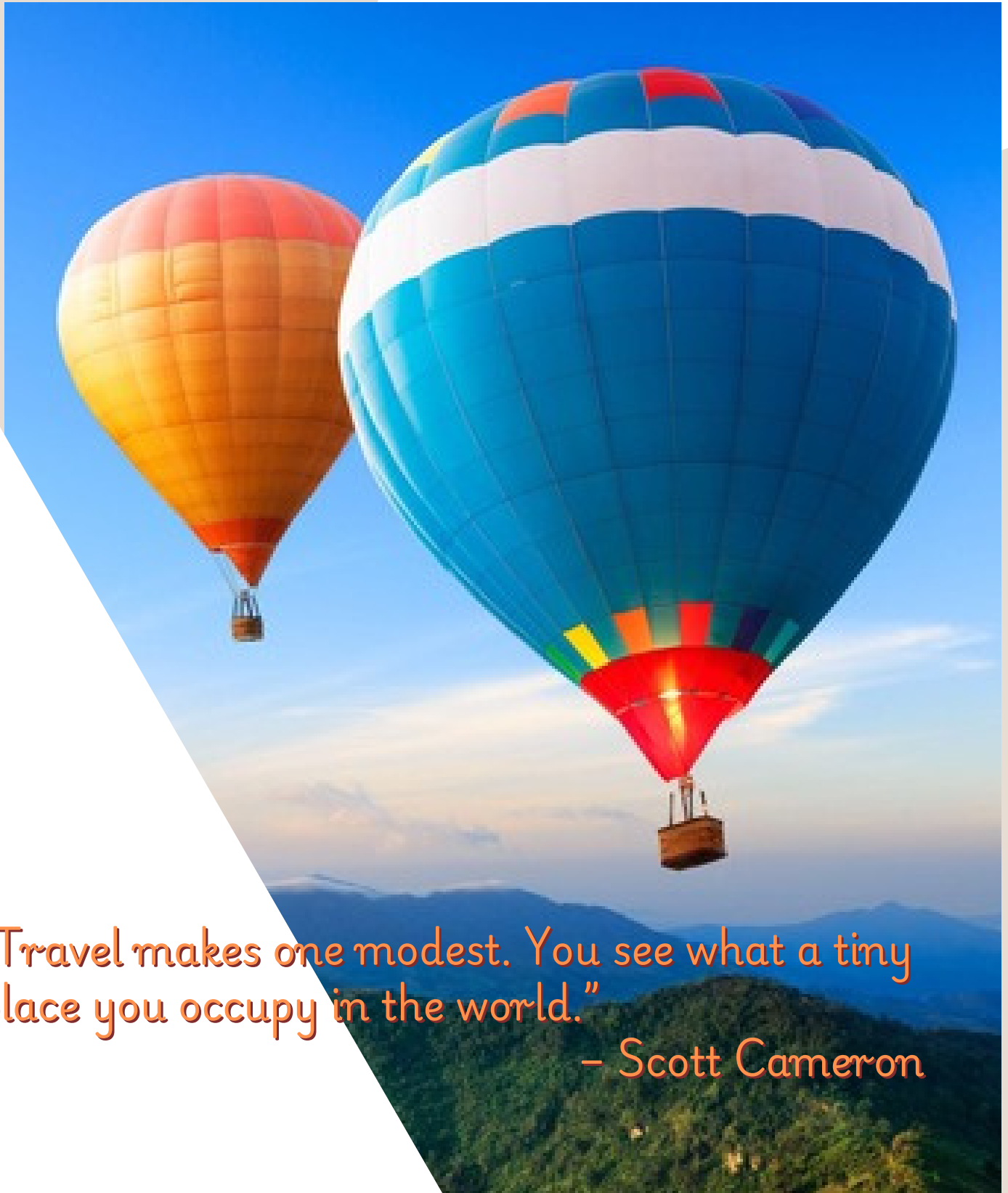


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"Travel makes one modest. You see what a tiny place you occupy in the world."

– Scott Cameron

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Dear students, parents, and colleagues

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of our Tourism Newsletter, a space where learning meets life, and where every page celebrates the spirit of discovery, service, and opportunity. As a skill subject teacher, I am especially proud to see Tourism recognised not merely as a subject, but as a vital skill area that helps young learners develop communication, confidence, empathy, professionalism, and an understanding of the world beyond the classroom. In today's connected world, tourism is far more than travel and leisure; it is the world's largest employer and a powerful launchpad for endless career possibilities, creating opportunities in hospitality, event management, guiding, digital travel content, sustainable tourism, entrepreneurship, and community development. For our students, this means that what they learn in class can translate into meaningful real-world pathways, whether they dream of working with people, creating experiences, managing destinations, or building their own ventures. This newsletter reflects that exciting journey through student voices, practical insights, and thoughtful features that show how tourism connects culture, economy, service, and sustainability. It reminds us that a good tourism professional is not only knowledgeable but also courteous, adaptable, observant, and responsible. I warmly invite every reader to approach these pages with curiosity and pride, and to see in them a reminder that learning Tourism is learning how to welcome, serve, understand, and lead in a world that is always on the move.

Ms. Poonam Sethi

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THE PASSPORT CHRONICLES

| KASHVI AHUJA XII



Imagine you're Reeya, a curious traveler from Delhi, flipping through your navy-blue Indian passport at an airport lounge, wondering about the colorful world of travel documents tucked in everyone's bags. Little did you know, passports aren't just tickets to adventure. They're stories in themselves, painted in vibrant hues and categories that whisper tales of nations, ranks, and journeys. Buckle up as we globe-trot through their secrets, one cover at a time.

Our story kicks off in Europe, where RAD PASSPORTS reign supreme like ruby crowns. Picture a French diplomat in maroon glory, striding through Paris airports, these shades symbolize EU unity and historical pacts, shared by over 100 countries from Germany to India (for its elite diplomats). They're the "club members" of the passport world, flashing power and privilege at borders.

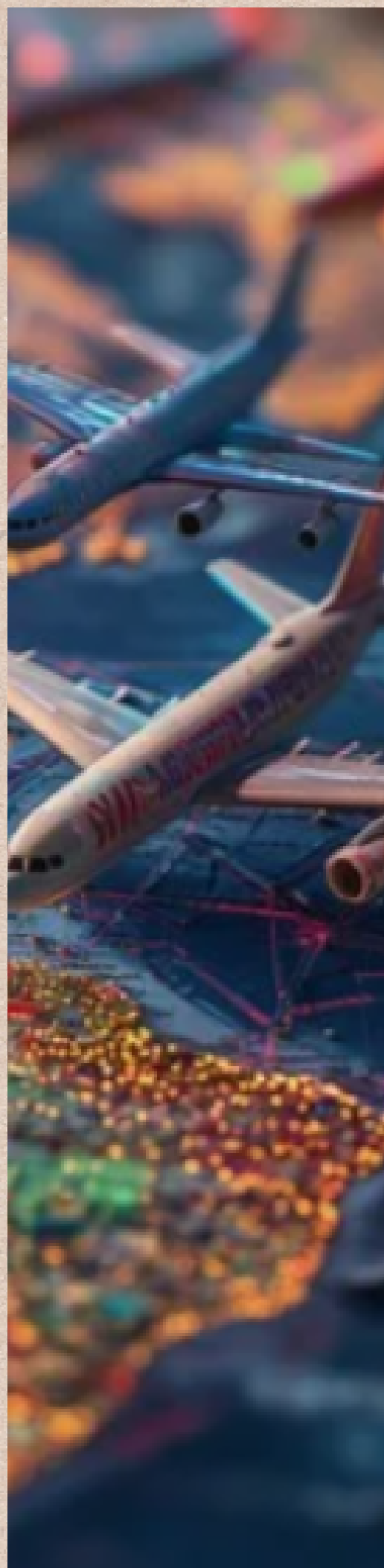
Zoom across the Atlantic to the Americas, where BLUE PASSPORT evokes endless skies and new horizons. Your American friend pulls out their cobalt classic, valid for a decade, perfect for beach hops or business jaunts.

Canada, Brazil, and even Australia joins this squad—blue screams "freedom of the open road," no fancy titles needed, just ordinary folks chasing dreams.

Then there's the mystical GREEN PASSPORT, these hues are passports from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria. Like emeralds in a desert tale, they nod to Islamic heritage, turning heads in Doha or Lagos. Not for show, practical for pilgrims and professionals navigating the Middle East.

Don't miss the shadowy BLACK OR DARK COVER PASSPORT, New Zealand's sleek choice or Africa's understated elegance. Rare but rugged, they're for those who value stealth over sparkle, blending tradition with toughness.

Now, rewind to India, where passports tell personal sagas through four striking colors. The everyday hero is the NAVY BLUE PASSPORT, your ticket for vacations or studies. Picture Reeya booking that Europe trip. But if you're a labor migrant, grab the ORANGE (OR BROWN) ECR version; it flags "emigration check required," ensuring safe overseas jobs.



Climbing up the ranks! The WHITE OFFICIAL PASSPORT is for government stars, on mission teachers like you coordinating international programs, minus the diplomatic dazzle.

Top-tier! Slip into the MAROON DIPLOMATIC pouch, reserved for ambassadors and VIPs, unlocking doors (and immunities) worldwide.

Beyond colors, special tales emerge...

REFUGEE BLUES for the displaced, EMERGENCY WHITES for crisis returns, or Hong Kong's RED HKSAR specials under China's umbrella. Each one's a chapter, biometric chips adding modern magic, colors just quick cues for border wizards.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE YOUR PASSPORT?

But every epic has a plot twist...

What if disaster strikes? Picture Reeya in Rome, heart sinking as pickpockets swipe her blue lifeline. Panic? Not necessarily! Here's the hero's playbook.

First, dash to the nearest police station for a theft report (FIR in India) your golden ticket. Don't forget to snap photos of your docs beforehand! Now race to the Indian embassy (or your home country) email scans, visa copies, tickets, and fresh photos. They'll whip up a reissue or emergency certificate in days, forwarding it to Delhi for polish. Airlines hold flights; travel insurance foots bills.

**Pro tip: Stay put, breathe, and befriend locals, embassies prioritize lost souls like clockwork.*

Back home safe, Reeya toasts with chai: Passports aren't paper, they're portals to stories untold. From RED royals to BLUE wanderers, they color our world. Excited about your next trip? Pack backups, chase horizons, and let the adventures unfold.

Types of Indian Passport



Blue/Normal Passport
for Ordinary Citizens



White Passport
for IAS/IPS Officials



Orange Passport for
Indians who have not
studied beyond Class X



Maroon/ Diplomatic
Passport for Government
Officials

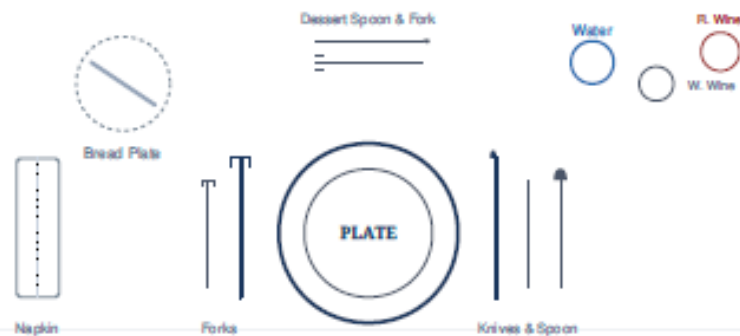
*"Travel far enough,
you meet yourself."
- David Mitchell*

FORMAL DINING ETIQUETTE

THE QUICK-REFERENCE CHEAT SHEET FOR SOPHISTICATED PROTOCOL

SHAGUN MEHRA XII H

VISUAL GUIDE: FORMAL TABLE SETTING



THE LOGIC OF THE TABLE MAP

The "Outside-In" Progression Rule

Utensils are precisely arranged in the chronological order of the courses. Always begin your meal with the implements placed furthest from the plate and work your way inward as each new course arrives.

The Geometric Left/Right Division

Forks always sit to the left of the centerpiece plate. **Knives and Spoons** consistently sit to the right. Knife blades are strictly turned inward facing the plate edge.

The "BMW" Spatial Memory Hack

To prevent taking an adjacent guest's food or drink, remember the acronym **BMW** scanning left-to-right:

B = Bread plate on the **Left**

M = Main meal plate in the **Middle**

W = Wine & water glasses on the **Right**



POST-MEAL & INTERMISSION PROTOCOL

How you rest your cutlery delivers silent structural signals to the service staff:

- **I am taking a pause:** Angle your knife and fork into an inverted "V" shape (the clock hands showing 4:20). The knife blade must look toward the plate interior.
- **I have finished my course:** Align your knife and fork perfectly parallel, pointed vertically up or angled slightly toward the top right (the clock hands showing 11:25 or 4:20 parallel). This indicates the plate can be removed.

ESSENTIAL NAPKIN ETIQUETTE

The napkin governs the pacing and spatial hygiene of your experience:

- 1 **Deployment:** Unfold your napkin smoothly under the table horizon as soon as you are seated. Fold it neatly in half and smooth it flat across your lap.
- 2 **Usage:** Only dab or blot gently at the lips. Never execute a sweeping wipe across your face.
- 3 **Leaving Temporarily:** Place the napkin neatly onto the seat of your chair if you step away. This alerts staff that you intend to return.
- 4 **The Conclusion:** When the host signals the close of the evening, casually place the loosely structured napkin back to the left side of your empty plate.



CRITICAL "DON'TS": TABLE TABOOS

- ✗ **Digital Trespassing:** Do not place a phone, key set, or smart device on the tablecloth. Keep them silenced inside a pocket or bag.
- ✗ **The Cantilevered Lean:** Do not lean your elbows on the table surface while food is present. Keep your wrists or hands relaxed on the edge.
- ✗ **Audible Commotion:** Do not speak while food remains in your mouth, and avoid chewing with lips parted. Silence all cutlery-on-plate scraping.
- ✗ **The Reach Infraction:** Do not stretch across a neighbor's plate grid to access items. Politely ask: *"Could you please pass the pepper?"*
- ✗ **Premature Dining:** Do not pick up your utensils until the host has actively lifted theirs or specifically invited the table to begin.
- ✗ **Grooming Sessions:** Do not use toothpicks, apply makeup, or comb hair at the dinner table. Excuse yourself to the restroom instead.

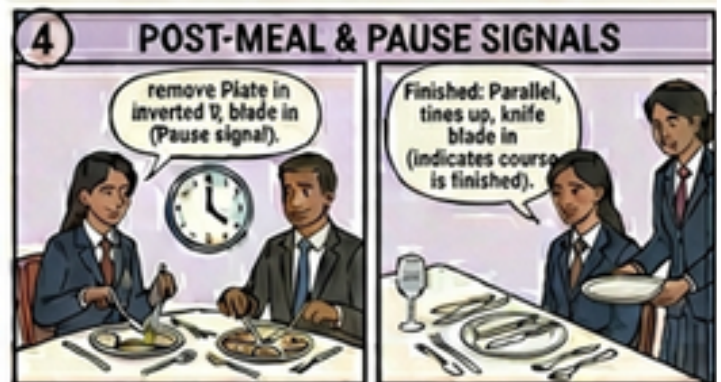
PRO-TIPS FOR SEAMLESS DINING

- **Passing Salt & Pepper:** Always pass the salt and pepper shakers together as a unified pair, even if requested individually.
- **Soup Trajectory:** Spoon your soup away from you toward the back of the bowl. Sip cleanly from the side edge of the spoon.
- **Bread Partitioning:** Do not bite into a full piece of bread. Tear off a single, bite-sized fragment, butter only that specific piece, and consume it.
- **Follow the Host:** When in complete structural doubt, quietly observe the senior host at the table and precisely mimic their cadence and posture.

SOFT SKILLS FOR GLOBAL TRAVELLERS

Formal Dining Etiquette Cheat Sheet

A Guide to Sophisticated Protocol



MY MUSICAL JOURNEY: WHERE SOUND MEETS PLACE

| SAMUDRA ASHIM DAS XIIH



I'm Samudra Ashim Das, 17 years old, an aspiring musician, audio engineer, and producer. But I'm also a tourism student. And for me, music isn't just a passion, it's my compass. In classrooms, I learn about visitor flows and experience design; on stage, I learn how a single chorus can make a night unforgettable.

The Journey So Far

My musical path began at age 4 with piano under the Trinity Course. But when my teacher noticed my natural sense of rhythm, she suggested I try drums. At 7 years old, I sat at a drum kit for the first time at Performers Collective under the Rockschoool Course—and played. My instructor was impressed that I'd already developed basic limb independence at that age.

Over the years, I've evolved through genres: from Rock to Progressive Metal, and now into R&B, Jazz Fusion, and Gospel. In December 2024, I joined The Bristles, a Dwarka-based high school Indie Pop and Rock band with bassist Arnav Chauhan (Class XF). We actively produce music on Spotify and Apple Music.

I'm now a Grade 8 Certified Rockschoool drummer, inspired by legends like Simon Phillips, Gavin Harrison, and the gospel drummers of the Gospelchops movement—Aaron Spears, Calvin Rodgers, and Devon 'Stixx' Taylor. I've won awards, competed in battle of bands competitions, and played gigs at reputed venues like the Pianoman in Gurugram.

WHERE MUSIC MEETS TOURISM

THAT CONNECTION BETWEEN SOUND AND PLACE IS WHY LIVE MUSIC HAS BECOME A MAJOR ENGINE OF TOURISM REVENUE AND URBAN IDENTITY. MUSIC IS A UNIVERSAL PASSPORT, IT DISSOLVES LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND GIVES CITIES DISTINCT EMOTIONAL SIGNATURES. THINK OF HOW SAMBA DEFINES RIO OR JAZZ CLUBS ANCHOR NEW ORLEANS' IDENTITY.

FOR ME, AS BOTH MUSICIAN AND TOURISM STUDENT, THAT OVERLAP IS WHERE I WANT TO LIVE PROFESSIONALLY COMPOSING SONGS THAT BECOME PART OF A CITY'S SOUNDSCAPE.

CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS DON'T JUST FILL VENUES; THEY FILL HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND MARKETS. THEY CREATE SEASONAL PEAKS AND GENERATE RIPPLE EFFECTS THROUGH TICKET SALES, MERCHANDISE, AND HOSPITALITY PACKAGES. EVENT MANAGEMENT STAGING, LIGHTING, SECURITY, TICKETING TRANSLATES CREATIVITY INTO LIVELIHOODS. WHEN PROMOTERS AND TOURISM BOARDS PACKAGE CONCERTS WITH CURATED ITINERARIES, A SINGLE PERFORMANCE BECOMES A MULTI-DAY REASON TO VISIT.

What's Next

I'm deeply grateful to Sir Hornganing Muinao (Aning Sir) for providing me a platform to play at higher levels and get hired for sessions since my admission in May 2025, and to our respected Principal Ma'am for her constant encouragement.

I'm also developing audio engineering skills, learning Digital Audio Workstations and developing an ear for tuning drum kits, skills that make me employable in today's music industry.

Scan the QR code below to listen to The Bristles on Spotify. I hope my music stirs something in you and galvanizes your courage to pursue your own dream. One gig, one playlist, one shared night at a time, I believe I can make history soon.



Scan me!



BLEISURE ADVENTURES FOR THE BOHO SOUL

RIAANNA MAHAJAN XII H



It's your ticket to blend must-do meetings with dream escapes. A Mumbai marketer adds Goa's golden sands post-pitches.

A Bangalore trekker extends to Coorg's misty estates after a seminar. Platforms like Booking.com report bleisure bookings up 82% since 2020—travelers staying longer, spending deeper on local gems.

*Close your eyes and jump back to March 2020: The world freezes, but for travel lovers like you, a hidden gift emerges from the chaos. Offices go dark, and work-from-home becomes the new normal. No more soul-crushing commutes, just your laptop, a strong Wi-Fi signal, and the open road calling. For globe-trotters like Priya, a Delhi-based tourism curator, this was pure bliss. COVID didn't steal travel; it reinvented it as **bleisure—business + leisure**. Why fly home after a conference when you can linger in paradise?*

But for us tourism enthusiasts, bleisure is more than convenience. It's the gateway to regenerative tourism: trips that restore destinations, not just visit them. Picture Bani in Rishikesh. Post-webinar, she swaps her laptop for a raft on the Ganges, joining locals in river cleanups.

Her extended stay at a community homestay funds yoga retreats run by Himalayan villagers—regenerating rivers, traditions, and trust. Regenerative isn't "Greenwashing"; it's leaving places thriving.

Leisure shines here: longer stays mean real immersion. Dine at Odisha's tribal kitchens, hike Ladakh's high-altitude trails with yak herders, or weave with Kutch artisans in Gujarat. Your wallet revives forgotten villages.

India's a bleisure playground for regenerators. In Kerala, wrap up Ayurvedic training, then paddle Alleppey's backwaters, supporting houseboat co-ops that protect mangroves. Himachal's Spiti Valley! Morning client calls from a solar-powered guesthouse, evenings stargazing with monks, funding conservation that fights climate melt. A 2025 WTTC study shows bleisure injects \$200 billion globally, with 40% boosting local lives when you choose wisely: farm-to-table eats, offbeat trails, and ethical guides.

Here's a quintessential playbook for travel enthusiasts:

- **Hunt hidden hubs:** Pair Delhi business with a Ranthambore safari extension, tiger tracking regenerates park economies.
- **Stay local, stay long:** Skip chains for Rajasthan's village camps, your nights power women-led crafts.
- **Tech your trek:** Apps like Regenerate Travel match work spots with impact tours.
- **Track your ripple:** Use tools like TripZero to offset and amplify your good. Imagine March 2020: The world freezes, but for travel lovers like you, a hidden gift emerges from the chaos. Offices go dark, and work-from-home becomes the new normal. No more soul-crushing commutes, just your laptop, a strong Wi-Fi signal, and the open road calling. For globe-trotters like Priya, a Delhi-based tourism curator, this was pure bliss. COVID didn't steal travel; it reinvented it as bleisure, business + leisure. Why fly home after a conference when you can linger in paradise?

- *Vadha's story starts in Jaipur. A quick business hop for a heritage workshop turns epic: mornings sealing deals from a haveli's rooftop, afternoons lost in Johari Bazaar's jewel chaos, or a hot-air balloon over Nahargarh. Bleisure hooked her!*
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Shruti nailed it in the Andamans. Business meetings in Port Blair flowed into scuba dives with indigenous guides, her fees restoring coral reefs battered by cyclones. No fleeting selfies—just deep bonds that heal ecosystems.

Yet, the plot thickens: *bleisure can falter without your savvy. Avoid overtouristed traps; demand regenerative options from hotels and apps. Push destinations, India's "Incredible India 2.0" could spotlight bleisure circuits linking heritage with homestays.*

Today, in 2026, Priya's plotting your blueprint: Mumbai deals + Konkan coast kayaking, or Chennai conferences + Pondy's French Quarter soul-searching. COVID's bliss birthed this era—work-anywhere freedom fueling soulful sojourns.

Fellow enthusiasts, seize it! Bleisure isn't a trend; it's your manifesto. Blend hustle with heart, business with bliss. Extend that trip. Dive into regenerative rhythms. Wander longer, give deeper. The world's trails, tribes, and treasures await, not just to welcome you, but to bloom anew because you came. Pack your laptop. The adventure regenerates.



TOURISM: THE WORLD'S LARGEST EMPLOYER AND A LAUNCHPAD FOR ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES

| KANAK LIKHAR XII-H

Imagine a world where your passion for people, places, and stories doesn't just pay the bills, it reshapes economies and ignites entrepreneurial dreams. That's the tourism industry for you: the undisputed heavyweight champion of global employment, outpacing manufacturing, tech, and finance combined. Employing one in every ten people worldwide, over 330 million jobs as of recent estimates, it's not just an industry; it's a thriving ecosystem that welcomes dreamers, hustlers, and wanderlust-driven entrepreneurs with open arms.



Why Tourism Reigns as the Top Employer?

Tourism's dominance stems from its multiplier effect: every traveler sparks a chain reaction of jobs. A single international tourist dropping \$1,000 might employ a hotel chef, a taxi driver, a souvenir artisan, and a digital marketer for that viral Instagram reel. The World Travel & Tourism Council pegs its contribution at 10.4% of global GDP, with direct employment in hospitality alone hitting 319 million pre-pandemic, rebounding stronger in 2026 amid revenge travel booms.

In developing nations like India, it sustains 42 million jobs, from Delhi's bustling street vendors to Goa's resort staff. Globally, it's resilient, weathering crises faster than others. Thanks to pent-up demand from millennials and Gen Z, who prioritize experiences over possessions. For the entrepreneurial generation, this isn't drudgery; it's a goldmine. Low entry barriers mean you can start with a backpack and a smartphone, scaling from freelance tour guide to boutique hotel owner.

A Spectrum of Employment Opportunities:

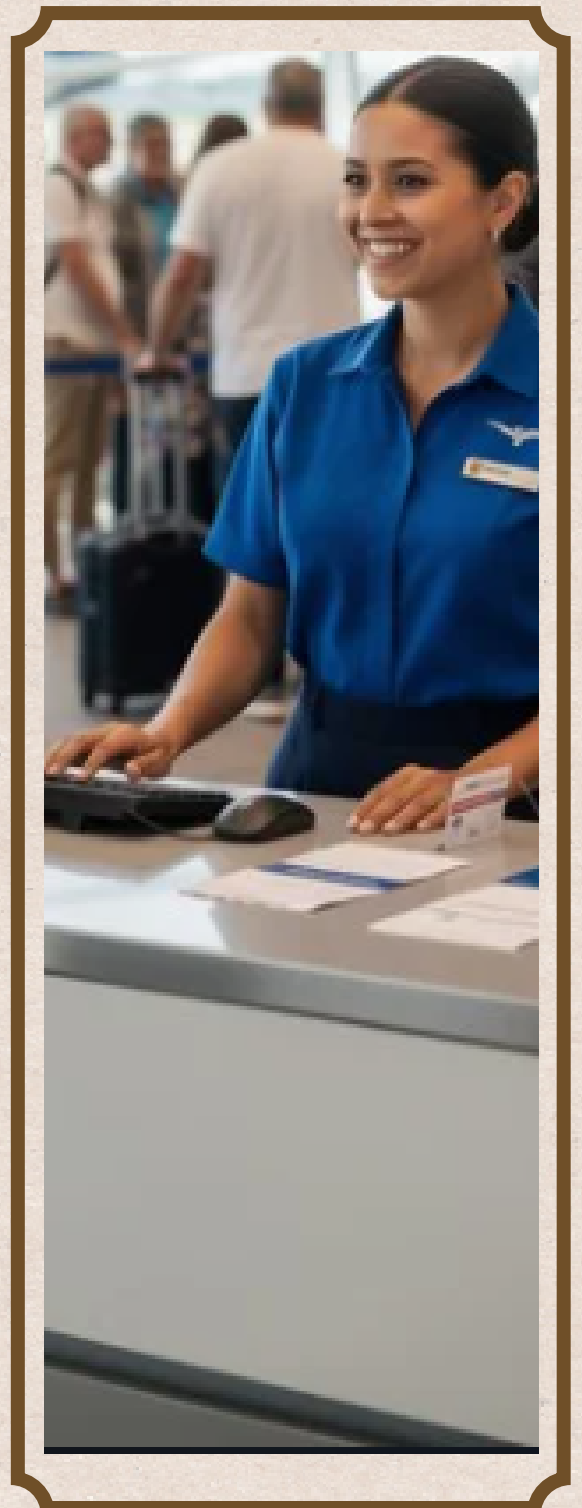
The beauty is Tourism's endless niches is that it cater to every skill set, resonating with today's side-hustle culture.

Frontline Roles: Hoteliers, tour guides, flight attendants, hands-on jobs teaching adaptability. A Gen Z entrepreneur in Bali started as a hostel receptionist, now runs a surf school empire.

Behind-the-Scenes Powerhouses:

Chefs crafting fusion cuisines, event planners orchestrating weddings on cliffs, or supply chain pros sourcing ethical linens. These build operational savvy for your own venture

Digital Frontiers: *Content creators filming drone tours for TikTok (monetizing via affiliates), app developers for AR city walks, or SEO wizards boosting eco-lodge bookings. Tourism generated \$1 trillion in digital travel sales last year, perfect for tech-savvy founders.*



Sustainable and Niche Ventures:

Eco-tourism guides in the Amazon, wellness retreat coordinators in Rishikesh, or adventure junkies leading Himalayan treks. With climate-conscious travelers surging 15% annually, startups like glamping pods or cultural immersion pods thrive.

Entrepreneurial Hotspots:

Food trucks at festivals, pop-up yoga retreats, or VR travel experiences. In India, homestays via Airbnb employ millions, turning family homes into revenue streams. Globally, 80% of tourism SMEs are owner-operated...your lemonade stand, but with visas and vibes.

These aren't dead-end gigs; they're apprenticeships. Seasonality fuels flexibility, winter in the Alps, summer in Spain. While global mobility hones multicultural networks for scaling businesses.



The Magic of Soft Skills and Personal Grooming

What sets tourism apart?

It's a masterclass in soft skills and grooming, forging you into a versatile human asset. Forget rigid MBAs; here, you "forget your way in" stumbling from a gap year into a career that polishes charisma effortlessly.

Hospitality demands empathy and communication: Reading a weary traveler's mood to upsell calm or resolve a lost-bags fiasco builds emotional intelligence gold. A Delhi hotelier once diffused a cultural mix-up with humor, turning a complaint into a loyal reviewer, skills transferable to pitching startups.

Destination management shines: Event management, assembly events...talk destination weddings, annual conferences, bachelor parties, overseas birthdays and rituals. These are the big money makers that fuel the economy.

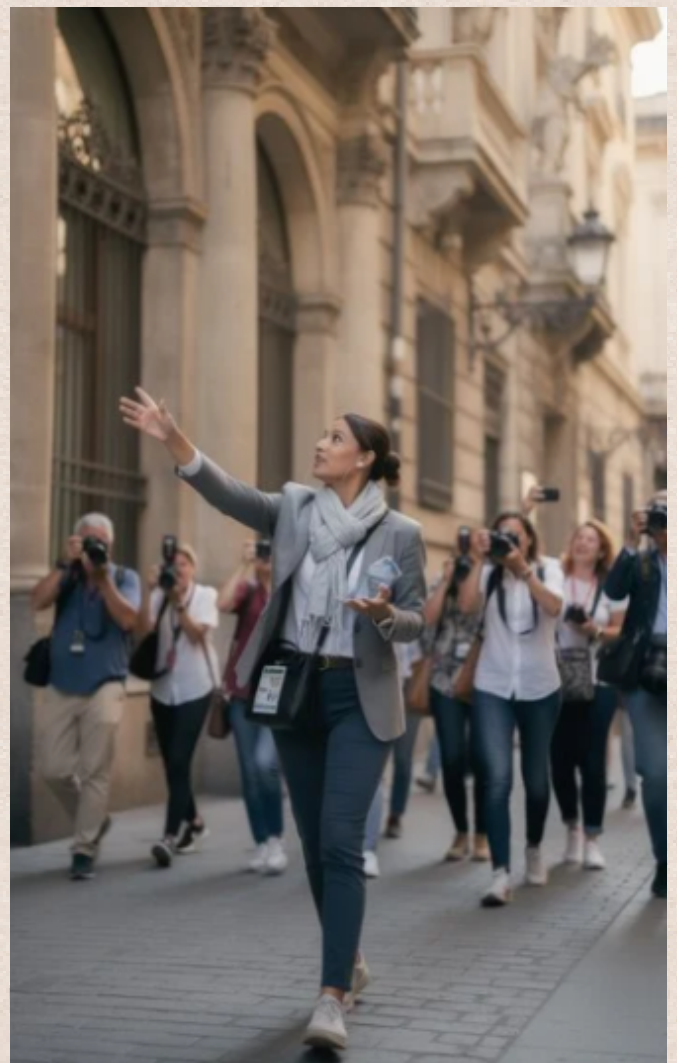
Personal grooming elevate: Crisp uniforms, poised postures, and radiant smiles aren't superficial, they signal trust. Studies show well-groomed staff boost customer spend by 20%. This innate polish spills over: the tour guide's storytelling flair becomes a TEDx talk; the concierge's networking turns into investor intros.

These traits compound personally: heightened confidence erases imposter syndrome, cultural fluency opens global doors, and service mindset fosters lifelong customer loyalty—for your brand or theirs.

Value Beyond the Paycheck:

Tourism doesn't just employ; it transforms. You emerge worldly, with stories as currency—vital for entrepreneurial storytelling on LinkedIn or Shark Tank.

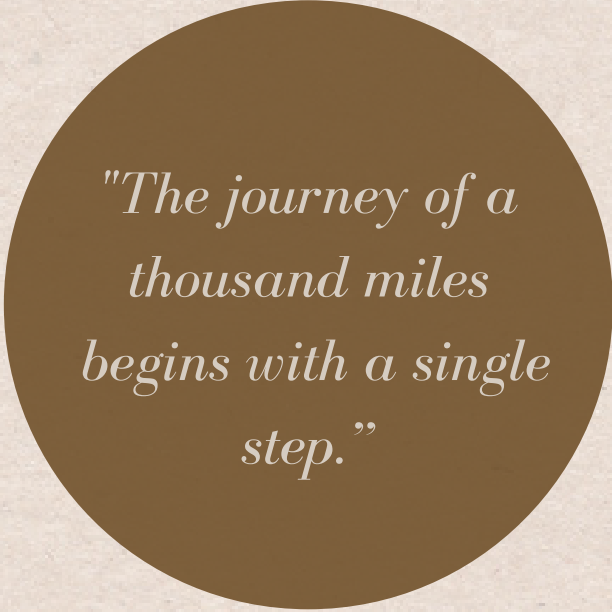
It instills discipline (24/7 shifts), creativity (themed events), and ethics (sustainable practices), making you indispensable in any field. Ex-tourism pros dominate C-suites at Marriott or Airbnb, proving it's a launchpad.



For India's youth, eyeing startups amid 1.4 billion dreams, tourism offers immediate income (average \$20K/year entry-level) plus equity potential. Globally, it's inclusive—women hold 47% of jobs, empowering entrepreneurial moms balancing family and ventures.

Endless Horizons Await

The entrepreneurial generation craves purpose over paychecks, and tourism delivers: freedom to roam, innovate, and impact. Start small, host a local food walk and watch it snowball into an enterprise. In a gig economy, it's your unfair advantage: skills that pay now, scale forever. Dive in; the world is your office, and every guest, your next big break.



*"The journey of a
thousand miles
begins with a single
step."*

PROJECT NICOBAR: HARNESSING THE STRATEGIC POTENTIAL OF GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND

| PRAGYA SIWACH XII C2



Project Nicobar, officially the Great Nicobar Island Development Project, represents India's ambitious vision to transform the remote southernmost island of the Nicobar archipelago into a sustainable hub for trade, defense, and eco-tourism. Conceived by NITI Aayog and approved in 2021, this ₹72,000–81,000 crore initiative leverages the island's prime location near the Strait of Malacca, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes, to boost India's strategic footprint in the Indo-Pacific.

The Vision-

The core vision is to develop Great Nicobar as a "green, global hotspot" for business, trade, and leisure, integrating an international transshipment terminal, a dual-use airport, a 450 MW power plant (gas and solar), and a township for up to 65,000 residents. Spanning 30 years under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO), it aims to reduce reliance on foreign ports like Singapore while fostering economic growth projected to support over a million annual tourists and a population of 3.36 lakh by 2055.



Biodiversity Riches

Great Nicobar, part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve covering 103,870 hectares of tropical evergreen forests, boasts exceptional biodiversity with around 650 species of angiosperms, ferns, gymnosperms, bryophytes, and lichens, plus over 1,800 fauna species, many endemic. Ecosystems include wet evergreen forests, coastal plains, coral reefs with 20,000+ colonies at sites like Galathea Bay, and nesting grounds for species like the Nicobar Megapode and Giant Leatherback Turtle. High endemism, over half of mammals, a third of birds makes it one of South Asia's richest repositories, though development raises conservation concerns.



Tourism Potential-

The islands hold vast eco-tourism promise through activities like scuba diving, snorkeling, birdwatching, trekking, kayaking, and parasailing amid pristine reefs and rainforests. Great Nicobar's untouched beaches, marine life, and cultural heritage could attract nature enthusiasts, positioning it as a sustainable alternative to mass tourism while generating revenue for locals. With seven of eight major eco-tourism resources present, controlled development could tap traditional knowledge for low-impact experiences.

Challenges Ahead-

Balancing growth with ecology remains critical, as the project faces scrutiny over impacts on tribal rights, corals, and endangered species, prompting calls for mitigation and transparent planning. Future phases must prioritize green infrastructure to realize the vision without compromising the island's unique ecosystems. Success could make Great Nicobar India's "Jebel Ali of the East," blending prosperity with preservation.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

