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**T** rue-blue travellers never get discouraged by a disagreeable climate like summer. Indians usually avoid going out during the hot days of May and June. However, with a restless spirit for far-off places, many trippers disregard rising temperatures. To satiate their 'fernweh' (wanderlust in German), our list of beach destinations offers a few 'cool' options.

Apart from some oceanic delights, we have also covered spiritual destinations in India. Why? Well, it's a given that burning heat prevents many, especially older ones, from travelling to holy shrines. For a change, let us assume that middle-aged and young backpackers like to visit those popular places blessed & graced by the Almighty. Rajeev Kale, a top brass in Thomas Cook (India), says, "The concept of spiritual tourism is evolving rapidly and is gaining momentum not only from Gen S but also young India's Gen Z and millennials." We have a list of destinations for young India that might help them achieve spiritual transformation.

While travelling off-season, how about saving a few extra bucks on your next trip? Run your eyes through our tips and tricks to cut down your travel expenses. The article gives you some practical advice you can exploit to save money you could have overspent on travel bookings, accommodation, transportation, food, and other expenses. After all, money saved is money earned, isn't it!

**Bon voyage!**



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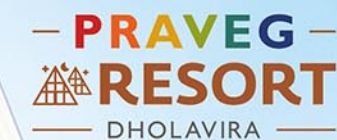
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# Travel Within Your Budget

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Tips & Tricks to  
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Travel Expenses  
in India  
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By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Writer

Man's eternal desire to explore his surroundings will never die. This is the primary reason people travel across the world; there may be as many reasons as there are travellers. But stepping out of home is one of our carnal needs. However, the global pandemic restricted our movements in the first two years of the current decade. As soon as the menace of COVID-19 was under control, people began to come out of their shells, literally. After months of confinement, this action of exploring new and old places is called 'Revenge Tourism'.

As if retaliating to the pandemic, travellers started making itineraries for destinations near and far to leave their homes. Hospitality players quickly sensed this trend and took advantage of revenge tourism. What followed was an onslaught of booking calls, trails of emails, packages blasted on WhatsApp, a blizzard of social media ads, and whatnot. On the other hand, hotel and resort owners got busy welcoming their guests. But hang on! In your pursuit of revenge on Covid, you are unnecessarily emptying your wallets. Friends, haven't you heard about 'Budget Travelling'?

From booking hotels or resorts to buying tickets for transportation, ordering food, and paying for sightseeing and adventures, you can save your moolah using intelligent tricks and tips. Using smart gadgets and adequate planning can go a long way towards achieving your travel goals.

Let's get down to some real action.





# Budget

Setting up a budget is the first and foremost decision you must make before you go on a trip. Start with your yearly income and how much you are willing to spend per person. For example, if your annual earnings are INR 900,000/-, you may spend 10% or less on your travels. Your decision to go on trips twice a year can also tip the scales. It is advisable to zero in on the amount you will be spending. Usually, frequent travellers keep 10% of their annual income aside to fulfil their travel goals. Not a numbers person? Fear not, technology has your back. Holiday budget calculators can do the math for you, simplifying the budgeting process.

**TravelSpend** is one of the best travel budget planner apps for [Android](#) and [iOS](#) users. Alternatively, you can use [Skyscanner](#), a holiday budget calculator.





# Choosing Destination

Once you fix your budget, start exploring destinations that are easily accessible via air or rail travel. Many locations in India are not directly connected with flights or trains; getting off at a terminus and renting another vehicle to reach your destination makes a big hole in your pockets.

The selection of destinations is the beginning of your budget-friendly travels. Sometimes, you may have to choose less popular places. However, such places can surprise you with their natural beauty and other attractions. Consequently, accommodation and other services are available at much cheaper rates. Make sure the destination you have finalized is connected with rail or bus routes.

# Bookings

Next comes booking tickets for your trip and accommodation for the stay. My experience says that the early bird catches the worm. For my family trip to Bandhavgarh in February this year, I booked all my reservations—resorts, train tickets, and a tiger safari—45 days in advance. It was a substantial mental relief and monetary blessing for me. You get your choice of berths on a train, safari slots, and a resort cottage. Moreover, booking everything in advance gives you a buffer to negotiate prices.







# Travelling Season

Usually, Indians prefer to travel during Diwali or summer vacations, when schools and colleges have long holidays. Unfortunately, holiday-makers have to put up with traffic on roads, destinations swarmed by vacationers, exorbitant transportation and accommodation prices, and often greasing palms of authorities to reserve seats on trains or flights. You can avoid every such hassle by choosing to travel during shoulder season. Travellers can save money during this season, usually in late February and early March. Flights and accommodation during the season are cheaper than peak seasons. Just ensure your kids' exams do not coincide with the days you plan to travel.

Shoulder season typically means the period between a region's peak and off-season, which can last months or weeks. For example, if a place's peak season is summer and its off-season is winter, the shoulder season would be spring and fall.



# Accommodation

One are the days when travellers had limited accommodation options, primarily hotels and resorts. Now, Airbnb, guest houses, cheap lodges, hostels, shared bungalows, and serviced apartments are popular alternatives. All you need is a little browsing on the internet to check the local services. Short and long homestays are in vogue as solo travellers prefer extremely cheap accommodation with fewer facilities. Serviced apartments and shared bungalows are a comfortable choice for couples and families. Apartments offer rooms with kitchen facilities; travellers can explore local markets for groceries, fruits, and vegetables to cook their food instead of ordering something from restaurants.



# Transportation

Getting sufficient information about the destination is also helpful in finding public transportation—buses, local trains, and shared auto rickshaws. I have experienced that car rental services charge unreasonable prices, as much as Rs. 40/—to Rs. 50/—per kilometre. Hitchhiking and carpooling are better local travel options for solo trippers and backpackers.



# Food

One of the significant benefits of travelling to distant places and interiors is cultural immersion. And the best way to explore local culture is to taste street food. Apart from pampering your taste buds, street food is easy on your wallet and helps you befriend the locals, who might help you make better decisions while on the ground. Local vendors also come in handy when looking for adventure activities; they can share useful information that cannot be obtained from any official website.

## Miscellaneous

- Check websites or blogs of well-known travel bloggers & influencers
- Keep important numbers of authorities on your mobile phones
- Travel light; pack as much as essential
- Keep home-made snacks and food







# Summing up...

Finally, take care of your health while you are on the go. Keep a first-aid box, cold and cough medicines, paracetamol, and painkillers in your bag. With a healthy body and mind, you can travel anywhere and make wise decisions in any situation. Stay safe, stay healthy, and keep travelling!

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# Heritage Hotels in Gujarat

By JAYESH PUROHIT, Staff Writer

Global travellers have made a beeline for Gujarat in the last couple of decades to explore spectacular tourist locations in the state. The local government and the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Limited (TCGL) have vehemently promoted renowned tourist destinations to invite globetrotters. This has created a massive demand for hospitality infrastructure in the state; since erecting infrastructural facilities is a mammoth task, the government has made a welcome change in its tourism policy. According to the new guidelines announced in 2020, hospitality players can build hotels, museums, banquet halls and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts, and castles. However, the historic structures must have existed before January 1, 1950. This fresh approach to boosting tourism will create a win-win situation for the government, the hospitality industry, and tourists.

## Before the Tourism Policy...

Royal families in Gujarat have already foreseen the public demand for luxurious accommodation. Hence, many palaces and forts have been converted into hotels and resorts for tourists. Among the most prestigious edifices, we have shortlisted a few names. Check out this list of five of the best heritage hotels in Gujarat. The list will help you select the best accommodation to make your trip memorable forever.



## Balaram Palace Resort Banaskantha

**B**alaram Palace Resort was the hunting retreat of Lohani Nawab of Palanpur. Built between 1922 and 1936 by the 29th ruler of Palanpur, His Highness Zubd-ul-Mulk Dewan Mahakhan Nawab Sir Taley Muhammad Khan Lohani, the resort now hosts tourists with its luxurious amenities and facilities. Flaunting neo-classical and baroque architectural style, Balaram Palace welcomes you with its grand structure, attractive locations, and award-winning services.

Whether you are a historian, a spiritual wanderer, a nature lover, an art aficionado, or a pucca businessman, the resort can surprise you with its amazing features. Indoor and outdoor activities, thrilling adventures, entertainment, and nearby visits - Balaram Palace is your partner in creating unforgettable memories. Situated amidst the Aravallis, the resort looks like Mother Nature's fledgling playing in her lap.

*Under the Heritage Tourism Policy 2020 - 2025, the Gujarat Government announced handsome perks and benefits for hospitality players in India. Under this policy, a new heritage hotel or an existing one will get financial assistance of Rs 5-10 crore for renovation or expansion. The government will give a 20% subsidy (maximum of Rs 5 crore) if the investment is up to Rs 25 crore. If the investments are over Rs 25 crore, the maximum subsidy would be Rs 10 crore.*



Awarded as the Best Heritage Hotel in Gujarat by the Gujarat Tourism in 2021-22  
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# Nilambag Palace Bhavnagar



Even the most luxurious hotel in Gujarat is no equal to this beautiful Nilambag Palace in Bhavnagar—the first princely state to accede to sovereign India in 1947. The palace brings back memories of the colonial era in the middle of a bustling city. If you ignore the urban raucousness for a few days, the heritage property will have countless other features that will overcompensate your decision. Blackbuck safari, Palitana Jain temples, Victoria Park, Alang shipbreaking yard, Barton Library, Takhteshwar temple, and other attractions provide strong reasons to escape Bhavnagar's urban chaos and cacophony. Most importantly, all the locations are within short distances from the palace.

The palace provides enough reasons for indoor enthusiasts to stay within the impressive walls. Work out at a state-of-the-art gym, plunge in a pool, or burn calories on tennis courts to take complete care of your health. The heritage hotel ensures you stick to your fitness regime even if you are on a leisure holiday.

The palace's royal accommodation reflects an ethos of 19th-century decor, delivering a majestic experience with the Maharani Suite, Heritage Classic Room, Princess Room, and Royal Cottage Room.

Nilambag Palace offers a complete package for families, corporates, film-makers, wedding planners, and educational institutions. The property is an ideal venue for every celebration.

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Hoteliers can use the tourism policy by building hotels, museums, banquet halls, and restaurants inside historic palaces, forts, and castles. However, the historic structures must have existed before January 1, 1950.



## Vijay Vilas Heritage Resort Kutch

Owning a private beach along India's longest coastline is the mark of true-blue royal hospitality. Does this sound like a dream? Welcome to Vijay Vilas Heritage Resort, Kutch. One of the finest resorts in Gujarat, this palace-turned-resort is located in Mandvi, the beach town of Kutch. The resort resides inside the sprawling Vijay Vilas palace, across 700 acres of land.

The palace welcomes guests with its luxuriously royal vibes in the Heritage Room, Heritage Villa, and impeccable service. Both the rooms are well-furnished with everything that ensures comfort and pampering. Spending days in a room once housed by Yuvraj Shri Vijayaraji gives you an unparalleled delight. It's a privilege for guests to own a private beach during their stay at the resort. The short distance between the resort and the beach gives quick access to make a splash near the ocean.

Mandvi offers spectacular locations for guests to explore. Apart from Vijay Vilas Palace, inside which the resort is developed, there are places like White Rann and Kalo Dungar in Dhordo; a Bird Sanctuary at Chaari Dhand; pilgrimage sites like Mata no Madh, Narayan Sarovar, and Koteswar; a Dholavira Heritage Site and Asia's No. 1 Mundra Port; Shipbuilding at the Seashore of Mandvi; and Aaina Mahal Bhuj, Darbar Garh (Prag Mahal), and Bhujodi in Bhuj.

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Gujarat is home to several heritage hotels that offer guests a royal experience. While the article lists only five notable palaces that have been converted into hotels, there are several other equally well-known heritage hotels in the state. These include The House of Mangaldas Girdhardas in Ahmedabad, The Garden Palace in Balasinor, Narayani Heritage in Bhavnagar, The Bhuj House, Champaner Heritage Resort, Gopnath Bungalow, Bhavnagar, Dowlat Vilas Palace in Himmatnagar, Jambughoda Palace, and The Vijay Vilas Palace Hotels & Resorts in Bhavnagar.



## Royal Oasis

Wankaner, Morbi

**W**ankaner Royal Oasis was the first palace converted into a heritage hotel by Maharana Digvijay Singh in the 1970s.

The palace used to be a summer retreat for the family; now, a premium hotel for tourists, Royal Oasis attracts tourists with its marvellous structures, awe-inspiring craftsmanship, and breathtaking beauty.

Wankaner enjoys the geographical proximity to Rajkot - one of the bustling cities in Gujarat. Tourists can use Rajkot as a hub to connect with different parts of Gujarat. If Wankaner is your choice, you may land at Rajkot railway station or airport and quickly travel to the Royal Oasis, just 50 km away. Morbi is another major city, just 27 km away from Wankaner. Among the notable attractions close to Wankaner are Little Rann of Kutch (90 km), Lothal (168 km), Gir (214 km), and Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary (104 km).

If you are too lazy to take extended tours, the palace offers you a few local charms to explore some complimentary and some paid.

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# Gondal Palaces

Gondal has always been considered one of India's most modern princely states. In 1887, under the efficient rule of Thakore Shri Sagramji, Gondal became a first-class princely state; Maharaja Bhagwat Sinhji carried forward the legacy by introducing sweeping reforms in education.

Gondal Palaces include three magnificent houses viz. Orchard Palace, Riverside Palace, and Naulakha Palace.

Orchard Palace brings back the 19th-century royal lifestyle of the Jadeja clan. Built as an annex of the Hazoor Palace, Orchard was converted into a heritage hotel with art deco furniture, antiques, and handcrafts of the 1930s and '40s.

A notable feature of this palace is the Rail Saloon, initially made for the royal family. However, the same saloon has now been converted into a guest suite.

English washrooms equipped with telephonic showers are a major attraction of the suite.

Riverside Palace used to be the residence of the Crown Prince of Gondal. With 11 large rooms and colonial-era furniture, the palace welcomes guests for a larger-than-life holiday.

Naulakha Palace is the oldest structure in the list of three palaces of Gondal. Probably for this reason, the living quarters of this palace have been converted into a museum that showcases textiles, brassware, royal wardrobes, a library, and silver caskets that carry gifts and messages of Maharaja Bhagwat Sinhji on special occasions.

Naulakha Palace

Riverside Palace

Orchard Palace

*Everyone dreams of living a royal life, but only some can fulfil their dreams. Thanks to the tourism-friendly policies announced by the Gujarat Government in 2020, domestic and international tourists can emulate the life of Maharajas and Maharanis of the bygone era, of course, only for a few days. Booking a comfortable room in a palace, castle, or fort converted into a hotel or resort can be costly. However, you can splurge your bucks to make your trip memorable for a lifetime.*

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## Summing up...

*The idea of turning palaces into hospitality resorts stemmed from a need. Royal families didn't want to lose their ancestral property, so they began renting out their sprawling edifices as luxury accommodation. Moreover, foreign tourists have always been fascinated by the lifestyles of Indian maharajas; heritage hotels provide international tourists with an opportunity to fulfil their royal dreams. 10*







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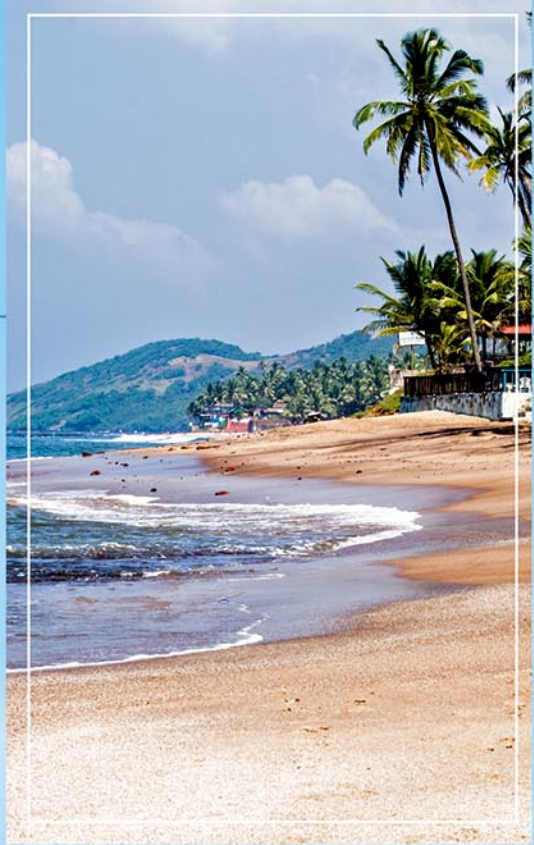
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Enjoy Your  
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*Embrace the captivating allure of beach destinations, where the sensation of sand beneath your feet, the rhythmic lullaby of waves, and the gentle caress of sea breezes create an enchanting experience for every type of traveller. From solo adventurers to couples, groups, and families, beach destinations offer a world of excitement and relaxation. Immerse yourself in thrilling activities, explore serene surroundings, and let the calming embrace of the ocean rejuvenate your senses, creating memories that will last a lifetime.*





## Anjuna Beach Goa

**D**iscover the enchanting Anjuna Beach in India, where serene coconut palms sway above soft white sand, and a unique hippie culture awaits. Ideal for backpackers, long-stayers, and foreigners, this beach offers budget-friendly guesthouses, calm waters, and vibrant night markets. Don't miss the chance to shop at the night market, brimming with locally made souvenirs.

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## Ghoghla Beach

### Diu

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**Beach Activities :** Parasailing, Jet Ski Rides,  
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**Best Time to Visit :** October to March





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## Agatti Beach Lakshadweep

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**Best Time to Visit :** October to May

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## Jampore Beach Daman

**W**itness the tranquil beauty of Jampore Beach in Daman, just 5 kilometres from the Moti Daman Jetty. Known for its soothing blackish mud-coloured water, this serene destination offers a peaceful retreat from the city's hustle.

Lush trees surround the beach and provide a refreshing, breezy atmosphere for relaxation. Immerse yourself in the peaceful surroundings and let the calming sea views rejuvenate your senses. Relax and stay at Praveg Beach Resort, Daman - the perfect retreat. This luxurious resort offers exceptional comfort and amenities for a peaceful break.

**Beach Activities :** Jet Skiing, Speedboat Ride, Parasailing, Water Scooter Ride, and Banana Ride

**Best Time to Visit :** October to May



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# Lighthouse Beach

## Daman

**E**mbark on a journey to the Moti Daman Jetty and explore the newly constructed Ram Setu, a beachfront road stretching from the jetty to Jampore Beach. This scenic route has become a popular destination for joggers, walkers, socializers, and photographers. In October 2019, water sports activities were launched, adding to the beach's appeal. Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere, enjoy the water sports, or simply take in the stunning views – Ram Setu and Jampore Beach offer an unforgettable experience for all visitors. Witness a serene and refreshing getaway at Praveg Beach Resort, Daman - an ultimate rejuvenating retreat with top-notch amenities.

**Beach Activities** : Parasailing, Jet Skiing, Beach Volleyball, and Horse and Camel Riding

**Best Time to Visit** : October to March

# PERFECT DESTINATION FOR YOUR NEXT VACATION

Immerse yourself in the embrace of nature at Lighthouse Beach in Daman, the home of the awe-inspiring Praveg Beach Resort. Enjoy the tranquillity of the Arabian Sea as you take a leisurely stroll on the sand, with the waves creating a soothing symphony. Engage in water sports, savour the local seafood delicacies, and explore the rich cultural heritage of the region. Experience the serene beauty of Lighthouse Beach with Praveg and create memories that will leave a lasting impression!

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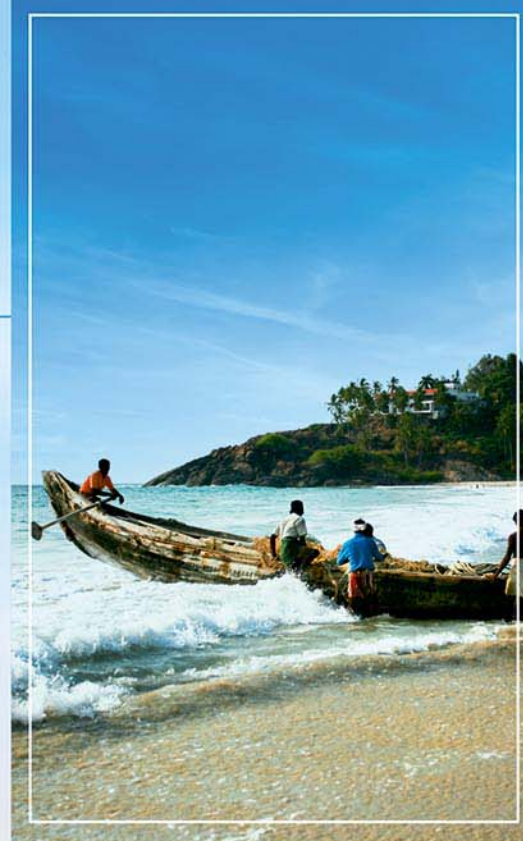




## Radhanagar Beach Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Indulge in the allure of Radhanagar Beach, renowned as one of India's most stunning beaches, nestled on Havelock Island. Surrounded by crystal-clear waters and verdant forests, this picturesque beach has been ranked 7th best globally by Times Magazine. Perfect for honeymooners and those seeking tranquillity, Radhanagar Beach offers a surreal panorama that invites you to unwind, reconnect with yourself, and rejuvenate your mind and soul in its serene ambiance.

**Beach Activities :** Barefoot Strolling, Swimming, Snorkelling, Fishing, Diving, and Boat Cruise  
**Best Time to Visit :** October to February



## Kovalam Beach Kerala

Explore the vibrant charm of Kovalam, one of Kerala's premier beach destinations, known for its iconic lighthouse, gentle waters, and diverse beach activities. Kovalam offers a blend of excitement and relaxation, comprising three distinct beaches, including the lively Hawa Beach and Lighthouse Beach. Discover the serene Samudra Beach for a tranquil escape, perfect for those seeking peace and privacy amidst the coastal beauty of Kerala. Whether you're into water sports, beach vibes, or peaceful retreats, Kovalam has something for travellers to enjoy.

**Beach Activities :** Sunbathing, Snorkelling, Sunset Viewing, Sailing, Water Skiing, Catamaran Rides, Cycling, and Swimming  
**Best Time to Visit :** October to February



## Summing Up

Escape to these affordable beach destinations and immerse yourself in their enchanting beauty. From the lively Juhu Beach in Mumbai to the peaceful Full Moon Beach in Puducherry, these locations offer a perfect balance of relaxation and adventure. Enjoy water sports, cultural experiences, sun, sand, and sea without exceeding your budget. 🌊



# TOURISM TIDINGS

## Goa Tourism partners with IRONMAN to boost sports tourism

Goa Tourism Department partners with IRONMAN 70.3 India race organizers, Yoska, to promote sports tourism through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Goa International Travel Mart. The partnership aims to establish Goa as a top sports destination, leveraging its natural beauty and vibrant energy to attract high-quality tourists. IRONMAN 70.3 India, Goa, launched in 2019, has already attracted thousands of triathletes from India and 50 other countries. The 2024 race is set for October 27, and it is expected to draw athletes globally.

The partnership is expected to enhance sports tourism in Goa and attract more tourists. Goa Tourism Department's collaboration with IRONMAN 70.3 India race organizers, Yoska, is a significant step towards promoting sports tourism in the region and establishing Goa as a premier destination for sports tourism.

(Source: hospitality.economictimes.indiatimes.com)



## E-Visa for Indian tourists by Japan; application takes 3-5 business days



Japan has introduced an electronic visa (e-visa) for Indian tourists, allowing them to apply for a visa online and eliminating the need for in-person embassy visits. The e-visa is available to Indian citizens who meet certain criteria, including a valid passport, recent photograph, and credit/debit card for the fee. Applications take 3-5 business days, and approval grants a single entry for 90 days from the issue date.

The e-visa aims to attract more Indian tourists, benefiting Japan's tourism industry and cultural relations. To apply, visit the official Japanese e-visa website, complete the form, upload the required documents, and pay the fee. Ensure you have a valid passport, recent photograph, and credit/debit card. Upon approval, print the e-visa and present it at Japanese immigration. The e-visa does not guarantee entry, as the final decision lies with immigration officials.

(Source: www.hindustantimes.com)

## Gujarat Tourism allocates ₹ 200 crores for Special Tourism Zones

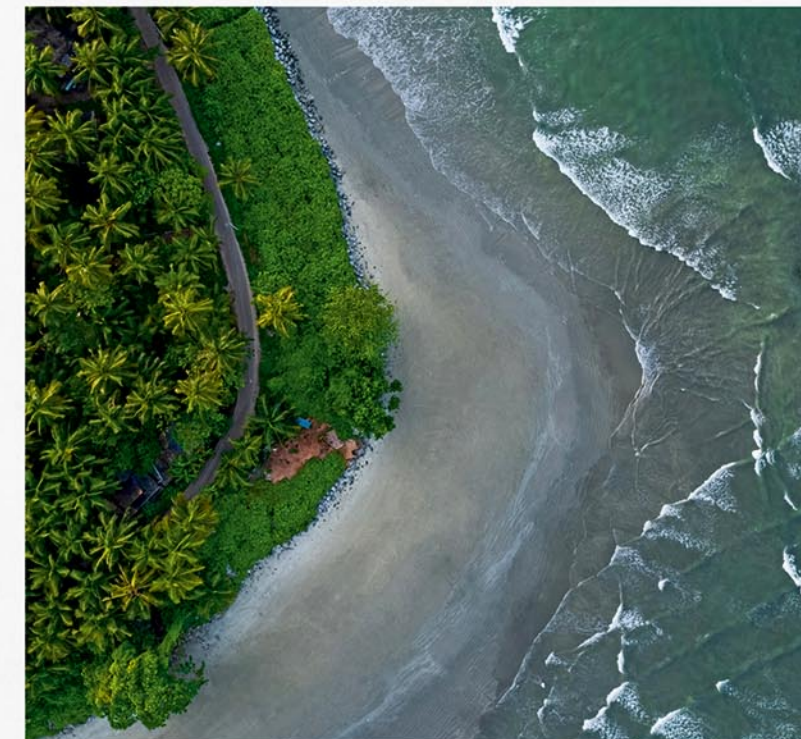
Gujarat Tourism Department has allocated ₹200 crores for developing Special Tourism Zones (STZs) in the state, with potential sites like Dholavira, Shivrajpur, Sir Creek, and Banaskantha borders. The Union government's STZ policy offers ₹300 crores for greenfield and ₹100 crores for brownfield STZs in Phase 1, with additional funding if performance-linked parameters are met.

Gujarat's STZs will have unique identities and comprehensive master plans developed as greenfield and brownfield projects. The Union government's guidelines require each STZ to enhance the tourism experience and promote sustainable development. Gujarat's STZs aim to create integrated, modern tourism enclaves in partnership with the private sector.

(Source: timesofindia.indiatimes.com)



## Rough Seas hamper Kannur beach tourism



Kannur, a popular tourist destination in Kerala, has suspended beach tourism activities due to rough seas. The District Disaster Management Authority has temporarily halted beach tourism activities to ensure public safety and mitigate risks.

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) attributes the high waves to a low-pressure system in the Indian Ocean. This highlights the influence of atmospheric phenomena on coastal conditions and the need for increased vigilance and preparedness in coastal regions prone to such events. The rough seas have caused coastal erosion, increased water levels, high tides, and surges, damaging properties, infrastructure, and fishing equipment in Kerala's coastal areas.

Kannur is known for its weaving industry and folk art, Theyyam. The temporary suspension of beach tourism activities may impact tourism, emphasizing the importance of effective disaster management and preparedness measures in coastal areas.

(Source: www.outlooktraveller.com)





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