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# WELCOME

Happy to see you in this issue.

I'd like to welcome you all to the second issue of Travelwondersss travel magazine. Due to COVID countries have closed their borders, people are under lockdown and majority of the population lost job. Travel industry has been one of the worst hit as it depend on global mobility. In this situation Travelwondersss mission is to showcase some of the world's best destinations to visit immediately post COVID.

We are starting as small travel family and looking for its expansion. We have been working hard to develop inspiring, relevant content for the magazine. We're thrilled by the results, and we hope you are too.

We hope you enjoy this one.

**RAMYA SHANIVARSANTHE LEELESH**  
Editor-In-Chief

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# The Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada, USA

BY JEREMY LONG | FULL METAL TRAVELER

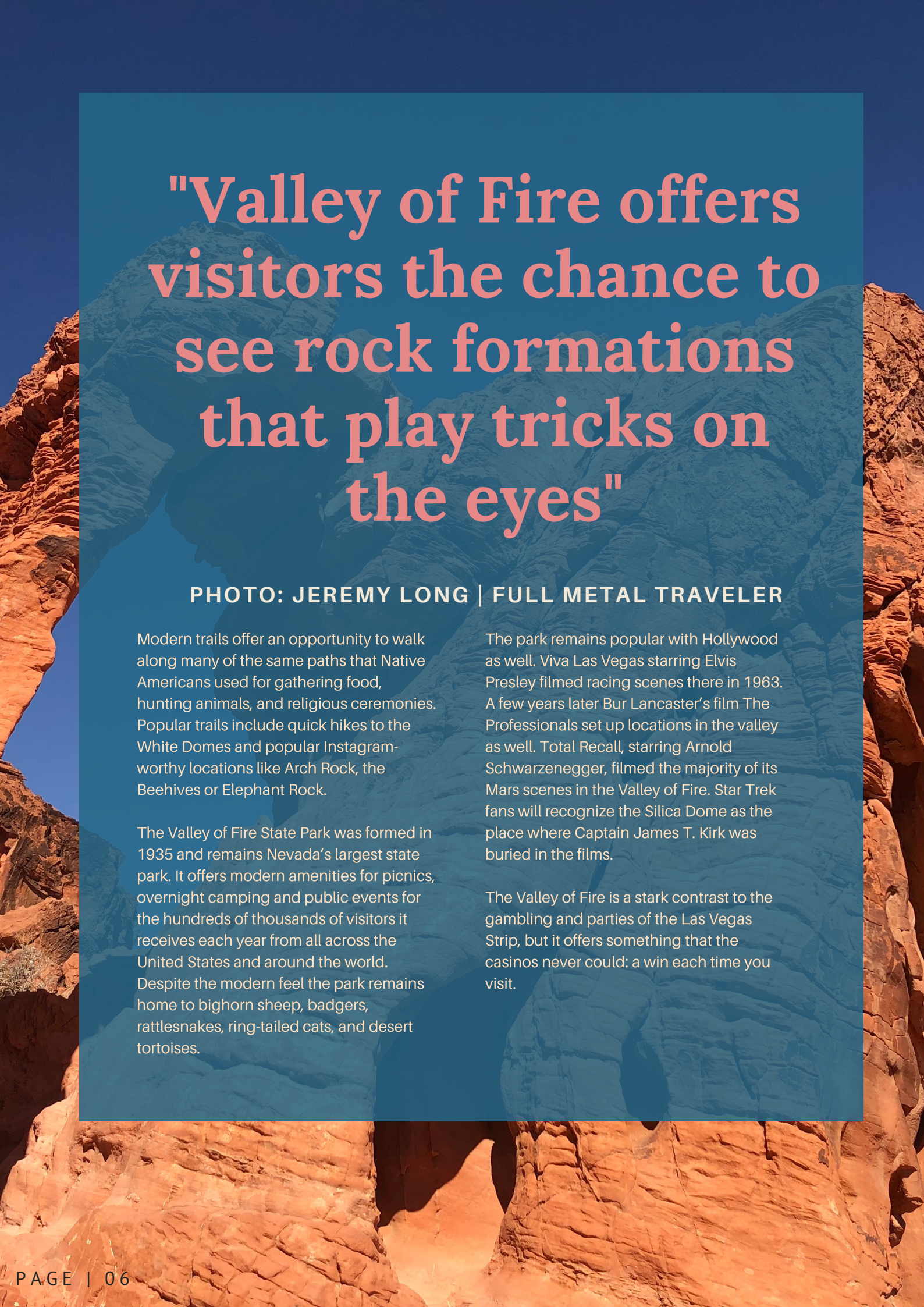
Just outside of Las Vegas, where the glittering lights of the casinos fade away, lies an area that has captivated and inspired humans for more than 4,000 years. The Valley of Fire rises from the sand of the Nevada landscape, cutting a path through the gray and tan limestone, revealing over 30,000 acres of brilliant red Aztec sandstone.

Carved by the warm, sweeping winds of the Moapa Valley desert over the course of 150-million years, from the Jurassic Age of the dinosaurs, the Valley of Fire offers visitors the chance to see rock formations that play tricks on the eyes as they seemingly change color and shape as the sun shifts overhead. Petrified logs and stumps, can be found in locations within the valley, some dating back to 225-million years ago, before the valley was even formed.

Ancient Native American tribes, the Ancestral Puebloans or Anasazi, roamed the lands leaving behind ancient petroglyphs dating back over 2,000 years. The lack of consistent rain or water in the area, the valley only receives 4-inches of rain each year, prevented them from settling the area. While we don't know what exactly they were trying to tell us with their pictures of the wild beasts and timeworn riverbeds, we do know that the Valley of Fire continues to motivate those who love the outdoors and adventurers at heart.







# "Valley of Fire offers visitors the chance to see rock formations that play tricks on the eyes"

PHOTO: JEREMY LONG | FULL METAL TRAVELER

Modern trails offer an opportunity to walk along many of the same paths that Native Americans used for gathering food, hunting animals, and religious ceremonies. Popular trails include quick hikes to the White Domes and popular Instagram-worthy locations like Arch Rock, the Beehives or Elephant Rock.

The Valley of Fire State Park was formed in 1935 and remains Nevada's largest state park. It offers modern amenities for picnics, overnight camping and public events for the hundreds of thousands of visitors it receives each year from all across the United States and around the world. Despite the modern feel the park remains home to bighorn sheep, badgers, rattlesnakes, ring-tailed cats, and desert tortoises.

The park remains popular with Hollywood as well. Viva Las Vegas starring Elvis Presley filmed racing scenes there in 1963. A few years later Bur Lancaster's film The Professionals set up locations in the valley as well. Total Recall, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, filmed the majority of its Mars scenes in the Valley of Fire. Star Trek fans will recognize the Silica Dome as the place where Captain James T. Kirk was buried in the films.

The Valley of Fire is a stark contrast to the gambling and parties of the Las Vegas Strip, but it offers something that the casinos never could: a win each time you visit.



# ICONIC SIGHTS IN LONDON

Guide  
for the  
first-time  
traveler







Headed to

LONDON ?

Here are the top  
spots to put in  
your itinerary



# Big Ben

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A British  
cultural  
icon and  
UNESCO World  
Heritage  
site







# Palace of Westminster

"Houses of Parliament"  
United Kingdom.



# Tower Bridge London

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Experience  
the thrill of  
seeing London  
life through  
the Glass  
Floor..



See the  
city 443  
feet from  
above!

# The London Eye





# Buckingham Palace

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Visit the state  
rooms of the  
Queen's official  
residence.



A historic site for  
royal coronations,  
burials, and  
weddings

# Westminster Abbey



# Kensington Palace

Relive Princess  
Diana's life  
through her  
Memorial Walk.



# PRAGUE

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# PRAGUE

## *No more the hidden gem of Europe!*

Prague the capital city of Czech Republic (Czechia), is as beautiful as Paris. It's a country located at central Europe and is no more the hidden gem of Europe as it attracts 20 million visitors yearly. With picture square historic city, world-class architecture, castles, and romantic atmosphere, this central European city should definitely be on every travel list.

In the Middle Ages, Prague became the capital of Charles IV's Bohemian Kingdom, with Prague Castle the seat of the empire. Prague is home to a number of well-known cultural attractions, many of which survived the violence and destruction of 20th-century Europe.



**"THE VIEW FROM THE CASTLE IS OUTSTANDING. THE CITY LOOK MAJESTICALLY BEAUTIFUL"**

Main attractions include Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square with the Prague astronomical clock, and the Jewish Quarter. In 1992, the extensive historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.







# TOP ATTRACTIONS

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*A tour of central European city  
Prague!*

## **Charles Bridge**

One of the beautiful bridges in Europe, Charles Bridge was built in 1357. The bridge is particularly famous for its many fine old statues. Among the most important are those of Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV and John of Nepomuk. You can witness numerous artists performing on the bridge and can have spectacular views over the River Vltava. Take a long walk on the bridge while enjoying the music in the surrounding. It's highly recommended to visit the bridge at night.

## **Prague Castle**

Located in Prague's Hradcany neighborhood, Prague Castle once the home of Bohemia's kings, is today the official residence of the Czech Republic's President and one of the city's most visited tourist attractions. The castle is also the city's most recognizable landmark. It's an amazing castle and you need to buy a ticket to enter inside the castle. However, visitors can enter the castle complex for free, walk around the courtyards, and admire the historic buildings from the outside. One can get the majestic view of the town from the castle.





## THE OLD TOWN SQUARE AND THE ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK

The old town square is the best place to start exploring this beautiful city. Here, you'll find the Tyn Church, one of Prague's most recognizable building. It also includes markets, sex museum and other food shops. It is home to early 15th-century Astronomical Clock. This old town square is very famous for Christmas market.

## THE LENNON WALL

*A tribute to John Lennon*

The wall is tribute to former Beatle and peace campaigner John Lennon. The wall paintings got started to appear immediately after the singer's murder in 1980. The wall is located near the Charles Bridge and it became a place for fans to demonstrate their grief. This is one of the famous attractions in Prague.





# Astronomical Clock: Old Town Square

## St. Nicholas Church

In the Old Town area stands St. Nicholas Church. Built by Jesuits in the 18th century, church also features a bell tower, which visitors are permitted to climb and experience the spectacular view of the town.

## Wenceslas Square

Wenceslas Square is the main highlight of Prague's new town. It gives some of the city's best dining and restaurant experience as well as great shopping.

## Jewish Synagogue

Synagogue also called the Altneuschul is Europe's oldest active synagogue. Its Prague's first gothic style building.

## Where to stay in Prague

There are lot of options based on your preferences, from hostel to luxury hotels near city center. You can book the accommodation through [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or [Hostelworld.com](https://www.hostelworld.com) sites

## Prague Currency

The currency in Prague is the Czech Crown (CZK).





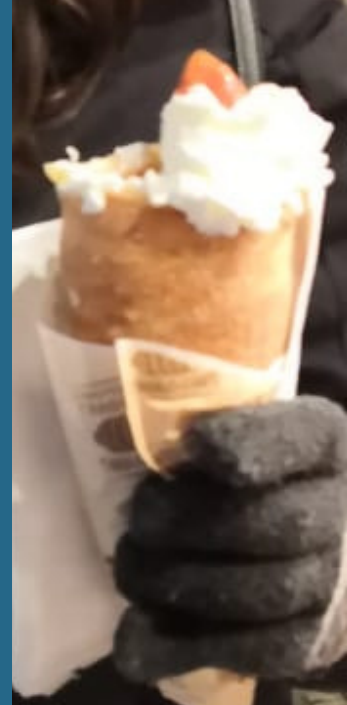


# Famous Street Food

The streets around old town sells hot wines, hot dogs, candies and trdelnik. My favorite was hot wine and trdelnik. Trdelnik is one of the most common and famous pastries to find on Prague's streets. You must try if you visit Prague!







## HOT DOG | HOT WINE | TRDELNIK

Hot Dogs and Hot Wine! It just  
Yummy. You should try it.  
Tradelnik is a Prague specialty,  
you should definitely try them





# HOW TO REACH

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## **By Air**

The city is well connected by Air and Railway from the important European cities. It is also well connected to other international destinations like USA, Canada and Middle East as there are direct flights run through these destinations.

From airport you can take bus 119 to Divoka Sarka and from there take tram no 20 to Malostranske namesti near Charles bridge and city center.

## **By Train**

The main train station is Praha Hlavní Nádraží. It is located in the city center, 5 minutes' walk from Wenceslas Square and 15 minutes from the Old Town Square. The second station is Nádraží Praha-Holešovice, situated just outside the center. From here you can travel into the center by tram, metro or taxi.



# Indians are eligible for visa free entry to European land, Serbia!

The only European country to approve visa-free entry to Indian passport holders!



## Visa-Free Entry To Eastern European Country Serbia!



**BY RAMYA SHANIVARSANTHE LEELESH**

Do you know Indian citizens are now eligible for visa-free travel in Europe? Yes! You heard it right! The Government of the Republic of Serbia has announced visa exemption for Indian nationals holding ordinary passports. Henceforth, Indian nationals can visit the eastern European country without a visa. Indians can enter, transit through and stay in Serbia without a visa, for 30 days from the date of entry, within a period of one year.

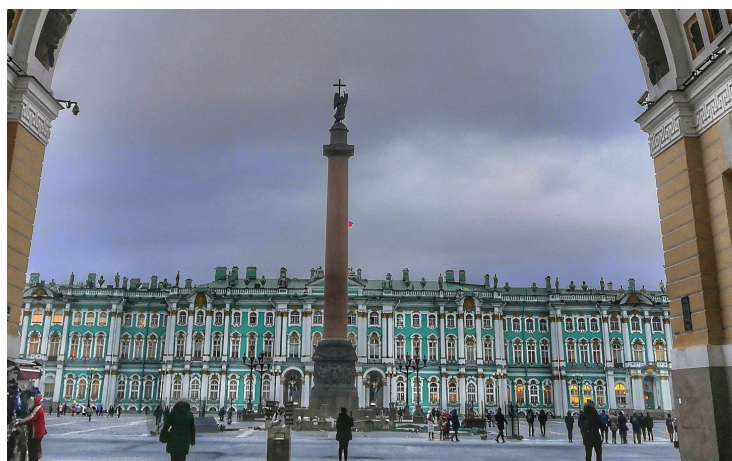
Serbia is a non-EU and non-Schengen Country. Belgrade being the capital, is one of the least expensive capitals in Europe. It borders Hungary to the north, Romania to the northeast, Bulgaria to the southeast, North Macedonia to the south, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina to the west, and Montenegro to the southwest. Serbia is attractive to tourists and safe for travel. Enjoy your days in Serbia!





State Hermitage Museum is the most prestigious and world's second largest museum after Louvre in Paris. It's the most popular attraction of St Petersburg, Russia and one of the must visit attractions for first time visitors in the city. Situated near the palace square, it's having more than 3 million items in its collection. The Hermitage museum collections occupy a large complex of six historic buildings. Of the six buildings in the main museum complex, five—namely the Winter Palace, Small Hermitage, Old Hermitage, New Hermitage, and Hermitage Theater—are open to the public

It opens at 10.30am to 6.00pm and it costs 600 rubles to visit this museum. From 9th July, 2020 museum started online tickets to enter the museum costing around 500 rubles. An electronic ticket will be valid for the chosen time slot and route only on one particular day. Here is our guide to explore this museum without any hassle.



#### **Western European Art Collections**

The Western European Art collection includes European paintings, sculpture, and applied arts. It is displayed, in about 120 rooms, on the first and second floor of the four main buildings. It is one of the world's finest collections, containing masterpieces from all the major centers of Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries.



## POPULAR ATTRACTION OF ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA AND WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST MUSEUM AFTER LOUVRE IN PARIS.

### **Egyptian Antiquities**

Covering 31 halls, the Antiquities Collection includes Assyrian, Mesopotamian, and Egyptian artifacts, as well as huge quantities of Greek and Roman statuary. The most famous attraction caught my eyes was Egyptian mummy! Yes, it forms the part of permanent display in Hall-100 of the Winter Palace.

### **Prehistoric Arts**

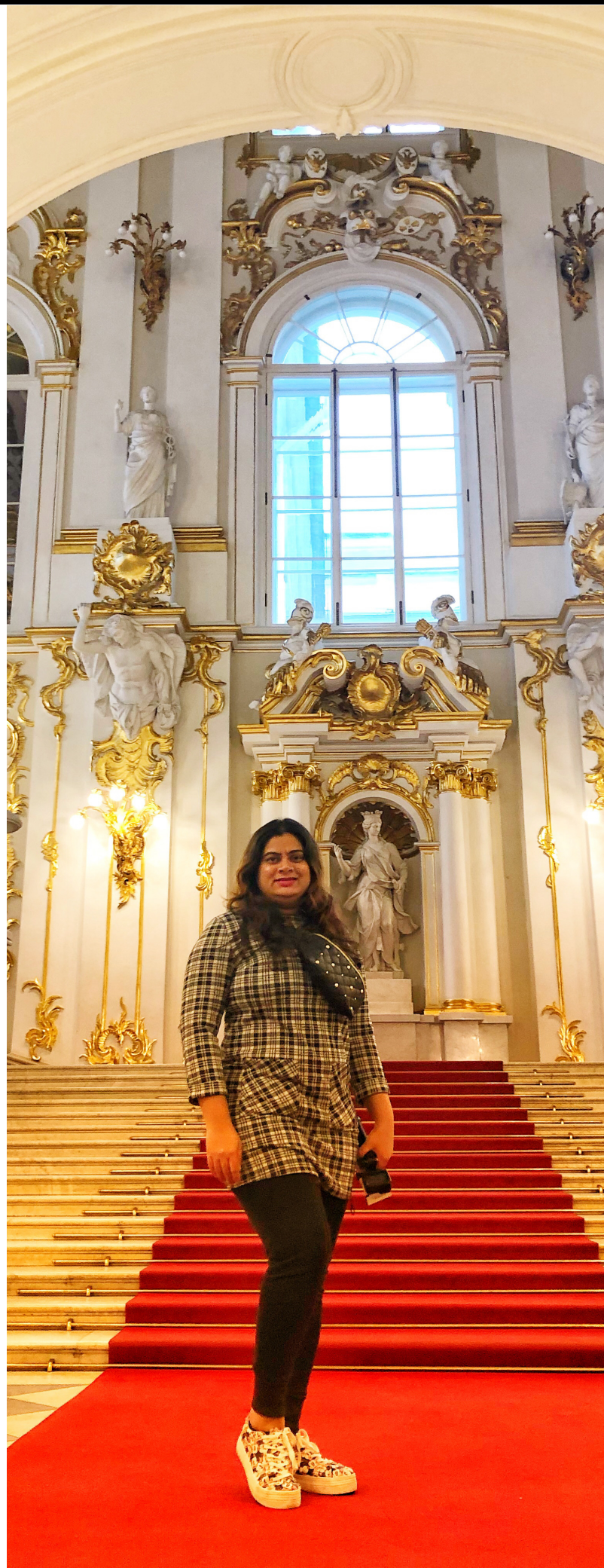
The prehistoric artifacts date from the Paleolithic to the Iron Age and were excavated all over Russia and other parts of the former Soviet Union and Russian Empire. Among them is a renowned collection of the art and culture of nomadic tribes of the Altai from Pazyryk and Bashadar sites, including the world's oldest surviving knotted-pile carpet and a well-preserved wooden chariot, both from the 4th–3rd centuries BC. It occupies two sections of the ground floor of the Winter Palace.

### **German, Swiss, British, French Fine Art**

The first floor rooms on the southern facade of the Winter Palace are occupied by the collections of German fine art of the 16th century and French fine art of the 15th–18th centuries, including paintings by Poussin, Lorrain, and Watteau

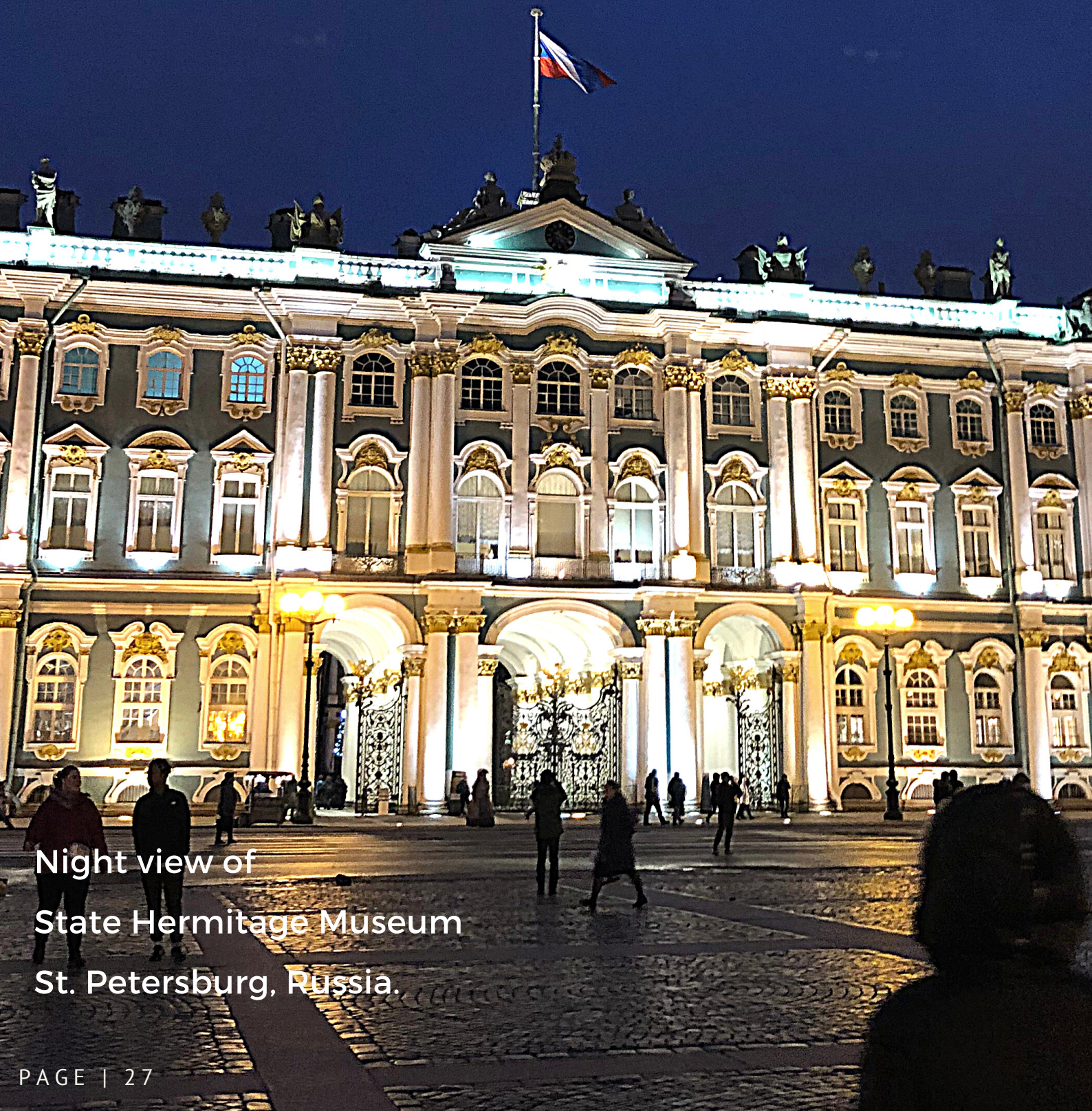
### **Russian Art**

The first floor of the Winter Palace on its eastern, northern and western sides are part of the Russian culture collection and host the exhibitions of Russian art from the 11th–19th centuries.





BY: RAMYA SHANIVARSANTHE LEELESH



Night view of  
State Hermitage Museum  
St. Petersburg, Russia.



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INSIDE A CULTURE:

# Mahabalipuram



Mahabalipuram also called Mamallapuram is a historic port city in the Kancheepuram district of Tamil Nadu. It is a UNESCO world heritage site. The city was named by Narasimhavarman I of Pallava dynasty in 7th Century BCE. Pallavas are famous for the magnificent and excellent architecture. Mahabalipuram is one of the oldest cities in India and now its one of the major tourist attractions near Chennai. Mahabalipuram is famous for its serene beach, monoliths, stone carvings and cave temples.

Mahabalipuram is located around 56 kilometres from Chennai. The nearest airport to Mahabalipuram is at Chennai.

You can drive or hire a cab to reach Mahabalipuram from Chennai. You can also take the bus between Chennai and Mahabalipuram. The nearest railway station is Chengalapattu, which is around 30 km from Mahabalipuram.

**Shore temple:** The Shore Temple complex is located on Mahabalipuram beach. This is one of the surviving structure of the legendary Seven Pagodas. The temple was built between 700 and 728 CE. The temple complex is very near to the sea, and has three temples. Two temples are dedicated to Lord Shiva and one to Lord Vishnu. The temple is in Dravidian style.



# UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

## MAHABALIPURAM IS ONE OF THE OLDEST CITIES IN INDIA

**Pancha Rathas:** Pancha Ratha means five chariot. Each chariot is carved over a single monolithic rock. These are often mistaken as temples. The structures were never completed following the death of Narasimhavarman II. The names of the Rathas are Draupadi Ratha, Arjuna Ratha, Nakula-Sahadeva Ratha, Bhima Ratha, Dharmarja Ratha. Apart from the rathas, there are three large sculptures of Lion, Elephant and Nandi.

**Sthalasayana Perumal Temple:** The temple is located close to Arjuna's Penance, the most famous landmark of the Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram. The temple has a seven tiered raja gopura which was built during 15-16th century. The main temple houses lord Vishnu in reclining posture. The processional deity Ulaguyyaninran is also located within the main temple. The temple tank called Pundarika Pushkarani with a small pillared mandapa in its centre is located outside the temple.

**Krishna Mandapam :** The carvings within the Mandapam depicts Krishna lifting the Govardhana Hill on the finger of his left hand to save the people from a severe floods caused by rains showered by Indra. People with their cattle are shown taking shelter under the mountain



### **Descent of Ganges (Arjuna's Penance) :**

Descent of Ganges or famously known as Arjuna's Penance, is a giant open-air carving carved on two monolithic rock boulders. The carving depicts the story of the descent of the sacred river Ganges to earth from the heavens led by Bhagiratha. The descent of the Ganges and Arjuna's Penance are portrayed in stone. This is one of the Group of Monuments at Mamallapuram that were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984. The boulders measure 15 by 30 metres. Many of the figures of gods, people, half-humans and animals carved are in life size

**Krishna Butter Ball:** The boulder is approximately 6 meters high and 5 meters wide. This weighs around 250 tonnes.

It feels that the boulder is floating and barely stand on a slope on top of 1.2-meter (4 ft) high plinth which is a naturally eroded hill. It is said to have been at the same place for last 1200 years.

There are several other temples which are very beautifully carved. These temples are one of the finest testimonial to the ancient Hindu rock-cut cave architecture.

**Mahabalipuram Lighthouse :** Mahabalipuram Lighthouse was built and became fully functional on 1904. The lighthouse has been open to tourists since 2011. India's oldest lighthouse which was built around 640 AD by Pallava king Mahendra Pallava stands next to this modern structure. The Pallava era lighthouse is a protected monument and is maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.







# Ancient monuments and Hindu temples







**THE  
MOUNTAINS  
ARE  
CALLING  
AND  
I MUST GO**



# TALES OF KULLU-MANALI

BY LEELESH B K

*Natural beauty such as snow covered mountains, lush green grasses, beautiful Hindu and Buddhist temples*

It was the winter of 2015 when my daughter with her friend, planned the trip to Manali, India the treasure of extreme natural beauty, where the charm and nature has not been affected by the industrialization. On the break of the day, I joined them in Bangalore. Yes, flight will take us by an hour to Delhi. But we preferred train to have an experience of long journey of 2500KM, of 28 hours, through the land of diversity. We started our journey by express train from Chennai to Agra with an intention of visiting Taj Mahal, and then to Manali

On the journey to the destination, we had awesome experience, and sweet memories which will last forever. It is obvious to people of south to have many misconception regarding people from north, because of conservative surrounding and limited knowledge of north. But when situations and events are prima facie, on each stop, each district, states, as we pass, we experienced the other side of the coin. The different cultured people, speaking different languages, made us to understand what the real diversity is?







# ALONG THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY

A Muslim family joined us, up to Nagpur. I am very glad that they shared many of their views, problems, with us with open mind. We felt lonely when they got down at Nagpur.

When we were crossing the border of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, on Chambal River bridge, we got an opportunity to get a flash back of 1970's Chambal valley Dacoits. The famous Dacoits like Phoolan Devi, Paan Singh Tomar, Maan Singh and Nirbhay Singh Gujjar are still household tales in these areas. But for many, they were the symbol of rebellion against the tyranny of the upper castes and elite against those who belong to lower castes.

Among these we can't forget Phoolan Devi', who has ruled Chambal nearly a decade, was surrendered and imprisoned in 1983. After her release in 1996, she was elected as M.P in 1999 and served Mirzapur till her assassination in 2001.

We reached Agra by 5 am and checked in to a hotel for freshening up. We checked out from the hotel by 7.0 am kept our luggage's in reception counter, and hurried to Taj Mahal. The glory and beauty of Taj Mahal on the bank of river Yamuna, made us to lose our self. With the help of our rickshaw wala, we could catch our train to Delhi as he brought our luggage's from the reception to station on time.

Upon arrival to old Delhi, we hired a rickshaw to the Majnu Ka Tilla, from there we had to catch bus to Manali. We experienced friendly nature of a Delhi rickshaw wala. He was polite, friendly and voluntarily showed all important places on the way and narrated them more than a tourist guide. Thanks to rickshaw wala.

From Delhi, we took a bus to Manali. On the way, bus has stopped (It is 384.2 km away from Manali.) for dinner at 'Kurkshethra'. We were thrilled to hear the name itself.





# Nature at its best!

PHOTOGRAPHY: LEELESH B K

Moreover, having a roti and cup of coffee on the soil of Kurukshethra, where the great Mahabaratha war was fought, is matter of proud for us. As we moved on serpentine road, we witnessed on either side of the road vista of sylvan, and glimpses of the white sheep grazing on the shelter of sky scraping mountains, deep dells, soothed our eyes and heart. The white snow covered sky scraping mountains, in between swinging clouds, waah... a supernatural beauty was in realization before us. Thank God for his creativity.

We reached Manali by 6 am, checked into the hotel Astha Cottage, which is on the mountain top. Around the hotel there was breath taking views of snow covered mountains, we felt as if we were in haven. For dinner we went to the Mall Road. We enjoyed the chilling weather, with delicious dinner.

We were delighted when we visited Solang Valley' the next morning, where we had pleasant experience of walking through snow covered hills. We also took a small photo break near Beas River and the famous Solang Valley Bridge. On the way to valley, on both side of the road there were shops dealing in special clothing, shoes, sticks on rental base. It was fun to us to wear these dresses.







More over one can't move on the snow fields without these special dresses. In Solang valley amenities are available for adventures activity like skiing, paragliding, etc.

We visited Hidimba Temple situated under the shadow of great Himalayan mountains, surrounded by a cedar forest called Dhungiri Van Vihar. It was about to sun set, when we entered the temple, due to lack of light inside, the gloom of darkness, the low light form burning holy lamp, and a shining image representing goddess Hidimba Devi, has created mysterious divine feeling.

The structure of the temple has four-tiered pagoda-shaped roof, and a carved doorway that is embellished with figures of Hindu gods and symbols.

This wood and stone temple is dedicated to Hadimba, the wife of Bhīma, one of the Pandava brothers of the Mahabharata. It was constructed around 1553, and is located in the middle of the Dhungri Park. In walkable distance, there is a shrine dedicated to the 'Ghatotkach', the son of Bhīma and Hidimba.

Later we visited to Tibetan Monastery near Mall Road. Tibetan Monastery is one of the oldest and famous places in Manali. Due to huge number of Tibetan population settled in Kullu & Manali area, Tibetan Monasteries has been set up. Tibetan Monasteries are one of the popular sightseeing places in Manali. Then we went for shopping in Mall Road, bought hand bag and jackets and later had yummy dinner and headed back to the hotel.

The next day it was snowing heavily and nature looked heavenly beautiful. All the roads were blocked due to heavy snow fall so we couldn't move out. We enjoyed our day at hotel by playing in the fresh snow and relaxing. Finally, by 5.15 pm we checked out the hotel, and we were in a hurry to catch the bus back to Delhi. The bus stop was almost gloomy and silent. Unfortunately, our bus was cancelled and we were not informed. We got frustrated! Thanks to the taxi driver! He over took and stopped the last bus to Delhi. As we boarded the bus he wished us "Happy journey" and left. The lines of Iqbal Husens song was ringing in my mind 'Sare Jahan se Achha, Hindustan Hamara...'.



## **HIDIMBA TEMPLE, MANALI**

the gloom of darkness, the low light from burning holy lamp, and shining image representing goddess Hidimba Devi, has created mysterious divine feeling.







# BEAUTIFUL MANALI

On our return journey to Bangalore, I was little worried, when a gang of youngsters eating gutka had entered our compartment at Nasik and accompanied up to Pune. Actually we were fed up of their eccentric behavior. On our compartment we were only three and the circumstances made me somewhat scared, because of my daughter and her friend. But we slowly managed them, by mingling with them friendly, and at last, they started respecting us, and absolutely they were silent. After reaching Pune they wished us cordially and left! Such were the circumstances and situations we faced. I will always cherish the sweet memories of this journey



BY GAURAV P R

# PHUKET







# the journey to the amazing land of Thailand

**"THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO DO NOT TRAVEL READ ONLY A PAGE".**

The travel bug in me and my wife always wanted to see new countries. As we sat discussing about places to travel, we had planned to travel to South East Asia. By further discussion and planning we finally decided our destination that's Thailand. It is very famous among Indian tourists for its serene beaches, islands to shopping malls. Whenever someone thinks of Thailand, the first airline to come in mind is Air Asia.

We searched for flights from Bangalore to Don Mueng, but the fares were high. The next nearest Airport with cheapest flights was Chennai. Booking done!!!

Now how to reach Chennai?? That was sorted as we booked our bus tickets with KSRTC. So, the travel in India was sorted. We booked a beautiful hotel on Booking.com. We booked our first island hopping tour online via Phuket travel company in Phuket. Both the transactions were smooth and without any hassle.





**Day 1** - We hired a bike near our hotel and set off to explore some important places in Phuket. We rode to Big Buddha statue in Chalong Phuket. You can witness the majestic buddha statue and get beautiful views from the top of the hill. Next stop was Wat Chalong which is one of Phuket's most important temples. This temple is visited by thousands each year. The temple is beautifully painted with Buddhas life journey. The temple is surrounded by Pagodas. Then visited Baan Teelanka, the upside-down house of Phuket. Click some most amazing photos here which you can invert to make look that you are hanging around illusion. Later went back to Phuket where we booked the second island hopping tour with Phuket travel company. The night was spent having some Thai food and a stroll on the Bangla road.

# Travel. checked. Rooms & Tours. Checked... Now what??

PACK THE BAGS AND GO.

BY GAURAV P R

We reached Don Mueng airport, Bangkok, and here comes the time to procure our On Arrival Visa. After waiting for some hours in queue, we got our visa. We then boarded our next flight to Phuket. We had given enough time between two flights which will allow us to get the Visa and freshen up for the next journey. From Phuket airport, we boarded a shared taxi to our hotel.







# Big Buddha

EXPLORE THIS CITY OF BEACHES!

**Day 2** - We were picked from our Hotel by tour company, and were taken to a Boat Lagoon Pier near Old Phuket. From there our island hopping to Phi Phi started. Arrived at Phi Phi islands, we visited Monkey beach and Viking cave. Snorkelling in the Pileh Lagoon which has some colourful tropical fishes. Sightseeing the stunning and impressive cliffs of the Bay. We then had a buffet lunch on beach restaurant on Phi Phi Don. Next, we were taken to Khai Nok Island where we had some more time to relax along the beautiful shores. We then departed from Khai Nok to Phuket, and were dropped back to our Hotel by tour operator. The night again went off with Pub hopping in Bangla Road.





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## PHUKET NIGHT LIFE ☺ ☐

BANGLA ROAD-PHUKET

**Day 3** - We were picked from our hotel by tour company, and were taken to a Ao Po pier. We headed to Hong Island with its famous limestone rock for an amazing canoeing scenery. We took a ride in the canoe and was taken inside the limestone rocks and islands. Later we went to Panak Island to enjoy more fantastic limestones. We then explored Ice Cream Cave, the most important cave in Phang Nga Bay with its large stalactites, stalagmites and bats. Enjoyed the most delicious lunch at a floating restaurant at Panyee Island, the Muslim village. Then we visited the world-famous James Bond Island with Ping Kan island. Later we went to the Naka Island where we were given some more free time to relax along the beautiful shores and enjoy the nature. We then departed from Khai Nok to Phuket, and were dropped back to our hotel by tour operator.

Who can miss the famous Thai massage?? Would you? Not us... We took a Thai massage which made us relaxed and relieved all the stress which has been built for last 3 days. We had to catch a flight the next day back to Bangkok and hence had dinner and hit our bed. We had booked the Taxi from the same operator as our flight was too early, and we were picked on time. As we boarded the flight, everything we did in last 3 days ran over, and we wished we could have had some more days to our disposal. We plan to fly again to Thailand once the COVID situation is under control and we will explore a new place this time.



# PHOTO GALLERY



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Manali the city on the lap of  
Himalayan mountains.





# Travel Binging

Ramya  
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Leelesh's regular  
column about  
food and travel

French food is known around the world for its finesse and flavor. French cuisine is so highly regarded around the world that in 2010 UNESCO added it to its list of intangible cultural heritage. In France, there are many traditional dishes, some of which you might know as they are popular all over the world. For many, French food is wine and cheese! Well no wonder why it's so famous! But there's a whole world of French cuisine beyond the cheeseboard and wine glasses.

Today's dish is **Flamiche** means 'cake' and this dish originates from Picardy, northern France near the border with Belgium. Traditionally made with a pastry crust filled with cheese and vegetables and resembles a quiche. Try this if you visit France.

*"Flamiche- French  
Puff Pastry tart  
made with cheese,  
vegetables and  
meat."*







# Crème au Caramel

My favorite dessert from the land of French is **Crème au Caramel** is a custard dessert with a layer of clear caramel sauce. Preparation is very simple, where sugar syrup cooked to caramel stage is poured into the mold before adding the custard base.

It is usually cooked in a bain-marie on a stovetop or in the oven in a water bath. Later can also be served with the caramel sauce on top. Today crème caramel occupied an excessively large amount of territory in European restaurant dessert menus.





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