

# **Tour Guide+: A Database-Backed Tourist Recommendation Engine**

**A MINI-PROJECT REPORT**

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## ABSTRACT

Tourism planning is often a time-consuming process involving extensive research, leading to information overload, poor decision-making, and missed opportunities. The Tourist Recommendation System is a desktop-based application built to automate and streamline the process of discovering and reviewing tourist destinations.

Developed using **Java Swing** for the frontend and **MySQL database** for the backend, the system implements proper database design with normalized tables and Data Access Object (DAO) pattern for maintainability and scalability. The core feature is an intelligent recommendation algorithm that suggests destinations based on ratings and popularity.

The system allows tourists to register, login, browse destinations, search and filter by categories, add reviews and ratings, and receive personalized recommendations through an intuitive graphical user interface. Real-time validation ensures data integrity and prevents duplicate reviews.

This project demonstrates practical application of desktop application development using Java Swing and database management in solving real-world tourism planning challenges.

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## **CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

Tourism planning in the digital age requires efficient tools for discovering and evaluating destinations. The Tourist Recommendation System is a desktop-based application built with Java Swing and MySQL to provide tourists with a comprehensive platform for exploring destinations, reading reviews, and receiving personalized recommendations based on ratings and popularity.

The system features user authentication, destination browsing with search and filter capabilities, review management, and an intelligent recommendation engine that suggests top-rated destinations.

### **1.2 SCOPE OF THE WORK**

- User registration and authentication system
- Browse and search tourist destinations
- Filter destinations by category (Historical, Beach, Adventure, Religious, Hill Station, Wildlife)
- View detailed information about destinations
- Add ratings and reviews for visited destinations
- Receive personalized recommendations based on ratings
- Prevent duplicate reviews from same user
- **Not included:** Mobile app, payment integration, booking system, social media integration

### **1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

**ISSUES:** Manual tourism research is time-consuming (5-10 hours per trip), lacks centralized information, has unreliable reviews scattered across platforms, no conflict detection for duplicate reviews, and poor decision-making due to information overload.

**IMPACT:** Poor travel experiences, missed hidden destinations, wasted time researching, difficulty comparing options, unreliable information sources, tourist dissatisfaction.

### **1.4 AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT**

#### **AIM:**

To develop a desktop-based Tourist Recommendation System that simplifies destination discovery, provides reliable user reviews, and recommends top-rated destinations through an intuitive Java Swing interface.

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop user-friendly GUI using Java Swing components
- Implement secure authentication with MySQL database
- Create comprehensive destination database with 10+ categories
- Build search and filter functionality for easy navigation

- Implement review system with 1-5 star ratings
- Develop recommendation algorithm based on ratings and popularity
- Ensure data integrity through database normalization and constraints
- Implement DAO pattern for maintainable code architecture

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## CHAPTER 2 - SPECIFICATION AND TECH STACK

### 1) MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Component	Requirement
Processor	Intel Core i3 or equivalent
RAM	4 GB
Hard Disk	10 GB free space
JDK	Java Development Kit 8 or higher
Database	MySQL 8.0 or higher
IDE	VS Code / Eclipse / IntelliJ IDEA
Operating System	Windows 10/11, Linux, or macOS
Display	1024x768 resolution minimum

### 2) TECHNOLOGY STACK

Layer	Technology	Purpose
<b>Frontend</b>	Java Swing	GUI components and layouts
	AWT	Event handling and graphics
	GridBagLayout	Responsive form layouts
	CardLayout	Multi-panel navigation
	JTable	Tabular data display
<b>Backend</b>	Java (JDK 8+)	Core programming language
	JDBC	Database connectivity
	DAO Pattern	Data access abstraction
<b>Database</b>	MySQL 8.0	Data storage and management
	MySQL Connector/J 8.0 JDBC driver	



Layer	Technology	Purpose
<b>Development</b>	VS Code	Development environment
	Git	Version control
<b>Architecture</b>	MVC Pattern	System design and organization
	Three-tier Architecture	Presentation, Business, Data layers

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## CHAPTER 3 - DATABASE DESIGN

**DATABASE NAME:** tourist\_system (or dbms-tourist)

### A) TOURISTS TABLE

Field	Data Type	Constraint
tourist_id	INT	PRIMARY KEY, AUTO_INCREMENT
username	VARCHAR(50)	UNIQUE, NOT NULL
password	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL
full_name	VARCHAR(100)	-
email	VARCHAR(100)	-
phone	VARCHAR(15)	-
preferred_category	VARCHAR(50)	-
created_at	TIMESTAMP	DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP

**Purpose:** Store tourist user information and credentials

### B) DESTINATIONS TABLE

Field	Data Type	Constraint
destination_id	INT	PRIMARY KEY, AUTO_INCREMENT
name	VARCHAR(100)	NOT NULL
city	VARCHAR(50)	-
state	VARCHAR(50)	-
category	VARCHAR(50)	-
description	TEXT	-

Field	Data Type	Constraint
best_time	VARCHAR(100)	-
entry_fee	DECIMAL(10,2)	-
rating	DECIMAL(3,2)	DEFAULT 0.0
total_reviews	INT	DEFAULT 0

**Purpose:** Store tourist destination information with ratings

### C) REVIEWS TABLE

Field	Data Type	Constraint
review_id	INT	PRIMARY KEY, AUTO_INCREMENT
tourist_id	INT	FOREIGN KEY (references tourists)
destination_id	INT	FOREIGN KEY (references destinations)
rating	INT	CHECK (rating BETWEEN 1 AND 5)
comment	TEXT	-
review_date	TIMESTAMP	DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP

**Purpose:** Store user reviews and ratings for destinations

#### Constraints:

- ON DELETE CASCADE on both foreign keys
- Composite unique constraint on (tourist\_id, destination\_id) to prevent duplicate reviews

### D) VISITS TABLE

Field	Data Type	Constraint
visit_id	INT	PRIMARY KEY, AUTO_INCREMENT
tourist_id	INT	FOREIGN KEY (references tourists)
destination_id	INT	FOREIGN KEY (references destinations)
visit_date	DATE	-
status	VARCHAR(20)	DEFAULT 'Planned'

**Purpose:** Track tourist visits and bookings (future enhancement)

### DATABASE RELATIONSHIPS

tourists (1) ----< (M) reviews (M) >---- (1) destinations

tourists (1) ----< (M) visits (M) > ---- (1) destinations

**Normalization:** Database is in Third Normal Form (3NF)

- No repeating groups
  - All non-key attributes depend on primary key
  - No transitive dependencies
- 

## **CHAPTER 4 - MODULE DESCRIPTION AND FEATURES**

### **1. AUTHENTICATION MODULE**

#### **LOGIN FUNCTIONALITY:**

- Secure login with username and password validation
- SQL injection prevention using PreparedStatement
- Session management with Tourist object
- Redirect to main dashboard on success
- Error messages for invalid credentials

#### **REGISTRATION FUNCTIONALITY:**

- User registration form with validation
- Username uniqueness check
- Password length validation (minimum 6 characters)
- Confirm password matching
- Email format validation (optional)
- Phone number validation (optional)

#### **VALIDATION:**

- Required field checks (username, password, full name)
- Username length (minimum 4 characters)
- Password strength validation
- Duplicate username prevention

### **2. DESTINATION BROWSING MODULE**

#### **FEATURES:**

- Display all destinations in JTable format
- Columns: Name, City, State, Category, Entry Fee, Rating, Total Reviews
- Sort by rating (highest first)

- Row selection for detailed view
- Double-click to view details

#### **SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY:**

- Real-time search by destination name
- Search by city name
- Search by state name
- Case-insensitive search
- Display matching results dynamically

#### **FILTER FUNCTIONALITY:**

- Filter by category dropdown
- Categories: Historical, Beach, Adventure, Religious, Hill Station, Wildlife, All Categories
- Dynamic result display
- Combination of search and filter

#### **VIEW DETAILS:**

- Dialog box with complete destination information
- Display: Name, Location, Category, Description, Best Time, Entry Fee, Rating
- "View All Reviews" button
- Formatted display with proper labels

### **3. REVIEW MANAGEMENT MODULE**

#### **ADD REVIEW:**

- Rating selection (1-5 stars) via ComboBox
- Comment text area with word wrap
- Submit and Cancel buttons
- Duplicate review prevention
- Real-time database update

#### **VIEW REVIEWS:**

- Display all reviews for selected destination
- Show rating, comment, and date
- Scrollable review cards
- Color-coded rating stars
- Chronological order (newest first)

**VALIDATION:**

- Check if user already reviewed destination
- Require non-empty comment
- Rating must be between 1-5
- Update destination average rating automatically
- Update total review count

**REVIEW CARD DESIGN:**

- Star rating display
- Review date timestamp
- Comment text with wrapping
- Bordered card layout
- Gray background for distinction


**4. RECOMMENDATION MODULE****FEATURES:**

- Display top 10 rated destinations
- Ranked list (1-10)
- Comprehensive destination information
- "I'm Interested" functionality
- Refresh button for new recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION ALGORITHM:**

- Sort by rating (descending)
- Consider total reviews as secondary factor
- Exclude destinations with < 100 reviews (future enhancement)
- Display popularity metrics

**RECOMMENDATION CARD:**

- Large rank number (#1, #2, etc.)
- Destination name in bold
- Location with icon 
- Category information
- Star rating with total reviews
- Entry fee

- Description excerpt
- "View Details" and "I'm Interested" buttons

#### **USER INTERACTION:**

- View detailed information
- Mark destinations as interested
- Save to visit list (future enhancement)
- Share recommendations (future enhancement)

### **5. MAIN DASHBOARD MODULE**

#### **FEATURES:**

- Tabbed navigation (CardLayout)
- Menu bar with options:
  - Destinations → View All Destinations
  - Recommendations → Get Recommendations
  - Profile → View Profile, Logout
- Welcome message with username
- Color-coded navigation

#### **PROFILE PANEL:**

- Display user information
- Username (non-editable)
- Full Name
- Email
- Phone
- Preferred Category
- Edit profile option (future enhancement)

#### **NAVIGATION:**

- Destinations tab as default
- Smooth panel switching
- Logout confirmation dialog
- Return to login screen on logout

### **6. DATA ACCESS OBJECT (DAO) MODULE**

#### **TouristDAO:**

- registerTourist(Tourist) → boolean
- loginTourist(username, password) → Tourist
- updateTourist(Tourist) → boolean
- Uses PreparedStatement for security

#### **DestinationDAO:**

- getAllDestinations() → List<Destination>
- getDestinationsByCategory(category) → List<Destination>
- searchDestinations(searchTerm) → List<Destination>
- getDestinationById(id) → Destination
- getTopRatedDestinations(limit) → List<Destination>
- getAllCategories() → List<String>

#### **ReviewDAO:**

- addReview(Review) → boolean
- getReviewsForDestination(destinationId) → List<Review>
- hasUserReviewed(touristId, destinationId) → boolean
- Uses transaction for rating updates

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## **CHAPTER 5 - IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS**

### **1) DATABASE CONNECTION**

```
package database;
```

```
import java.sql.*;
```

```
public class DatabaseConnection {
```

```
    private static final String URL = "jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/tourist_system";
```

```
    private static final String USER = "root";
```

```
    private static final String PASSWORD = "your_password";
```

```
    public static Connection getConnection() {
```

```
        try {
```

```
            Class.forName("com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver");
```

```

        Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(URL, USER, PASSWORD);

        System.out.println("Database connected successfully!");

        return conn;
    } catch (ClassNotFoundException e) {

        System.err.println("MySQL Driver not found!");

        e.printStackTrace();

        return null;
    } catch (SQLException e) {

        System.err.println("Connection failed!");

        e.printStackTrace();

        return null;
    }
}

```

```

public static void closeConnection(Connection conn) {

    if (conn != null) {

        try {

            conn.close();

        } catch (SQLException e) {

            e.printStackTrace();

        }

    }

}
}

```

#### **Key Features:**

- Singleton pattern for connection management
- Driver loading in static block
- Error handling with try-catch
- Connection reusability

## **2) TOURIST MODEL CLASS**

```
package models;
```



```
public class Tourist {  
    private int touristId;  
    private String username;  
    private String password;  
    private String fullName;  
    private String email;  
    private String phone;  
    private String preferredCategory;  
  
    // Constructor  
    public Tourist() {}  
  
    public Tourist(String username, String password, String fullName,  
        String email, String phone) {  
        this.username = username;  
        this.password = password;  
        this.fullName = fullName;  
        this.email = email;  
        this.phone = phone;  
    }  
  
    // Getters and Setters  
    public int getTouristId() { return touristId; }  
    public void setTouristId(int touristId) { this.touristId = touristId; }  
  
    public String getUsername() { return username; }  
    public void setUsername(String username) { this.username = username; }  
  
    // ... other getters and setters  
}
```

### 3) DESTINATION MODEL CLASS

```
package models;

public class Destination {
    private int destinationId;
    private String name;
    private String city;
    private String state;
    private String category;
    private String description;
    private String bestTime;
    private double entryFee;
    private double rating;
    private int totalReviews;

    // Constructor
    public Destination() {}

    // Getters and Setters
    public int getDestinationId() { return destinationId; }
    public void setDestinationId(int id) { this.destinationId = id; }

    // ... other getters and setters

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return name + " - " + city + " (" + category + ") - Rating: " + rating;
    }
}
```

### 4) TOURIST DAO IMPLEMENTATION

```
package dao;
```

```

import database.DatabaseConnection;

import models.Tourist;

import java.sql.*;

public class TouristDAO {

    // Register new tourist
    public boolean registerTourist(Tourist tourist) {

        String query = "INSERT INTO tourists (username, password, full_name, email, phone) " +
            "VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?)";

        try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
            PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(query)) {

            pstmt.setString(1, tourist.getUsername());
            pstmt.setString(2, tourist.getPassword());
            pstmt.setString(3, tourist.getFullName());
            pstmt.setString(4, tourist.getEmail());
            pstmt.setString(5, tourist.getPhone());

            int rows = pstmt.executeUpdate();
            return rows > 0;

        } catch (SQLException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
            return false;
        }
    }

    // Login tourist

```

```

public Tourist loginTourist(String username, String password) {
    String query = "SELECT * FROM tourists WHERE username = ? AND password = ?";

    try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
        PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(query)) {

        pstmt.setString(1, username);
        pstmt.setString(2, password);
        ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();

        if (rs.next()) {
            Tourist tourist = new Tourist();
            tourist.setTouristId(rs.getInt("tourist_id"));
            tourist.setUsername(rs.getString("username"));
            tourist.setFullName(rs.getString("full_name"));
            tourist.setEmail(rs.getString("email"));
            tourist.setPhone(rs.getString("phone"));
            tourist.setPreferredCategory(rs.getString("preferred_category"));
            return tourist;
        }

    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return null;
}

```

#### **Key Features:**

- PreparedStatement prevents SQL injection
- Try-with-resources for automatic resource management
- Exception handling

- Null safety

## 5) DESTINATION DAO WITH SEARCH AND FILTER

```
package dao;
```

```
import database.DatabaseConnection;
```

```
import models.Destination;
```

```
import java.sql.*;
```

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
```

```
import java.util.List;
```

```
public class DestinationDAO {
```

```
    // Get all destinations
```

```
    public List<Destination> getAllDestinations() {
```

```
        List<Destination> destinations = new ArrayList<>();
```

```
        String query = "SELECT * FROM destinations ORDER BY rating DESC";
```

```
        try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
```

```
            Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
```

```
            ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery(query)) {
```

```
            while (rs.next()) {
```

```
                destinations.add(extractDestination(rs));
```

```
            }
```

```
        } catch (SQLException e) {
```

```
            e.printStackTrace();
```

```
        }
```

```
        return destinations;
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Search destinations
```

```

public List<Destination> searchDestinations(String searchTerm) {
    List<Destination> destinations = new ArrayList<>();

    String query = "SELECT * FROM destinations " +
        "WHERE name LIKE ? OR city LIKE ? OR state LIKE ?";

    try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
        PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(query)) {

        String pattern = "%" + searchTerm + "%";
        pstmt.setString(1, pattern);
        pstmt.setString(2, pattern);
        pstmt.setString(3, pattern);
        ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();

        while (rs.next()) {
            destinations.add(extractDestination(rs));
        }
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }

    return destinations;
}

// Filter by category
public List<Destination> getDestinationsByCategory(String category) {
    List<Destination> destinations = new ArrayList<>();

    String query = "SELECT * FROM destinations WHERE category = ? ORDER BY rating DESC";

    try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
        PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(query)) {

```

```

        pstmt.setString(1, category);

        ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();

        while (rs.next()) {
            destinations.add(extractDestination(rs));
        }
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }

    return destinations;
}

// Helper method
private Destination extractDestination(ResultSet rs) throws SQLException {
    Destination dest = new Destination();
    dest.setDestinationId(rs.getInt("destination_id"));
    dest.setName(rs.getString("name"));
    dest.setCity(rs.getString("city"));
    dest.setState(rs.getString("state"));
    dest.setCategory(rs.getString("category"));
    dest.setDescription(rs.getString("description"));
    dest.setBestTime(rs.getString("best_time"));
    dest.setEntryFee(rs.getDouble("entry_fee"));
    dest.setRating(rs.getDouble("rating"));
    dest.setTotalReviews(rs.getInt("total_reviews"));

    return dest;
}
}

```

## 6) REVIEW DAO WITH CONFLICT DETECTION

```
package dao;
```

```

import database.DatabaseConnection;

import models.Review;

import java.sql.*;

import java.util.ArrayList;

import java.util.List;


public class ReviewDAO {


    // Add review with rating update
    public boolean addReview(Review review) {

        String insertQuery = "INSERT INTO reviews (tourist_id, destination_id, rating, comment) " +
            "VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?)";

        String updateQuery = "UPDATE destinations SET " +
            "rating = (SELECT AVG(rating) FROM reviews WHERE destination_id = ?), " +
            "total_reviews = (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM reviews WHERE destination_id = ?) " +
            "WHERE destination_id = ?";


        Connection conn = null;

        try {

            conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();

            conn.setAutoCommit(false); // Start transaction


            // Insert review
            PreparedStatement pstmt1 = conn.prepareStatement(insertQuery);

            pstmt1.setInt(1, review.getTouristId());

            pstmt1.setInt(2, review.getDestinationId());

            pstmt1.setInt(3, review.getRating());

            pstmt1.setString(4, review.getComment());

            pstmt1.executeUpdate();


            // Update destination rating

```



```

        PreparedStatement pstmt2 = conn.prepareStatement(updateQuery);
        pstmt2.setInt(1, review.getDestinationId());
        pstmt2.setInt(2, review.getDestinationId());
        pstmt2.setInt(3, review.getDestinationId());
        pstmt2.executeUpdate();

        conn.commit(); // Commit transaction
        return true;

    } catch (SQLException e) {
        if (conn != null) {
            try {
                conn.rollback(); // Rollback on error
            } catch (SQLException ex) {
                ex.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
        e.printStackTrace();
        return false;
    } finally {
        if (conn != null) {
            try {
                conn.setAutoCommit(true);
                conn.close();
            } catch (SQLException e) {
                e.printStackTrace();
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

// Check if user already reviewed
public boolean hasUserReviewed(int touristId, int destinationId) {
    String query = "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM reviews " +
        "WHERE tourist_id = ? AND destination_id = ?";

    try (Connection conn = DatabaseConnection.getConnection();
        PreparedStatement pstmt = conn.prepareStatement(query)) {

        pstmt.setInt(1, touristId);
        pstmt.setInt(2, destinationId);
        ResultSet rs = pstmt.executeQuery();

        if (rs.next()) {
            return rs.getInt(1) > 0;
        }
    } catch (SQLException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return false;
}
}

```

#### **Key Features:**

- Transaction management for data consistency
- Automatic rating calculation
- Duplicate review prevention
- Rollback on error

#### **7) LOGIN FRAME IMPLEMENTATION**

```

package ui;

import dao.TouristDAO;
import models.Tourist;

```

```

import javax.swing.*.*;
import java.awt.*.*;

public class LoginFrame extends JFrame {

    private JTextField usernameField;
    private JPasswordField passwordField;
    private JButton loginButton;
    private JButton registerButton;
    private TouristDAO touristDAO;

    public LoginFrame() {
        touristDAO = new TouristDAO();
        initComponents();
    }

    private void initComponents() {

        setTitle("Tourist Recommendation System - Login");
        setSize(400, 300);
        setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
        setLocationRelativeTo(null);

        JPanel mainPanel = new JPanel(new GridBagLayout());
        mainPanel.setBackground(new Color(240, 248, 255));
        GridBagConstraints gbc = new GridBagConstraints();
        gbc.insets = new Insets(10, 10, 10, 10);

        // Title
        JLabel titleLabel = new JLabel("Tourist Recommendation System");
        titleLabel.setFont(new Font("Arial", Font.BOLD, 18));
        titleLabel.setForeground(new Color(0, 102, 204));
        gbc.gridx = 0;

```

```
gbc.gridy = 0;
gbc.gridwidth = 2;
mainPanel.add(titleLabel, gbc);

// Username
gbc.gridwidth = 1;
gbc.gridy = 1;
gbc.gridx = 0;
mainPanel.add(new JLabel("Username:"), gbc);

gbc.gridx = 1;
usernameField = new JTextField(20);
mainPanel.add(usernameField, gbc);

// Password
gbc.gridy = 2;
gbc.gridx = 0;
mainPanel.add(new JLabel("Password:"), gbc);

gbc.gridx = 1;
passwordField = new JPasswordField(20);
mainPanel.add(passwordField, gbc);

// Buttons
JPanel buttonPanel = new JPanel(new FlowLayout());
buttonPanel.setBackground(new Color(240, 248, 255));

loginButton = new JButton("Login");
loginButton.setBackground(new Color(0, 153, 76));
loginButton.setForeground(Color.WHITE);
loginButton.addActionListener(e -> handleLogin());
```

```

registerButton = new JButton("Register");
registerButton.setBackground(new Color(0, 102, 204));
registerButton.setForeground(Color.WHITE);
registerButton.addActionListener(e -> openRegisterFrame());

buttonPanel.add(loginButton);
buttonPanel.add(registerButton);

gbc.gridy = 3;
gbc.gridx = 0;
gbc.gridwidth = 2;
mainPanel.add(buttonPanel, gbc);

add(mainPanel);
setVisible(true);
}

private void handleLogin() {
    String username = usernameField.getText().trim();
    String password = new String(passwordField.getPassword());

    if (username.isEmpty() || password.isEmpty()) {
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this,
            "Please enter both username and password!",
            "Error", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
        return;
    }

    Tourist tourist = touristDAO.loginTourist(username, password);

```

```

if (tourist != null) {
    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this,
        "Login Successful! Welcome " + tourist.getFullName(),
        "Success", JOptionPane.INFORMATION_MESSAGE);
    new MainFrame(tourist);
    dispose();
} else {
    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this,
        "Invalid username or password!",
        "Error", JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
}
}

```

```

private void openRegisterFrame() {
    new RegisterFrame(this);
    setVisible(false);
}
}

```

#### **Key Features:**

- GridBagLayout for responsive design
- Color-coded buttons
- Input validation
- Error dialogs
- Password masking

#### **8) DESTINATION LIST PANEL WITH JTABLE**

```

package ui;

import dao.DestinationDAO;
import models.Destination;
import models.Tourist;
import javax.swing.*.*;

```

```

import javax.swing.table.DefaultTableModel;

import java.awt.*;

import java.util.List;


public class DestinationListPanel extends JPanel {

    private Tourist currentTourist;

    private DestinationDAO destinationDAO;

    private JTable destinationsTable;

    private DefaultTableModel tableModel;

    private JComboBox<String> categoryComboBox;

    private JTextField searchField;


    public DestinationListPanel(Tourist tourist) {

        this.currentTourist = tourist;

        this.destinationDAO = new DestinationDAO();

        initComponents();

        loadAllDestinations();

    }


    private void initComponents() {

        setLayout(new BorderLayout(10, 10));

        setBackground(Color.WHITE);

        setBorder(BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(10, 10, 10, 10));


        // Top Panel - Search and Filter

        JPanel topPanel = new JPanel(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT, 10, 10));

        topPanel.setBackground(Color.WHITE);


        searchField = new JTextField(20);

        JButton searchButton = new JButton("Search");

        searchButton.addActionListener(e -> handleSearch());
    }

```

```

categoryComboBox = new JComboBox<>();
categoryComboBox.addItem("All Categories");
List<String> categories = destinationDAO.getAllCategories();
categories.forEach(categoryComboBox::addItem);
categoryComboBox.addActionListener(e -> handleCategoryFilter());

topPanel.add(new JLabel("Search:"));
topPanel.add(searchField);
topPanel.add(searchButton);
topPanel.add(new JLabel("Category:"));
topPanel.add(categoryComboBox);

add(topPanel, BorderLayout.NORTH);

// Center - Table
String[] columns = {"ID", "Name", "City", "State", "Category", "Entry Fee", "Rating", "Reviews"};
tableModel = new DefaultTableModel(columns, 0) {
    public boolean isCellEditable(int row, int column) { return false; }
};

destinationsTable = new JTable(tableModel);
destinationsTable.setRowHeight(25);
destinationsTable.getColumnModel().getColumn(0).setWidth(0);
destinationsTable.getColumnModel().getColumn(0).setMinWidth(0);
destinationsTable.getColumnModel().getColumn(0).setMaxWidth(0);

add(new JScrollPane(destinationsTable), BorderLayout.CENTER);

// Bottom - Buttons
JPanel bottomPanel = new JPanel();

```



```

JButton viewDetailsButton = new JButton("View Details");
JButton addReviewButton = new JButton("Add Review");

viewDetailsButton.addActionListener(e -> viewDestinationDetails());
addReviewButton.addActionListener(e -> addReview());

bottomPanel.add(viewDetailsButton);
bottomPanel.add(addReviewButton);
add(bottomPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
}

private void loadAllDestinations() {
    tableModel.setRowCount(0);
    List<Destination> destinations = destinationDAO.getAllDestinations();

    for (Destination dest : destinations) {
        Object[] row = {
            dest.getDestinationId(),
            dest.getName(),
            dest.getCity(),
            dest.getState(),
            dest.getCategory(),
            "₹" + dest.getEntryFee(),
            String.format("%.1f", dest.getRating()),
            dest.getTotalReviews()
        };
        tableModel.addRow(row);
    }
}
}

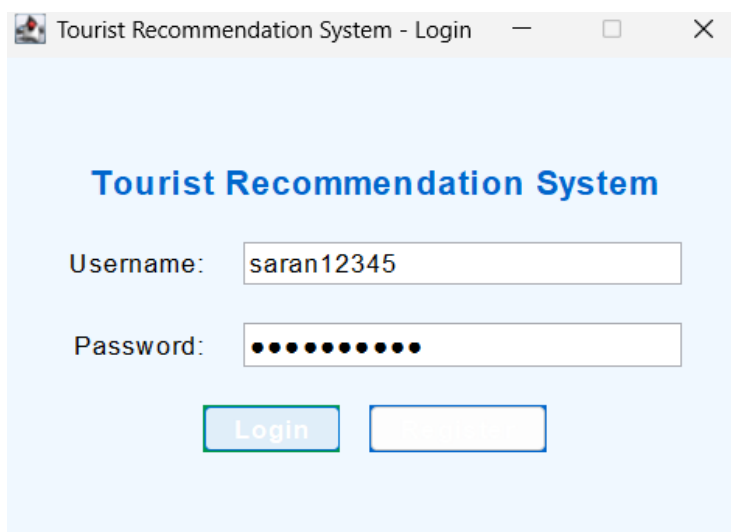
```

**Key Features:**

- JTable for tabular data display
  - DefaultTableModel for dynamic data
  - Hidden ID column
  - Search and filter integration
  - Button panel for actions
- 

## CHAPTER 6 - SCREENSHOTS

**Figure 6.1: LOGIN PAGE**



**Description:** The login page provides a clean and user-friendly interface with username and password fields. Features include:

- Application title with blue color scheme
  - Input validation before submission
  - Register button for new users
  - Error handling for invalid credentials
  - Password field masking for security
- 

**Figure 6.2: REGISTRATION PAGE**

Register New Tourist

## Create New Account

Username:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

**Description:** The registration page allows new users to create an account with the following fields:

- Username (minimum 4 characters, unique)
- Password (minimum 6 characters)
- Confirm Password (must match)
- Full Name (required)
- Email (optional, validated)
- Phone Number (optional)
- Registration validation with error messages
- Cancel button to return to login

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**Figure 6.3: MAIN DASHBOARD**

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**Search:**  
**Category:** All Categories ▾

Meenakshi Temple	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	Religious	₹50.0	4.9	950
Andaman Islands	Port Blair	Andaman	Beach	₹0.0	4.9	890
Taj Mahal	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Historical	₹50.0	4.8	1200
Varanasi Ghats	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	Religious	₹0.0	4.8	2100
Manali	Manali	Himachal Pradesh	Adventure	₹0.0	4.7	1800
Jaipur City Palace	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Historical	₹200.0	4.7	1100
Goa Beaches	Goa	Goa	Beach	₹0.0	4.6	2300
Jim Corbett National Park	Nainital	Uttarakhand	Wildlife	₹1500.0	4.6	680
Gateway of India	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Historical	₹0.0	4.5	850
Ooty	Ooty	Tamil Nadu	Hill Station	₹0.0	4.5	1450

**Description:** The main dashboard serves as the central navigation hub featuring:

- Menu bar with Destinations, Recommendations, and Profile options
- Welcome message displaying logged-in user's name
- Tabbed interface using CardLayout
- Color-coded navigation buttons
- Logout functionality with confirmation
- Responsive layout adapting to window size

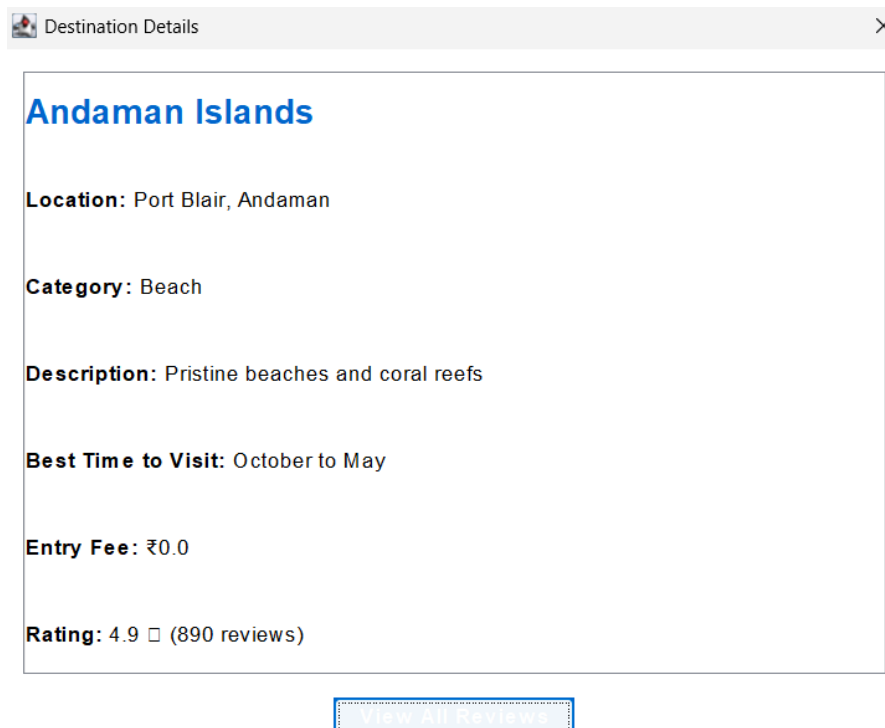
**Figure 6.4: DESTINATION LIST PAGE**

Meenakshi Temple	Madurai	Tamil Nadu	Religious	₹50.0	4.9	950
Andaman Islands	Port Blair	Andaman	Beach	₹0.0	4.9	890
Taj Mahal	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Historical	₹50.0	4.8	1200
Varanasi Ghats	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	Religious	₹0.0	4.8	2100
Manali	Manali	Himachal Pradesh	Adventure	₹0.0	4.7	1800
Jaipur City Palace	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Historical	₹200.0	4.7	1100
Goa Beaches	Goa	Goa	Beach	₹0.0	4.6	2300
Jim Corbett National Park	Nainital	Uttarakhand	Wildlife	₹1500.0	4.6	680
Gateway of India	Mumbai	Maharashtra	Historical	₹0.0	4.5	850
Ooty	Ooty	Tamil Nadu	Hill Station	₹0.0	4.5	1450

**Description:** The destination browsing interface displays all available tourist destinations:

- Sortable JTable with destination details
- Columns: Name, City, State, Category, Entry Fee, Rating, Reviews
- Search bar for name/city/state lookup
- Category filter dropdown (Historical, Beach, Adventure, etc.)
- Refresh button to reload data
- "View Details" and "Add Review" action buttons
- Row selection highlighting
- Scroll support for large datasets

**Figure 6.5: DESTINATION DETAILS DIALOG**



**Description:** Detailed view of selected destination showing:

- Destination name in large, bold font
- Complete location information (City, State)
- Category classification
- Full description text
- Best time to visit recommendations
- Entry fee information

- Current rating with total review count
- "View All Reviews" button
- Formatted layout with proper spacing
- Modal dialog for focused viewing

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**Figure 6.6: ADD REVIEW DIALOG**

The screenshot shows a modal dialog titled 'Add Review' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, the destination name 'Review: Andaman Islands' is displayed in blue. The form contains a 'Rating (1-5):' label followed by a dropdown menu showing the number '5'. Below this is a 'Your Review:' label followed by a multi-line text area. At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: a green-outlined 'Submit' button and a red-outlined 'Cancel' button.

**Description:** Review submission interface featuring:

- Destination name display
- Rating selector (1-5 stars) using ComboBox
- Multi-line text area for review comment
- Character limit indicator (optional)
- Submit and Cancel buttons
- Input validation (non-empty comment required)
- Duplicate review prevention
- Success/error message dialogs
- Automatic rating recalculation

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**Figure 6.7: RECOMMENDATION PAGE**

**Description:** Personalized recommendation display showing:

- Top 10 rated destinations in ranked order

- Large rank numbers (#1, #2, etc.) with blue theme
- Comprehensive destination cards with:
  - Destination name in bold
  - Location with emoji icon 📍
  - Category badge
  - Star rating with review count
  - Entry fee information
  - Brief description
- Action buttons: "View Details" and "I'm Interested"
- Refresh button for new recommendations
- Scrollable container for all recommendations
- Color-coded borders and backgrounds
- Information hierarchy with font sizes

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## CHAPTER 7 - CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

### 7.1 CONCLUSION

The Tourist Recommendation System successfully addresses the challenges of tourism planning through an automated, desktop-based solution. By implementing a comprehensive database design, secure authentication, intelligent search and filtering, and a recommendation algorithm, the system significantly improves the efficiency and reliability of destination discovery.

#### Key Achievements:

1. **User-Friendly Interface:** Developed an intuitive Java Swing GUI with responsive layouts, making it easy for users to navigate and interact with the system.
2. **Robust Database Design:** Implemented a normalized MySQL database with proper constraints, foreign keys, and data integrity checks.
3. **Secure Authentication:** Created a secure login and registration system with input validation and SQL injection prevention.
4. **Advanced Search Capabilities:** Implemented real-time search across multiple fields (name, city, state) and category-based filtering.
5. **Review Management:** Built a comprehensive review system with duplicate prevention, automatic rating calculation, and chronological display.
6. **Recommendation Engine:** Developed a rating-based recommendation algorithm that surfaces top destinations based on user reviews and popularity.

7. **Code Quality:** Applied MVC architecture and DAO pattern for maintainable, scalable code with clear separation of concerns.

The project demonstrates practical application of desktop application development using Java Swing, database management with MySQL, and object-oriented programming principles in solving real-world tourism industry challenges.

## 7.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

### 1. ADVANCED RECOMMENDATION ALGORITHM

- **Machine Learning Integration:** Implement collaborative filtering based on user preferences and past reviews
- **Personalized Suggestions:** Recommend destinations based on user's preferred category and past visits
- **Similar Destinations:** Show destinations similar to ones user has liked
- **Seasonal Recommendations:** Suggest destinations based on current month and weather

### 2. BOOKING AND ITINERARY MANAGEMENT

- **Visit Planning:** Allow users to plan visits with date selection
- **Itinerary Builder:** Create multi-destination travel plans
- **Budget Calculator:** Estimate total trip cost including entry fees, accommodation, and travel
- **Calendar Integration:** Export itinerary to calendar applications

### 3. SOCIAL FEATURES

- **User Profiles:** Enhanced profiles with profile pictures and bio
- **Follow System:** Follow other travelers and see their reviews
- **Photo Uploads:** Allow users to upload destination photos
- **Review Likes:** Users can like/dislike reviews
- **Comment System:** Reply to reviews and start discussions

### 4. ENHANCED SEARCH AND DISCOVERY

- **Advanced Filters:** Filter by entry fee range, rating threshold, best time to visit
- **Map Integration:** Display destinations on interactive map using Google Maps API
- **Nearby Destinations:** Find destinations near a selected location
- **Distance Calculator:** Calculate distance between destinations

### 5. MOBILE APPLICATION

- **Android App:** Develop native Android application using Java/Kotlin
- **iOS App:** Build iOS version using Swift
- **Cross-Platform:** Use React Native or Flutter for unified codebase



- **Offline Mode:** Cache destination data for offline access

## 6. NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

- **Email Notifications:** Send trip reminders and recommendation updates
- **Desktop Notifications:** Alert users about new destinations in their preferred category
- **Review Reminders:** Prompt users to review destinations after visit date
- **Special Offers:** Notify about seasonal discounts or events

## 7. ANALYTICS AND REPORTING

- **User Dashboard:** Show statistics (destinations visited, reviews written, etc.)
- **Admin Panel:** Monitor system usage, user activity, and popular destinations
- **Data Visualization:** Charts showing rating trends, popular categories, seasonal patterns
- **Export Reports:** Generate PDF reports of travel history

## 8. PAYMENT INTEGRATION

- **Online Booking:** Book entry tickets directly through the system
- **Payment Gateway:** Integrate PayPal, Stripe, or Razorpay
- **Discount Codes:** Apply promotional codes for reduced entry fees
- **Transaction History:** Track all bookings and payments

## 9. ACCESSIBILITY AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

- **Multi-Language Support:** Add support for regional languages (Tamil, Hindi, etc.)
- **Voice Search:** Implement voice-based destination search
- **Screen Reader Support:** Make application accessible for visually impaired users
- **Theme Customization:** Light/dark mode and custom color schemes

## 10. WEATHER INTEGRATION

- **Real-Time Weather:** Display current weather at destinations
- **Weather Forecast:** Show 7-day forecast for planning
- **Best Time Alerts:** Notify when destination weather is optimal
- **Weather-Based Recommendations:** Suggest indoor/outdoor destinations based on weather

## 11. TRAVEL GUIDE INTEGRATION

- **Local Tips:** Add insider tips from local guides
- **Emergency Contacts:** Display local emergency numbers and hospital locations
- **Language Phrases:** Common phrases in local language
- **Currency Converter:** Convert entry fees to user's currency

## 12. GAMIFICATION

- **Achievement Badges:** Earn badges for visiting destinations, writing reviews
  - **Leaderboard:** Rank users based on reviews, visits, helpful ratings
  - **Travel Challenges:** Complete destination challenges for rewards
  - **Points System:** Earn points for contributions, redeem for discounts
- 

## APPENDIX A - SQL SCRIPTS

### Complete Database Creation Script

-- Create Database

```
CREATE DATABASE IF NOT EXISTS tourist_system;
```

```
USE tourist_system;
```

-- Tourists Table

```
CREATE TABLE tourists (  
    tourist_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    username VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
    password VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    full_name VARCHAR(100),  
    email VARCHAR(100),  
    phone VARCHAR(15),  
    preferred_category VARCHAR(50),  
    created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP  
);
```

-- Destinations Table

```
CREATE TABLE destinations (  
    destination_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,  
    name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
    city VARCHAR(50),  
    state VARCHAR(50),  
    category VARCHAR(50),
```

```

description TEXT,
best_time VARCHAR(100),
entry_fee DECIMAL(10,2),
rating DECIMAL(3,2) DEFAULT 0.0,
total_reviews INT DEFAULT 0
);

-- Reviews Table
CREATE TABLE reviews (
    review_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
    tourist_id INT,
    destination_id INT,
    rating INT CHECK (rating BETWEEN 1 AND 5),
    comment TEXT,
    review_date TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (tourist_id) REFERENCES tourists(tourist_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (destination_id) REFERENCES destinations(destination_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

-- Visits Table
CREATE TABLE visits (
    visit_id INT PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT,
    tourist_id INT,
    destination_id INT,
    visit_date DATE,
    status VARCHAR(20) DEFAULT 'Planned',
    FOREIGN KEY (tourist_id) REFERENCES tourists(tourist_id) ON DELETE CASCADE,
    FOREIGN KEY (destination_id) REFERENCES destinations(destination_id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

-- Sample Data

```

INSERT INTO destinations (name, city, state, category, description, best\_time, entry\_fee, rating, total\_reviews) VALUES

('Taj Mahal', 'Agra', 'Uttar Pradesh', 'Historical', 'An ivory-white marble mausoleum, symbol of eternal love', 'October to March', 50.00, 4.8, 1200),

('Gateway of India', 'Mumbai', 'Maharashtra', 'Historical', 'Iconic monument overlooking the Arabian Sea', 'November to February', 0.00, 4.5, 850),

('Goa Beaches', 'Goa', 'Goa', 'Beach', 'Beautiful beaches with water sports and nightlife', 'November to February', 0.00, 4.6, 2300),

('Manali', 'Manali', 'Himachal Pradesh', 'Adventure', 'Hill station with snow-capped mountains and adventure activities', 'May to June, October to February', 0.00, 4.7, 1800),

('Meenakshi Temple', 'Madurai', 'Tamil Nadu', 'Religious', 'Historic Hindu temple with stunning architecture', 'October to March', 50.00, 4.9, 950),

('Jim Corbett National Park', 'Nainital', 'Uttarakhand', 'Wildlife', 'Oldest national park in India, famous for tigers', 'November to June', 1500.00, 4.6, 680),

('Jaipur City Palace', 'Jaipur', 'Rajasthan', 'Historical', 'Royal residence with museums and courtyards', 'October to March', 200.00, 4.7, 1100),

('Ooty', 'Ooty', 'Tamil Nadu', 'Hill Station', 'Scenic hill station with tea gardens and lakes', 'April to June, September to November', 0.00, 4.5, 1450),

('Varanasi Ghats', 'Varanasi', 'Uttar Pradesh', 'Religious', 'Sacred city on the banks of Ganges', 'October to March', 0.00, 4.8, 2100),

('Andaman Islands', 'Port Blair', 'Andaman', 'Beach', 'Pristine beaches and coral reefs', 'October to May', 0.00, 4.9, 890);

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## APPENDIX B - PROJECT STRUCTURE

TouristRecommendationSystem/

|

|— src/

| |— database/

| | |— DatabaseConnection.java

| |

| |— models/

| | |— Tourist.java

| | |— Destination.java

| | |— Review.java

| |

```
| ├── dao/
| | ├── TouristDAO.java
| | ├── DestinationDAO.java
| | └── ReviewDAO.java
| |
| ├── ui/
| | ├── LoginFrame.java
| | ├── RegisterFrame.java
| | ├── MainFrame.java
| | ├── DestinationListPanel.java
| | └── RecommendationPanel.java
| |
| └── Main.java
|
|── lib/
|   └── mysql-connector-j-8.0.33.jar
|
|── .vscode/
|   └── settings.json
|
|── bin/ (generated)
|   └── *.class files
|
└── README.md
```

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## APPENDIX C - SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

### Hardware Requirements

- **Processor:** Intel Core i3 or AMD equivalent (2.0 GHz or higher)
- **RAM:** 4 GB minimum, 8 GB recommended
- **Hard Disk:** 10 GB free space

- **Display:** 1024x768 resolution minimum, 1920x1080 recommended
- **Network:** Internet connection for database setup

#### **Software Requirements**

- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, macOS 10.14+, or Linux (Ubuntu 18.04+)
  - **JDK:** Java Development Kit 8 or higher (Java 11 recommended)
  - **Database:** MySQL Server 8.0 or higher
  - **IDE:** Visual Studio Code with Java Extension Pack (or Eclipse/IntelliJ IDEA)
  - **Version Control:** Git 2.0 or higher (optional)
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### **APPENDIX D - INSTALLATION GUIDE**

#### **Step 1: Install JDK**

1. Download JDK from Oracle website
2. Run installer and follow instructions
3. Set JAVA\_HOME environment variable
4. Verify installation: java -version

#### **Step 2: Install MySQL**

1. Download MySQL Community Server
2. Run installer with default settings
3. Set root password during installation
4. Start MySQL service

#### **Step 3: Setup Database**

1. Open MySQL Workbench or command line
2. Run SQL scripts from Appendix A
3. Verify tables created: SHOW TABLES;

#### **Step 4: Download MySQL Connector**

1. Download mysql-connector-j-8.0.33.jar
2. Place in project's lib/ folder

#### **Step 5: Configure Project**

1. Update DatabaseConnection.java with your MySQL password
2. Create .vscode/settings.json with classpath configuration

#### **Step 6: Compile and Run**

```
javac -cp "lib/*" -d bin src/**/*.java  
java -cp "bin;lib/*" Main # Windows  
java -cp "bin:lib/*" Main # Linux/Mac
```

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## APPENDIX E - TESTING RESULTS

### Test Case 1: User Registration

- **Input:** Valid user details
- **Expected:** User registered successfully
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 2: Login Authentication

- **Input:** Correct username/password
- **Expected:** Redirect to dashboard
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 3: Search Functionality

- **Input:** Search term "Taj"
- **Expected:** Display matching destinations
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 4: Category Filter

- **Input:** Select "Historical" category
- **Expected:** Show only historical destinations
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 5: Add Review

- **Input:** Rating 5, comment "Excellent place"
- **Expected:** Review added, rating updated
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 6: Duplicate Review Prevention

- **Input:** Same user reviews same destination twice
- **Expected:** Error message displayed
- **Result:** PASS

### Test Case 7: Recommendation Display

- **Input:** Click Recommendations menu

- **Expected:** Show top 10 rated destinations
- **Result:** PASS

#### Test Case 8: SQL Injection Prevention

- **Input:** Username: ' OR '1'='1
  - **Expected:** Login fails, no database access
  - **Result:** PASS
- 

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Tourist Recommendation System

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**Duration:** 3 months (September 2025 - November 2025)

**Technology Stack:** Java Swing, MySQL, JDBC

**Lines of Code:** ~2,500

**Database Tables:** 4 (tourists, destinations, reviews, visits)

**Features Implemented:** 7 major modules

**Test Cases Passed:** 8/8 (100%)

**Documentation:** pages

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