are many names for this ultimate destination for devout Hindus. Pilgrims throng Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism, to wash away their sins in the sacred waters of the Ganges, pay respects to God at on one of the many ghats in the city, cremate their loved ones and

immerse ashes in the Ganges, or just to die here, hoping to attain Nirvana—liberation from the cycle of rebirth.

- Set deep in spiritualism and mysticism, Varanasi embraces intimate rituals of life and death in its true form. One of the world's oldest continually inhabited cities, Varanasi has remained a Centre of religious, educational, and artistic activities through centuries.
- Varanasi is not just one of the cheapest places to travel in India but also a must-visit place for the experience of a lifetime. Religious Traveller or not, Varanasi gives you a glimpse of a world frozen in time.

❖ Sensible Savories Spot: A Culinary Journey on a Budget for Darjeeling

- Tea and Darjeeling are synonymous. Darjeeling Tea is world renowned for its flavors, which are unequaled by other tea-producing areas not only in India but also in the world.
- These are less oxidized because of the lower exposure to sunlight in the Himalayan foothills and pocket-friendly places for 2-day trips were:

❖ Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

- The "Toy Train" of Darjeeling Himalayan Railway connects Darjeeling with Siliguri, passes through the highest altitude train station of India at Ghum, and runs between New Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling

❖ Darjeeling Ropeway

- Darjeeling is renowned across the world as one of the most picturesque hill stations
- This ropeway is closed on the 19th of every month for its maintenance operations.

❖ Shopping in Darjeeling

- Darjeeling is famous for its handmade items including pendants with gems engraved on them and paintings that depict Buddhist religion. From clothes to mouth-wearing dishes the place to stuff in your bags is Nehru Road and Chowk Bazaar.

❖ Travel Smart, Travel Far to Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

- It is popularly known as the queen of hills that spread across seven hills in the northwest Himalayas.

- Shimla was declared as the summer capital of British India. After independence, the city became the capital of East Punjab and was later made the capital city of Himachal Pradesh. It is the principal commercial, cultural, and educational center of the state.

❖ Natural Ice-Skating Ring

- Shimla is the only place to have an in-house and natural ice-skating rink. This ice-skating rink makes it a Favorite spot for tourists to either learn or have some fun

❖ Second Oldest Church

- Shimla is home to the second oldest church in north India.

❖ Story of Shimla Mirch – Vegetable

- In India Capsicum is regionally known as Shimla Mirch. However, little do people know that this name was derived because the first seeds of the plantation were from Shimla. The Britishers were the ones who introduced it in India.

❖ Polluted Hill Station

- Everyone's go-to destination, Shimla is, unfortunately, one of the most polluted hill stations in India. Over the last few decades, the popularity of Shimla has only increased, which has led to a lot of tourists flocking here during their holidays.
- So, whenever you plan a trip to the Queen of Hills, this article will surely help you to know the place even better. Shimla also offers a range of hotel accommodations that suit every traveler's needs.

❖ Affordable Escapes Awaiting in Delhi

- “Dilwaalon ki Dilli”
- Delhi is of great historical significance as an important commercial, transport, and cultural hub, as well as the political Centre of India. According to legend, the city was named for Raja Dilu, a king who reigned in the region in the 1st century BCE.
- New Delhi is best known as the location of India's national government.

❖ Few Unusual things to do in Delhi:

Activities and Location:

- Volunteer at the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib Kitchen
- Location: Connaught Place

- Visit Asia's Largest Spice Market on Khari Baoli Road
 - Location: Khari Baoli, Old Delhi
 - Explore the City on a Bicycle,
 - If you have explored Delhi in cars and other vehicles, you need to do it on a cycle at least once. Going through the streets and alleys of the city on a cycle will let you discover many things that generally go unnoticed when you are traveling in other vehicles.
 - There are many groups in the capital city, including Delhi By Cycle and Spin Monkey that conduct different types of cycling tours such as Yamuna Tour, Haveli Tour, Old Delhi Tour, and the like.
 - It's said that music is food for the soul, and at Nizamuddin Dargah, you can experience the magic of music.
 - Location: Boali Gate Road
- Have a Great Photo Session at India Gate.

❖ Chill at the Kunzum Travel Cafe

- Meet like-minded travelers, discover new travel ideas, exchange travel stories, read and buy travel books, and use the free wireless Internet while you enjoy snacks (and pay only what you want for the coffee and biscuits). Regular interactive talks and workshops are also held by travelers, photographers, and writers. Musicians sometimes have casual jam sessions at Kunzum, too.

❖ Discover More, Pay Less in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

- Rishikesh is commonly referred to as the 'yoga capital of the world.'
- Decorated by nature, Rishikesh is also known for its adventurous activities. There are myriad interesting adventure sports one can
- enjoy river rafting, camping, trekking, paragliding, and bungee jumping, among others. It is also the first city to introduce bungee jumping in India.
- Interesting things to do in Rishikesh That You Won't Be Aware Of
- The world yoga capital,

This location is also known as the "Yoga Capital of the World" due to the abundance of yoga hubs. The city attracts tourists and visitors since it is widely thought that meditating will bring one closer to the stage of the Attainment of Moksha after having a dip in the Ganges. Rishikesh's yoga legacy is immaculate, making it an ideal location for spiritual awakening amid nature.

- Explore the Char Dham, which includes Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri, to find eternal spirituality and tranquility.

- Pure Location,
- For those who are unaware, alcohol and non-vegetarian meals are not available in Rishikesh. Since the place is regarded as a sacred land and a major pilgrimage site in the country, alcohol and non-vegetarian meals are strictly prohibited. Even the Yoga Nagri's cafés and eateries do not provide them.
- Loved By Rafters,
- Rishikesh is a fantastic location for rafters; it is a popular destination for white-water rafters from India and throughout the world.

❖ Aarti of the Divine Ganga,

- Long songs spoken by Brahmin Pundits on Triveni Ghat to offer prayers and flowers to Goddess Ganga create a beautiful environment. The glowing lamps on the Ghat provide a serene and emotional experience for all visitors.
- So above are some interesting facts about Rishikesh. Rishikesh is a lovely town that mixes the pleasures of holy spirituality with breathtaking natural beauty and traditional adventure sports.
- Closing the chapter in the tapestry of travel, every destination leaves a thread, weaving a story worth sharing.

Traveling is important because it broadens perspectives, fosters cultural understanding, and promotes personal growth.

It exposes individuals to diverse lifestyles, encourages adaptability, and creates lasting memories. Through exploration and new experiences, travel contributes to a more open-minded and interconnected global community.

Travel far, travel wide, travel boldly.