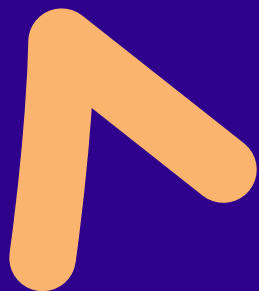
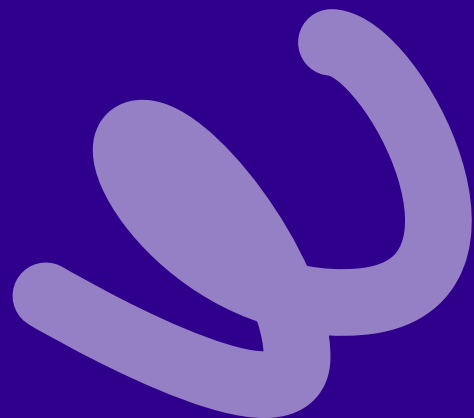
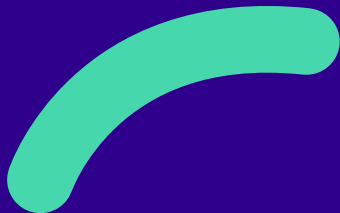
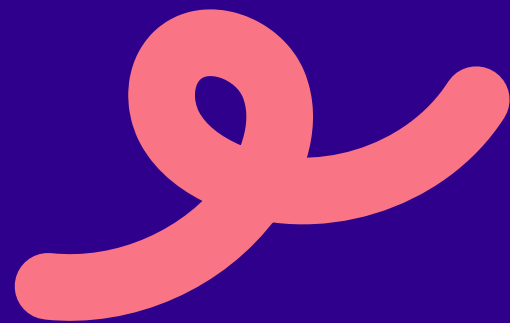




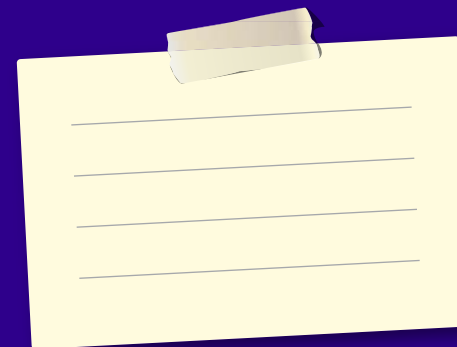
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the places we explore, and the unique perspectives
that enrich our journeys.



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Xi'an, China

through the eyes
of Archer Sui



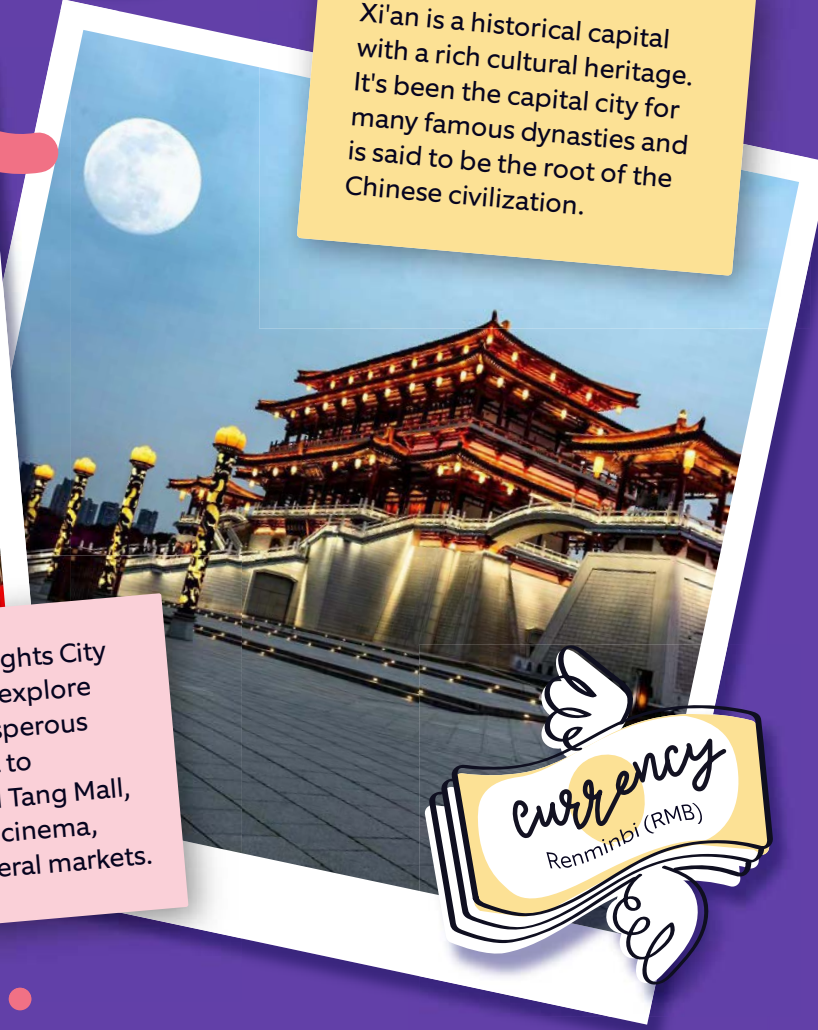
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Chinese

Ni hao

Xi'an is a historical capital with a rich cultural heritage. It's been the capital city for many famous dynasties and is said to be the root of the Chinese civilization.



Tang Dynasty Never Nights City is the perfect place to explore the culture of the prosperous Tang Dynasty. You get to experience the Grand Tang Mall, street performances, cinema, art museum, and several markets.



currency
Renminbi (RMB)



XiYangShi restaurant and SaJinQiao Street are must-visits for any foodie. I recommend most of the snacks available, especially the Mutton and Bread Pieces in Soup.



I like watching the mountains. Xi'an borders the northern side of the Qinling Mountains and the terrain there is picturesque!



I have a few spots around the city. I like visiting the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Wall in the Old Town, and the Tang Paradise, a Tang Dynasty-styled theme park.

best time to travel
September-October

Shanghai, China

through the eyes of Wendy Xiao



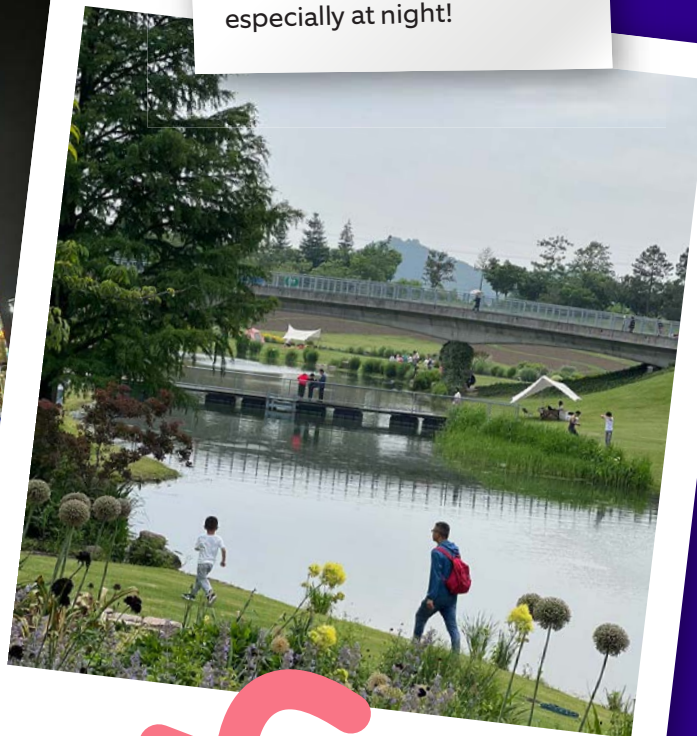
language
Chinese

Ni hao

The Riverside Promenade (Bingjiang Da Dao) is a good place to stroll and take in the beautiful Shanghai skyline, especially at night!



Shanghai's skyscrapers are record-breaking. The city has a diverse nightlife and fascinating history and is the perfect starting point for other Chinese destinations.



I regularly visit the Shanghai Grandmother in the Huangpu District and enjoy the Shanghai food. Shanghai Haidilao Hot Pot is a good place to enjoy the hot pot, and their service is also nice! I prefer to eat Xiao Long Bao at Din Tai Fung.



I like to stroll along the Suzhou river with my family and enjoy the view and food.



Take a walk at Xintiandi. This former neighborhood of old Shikumen has been reincarnated into Shanghai's glitzy and contemporary district, featuring fine restaurants, upscale clubs, and boutiques.

best time to travel
September-October

Jaipur, India

through the eyes
of Anshika Verma



language
Rajasthani

Khamma
Ghani

Jaipur, also called the 'Royal Capital of India', lets you savor the royals' luxury and heritage with its many gigantic forts and palaces. Also, every travel buff should experience the local Rajasthani cuisine, folk music, and dance. Fun fact: It's India's 1st planned city.

Start your shopping a bit early in the evening—local markets close a couple of hours earlier than the rest of the country.

I love visiting the palaces around Jaipur and soaking in the city views from those amazing little windows called Jharokhas.



currency
Indian Rupee (INR)

I recommend Chokhi Dhani for the traditional Rajasthani Thali and shopping for the local crafts, The Royal Thali in Gopalpura, and Masala Chowk which comprises a variety of food stalls serving authentic Indian food. For an end-to-end shopping experience, check out the different colorful shops at Bapu Bazaar.

Amer Fort is a must visit for its gorgeous architecture and beautiful lake view; you can take an elephant ride also around the premises!

Climb up the upper floors of the Hawa Mahal and peek down at the old city through one of its many windows.

best time to travel
October-January

New Delhi, India

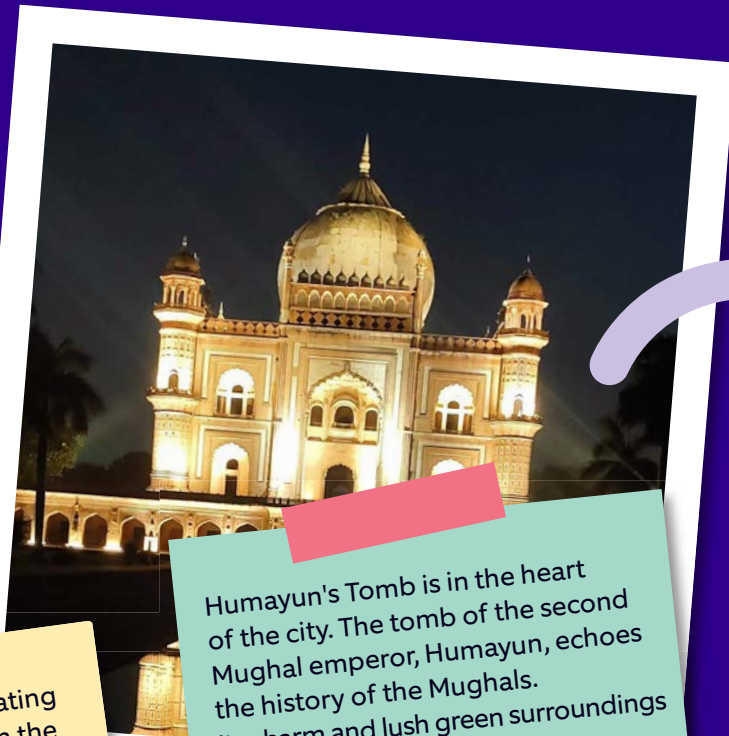
through the eyes of Archi Agrawal



language
Hindi

Namaste

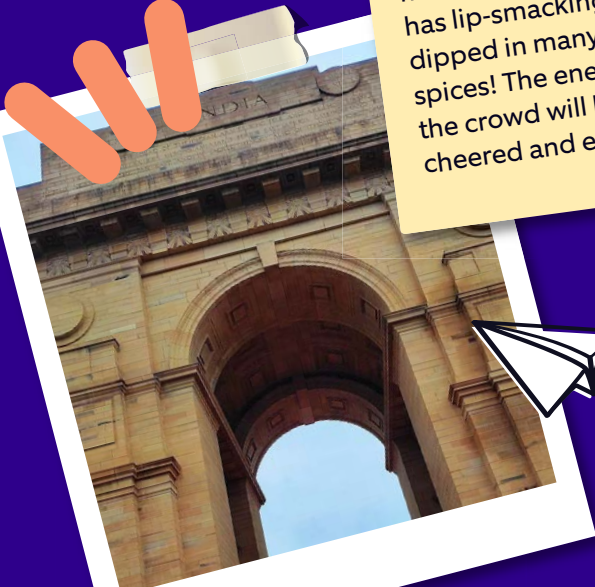
New Delhi has a captivating history spoken through the marvelous monuments and has lip-smacking food dipped in many flavors and spices! The energy amongst the crowd will keep you cheered and exhilarated.



Humayun's Tomb is in the heart of the city. The tomb of the second Mughal emperor, Humayun, echoes the history of the Mughals. Its charm and lush green surroundings are captivating.



best time to travel
September

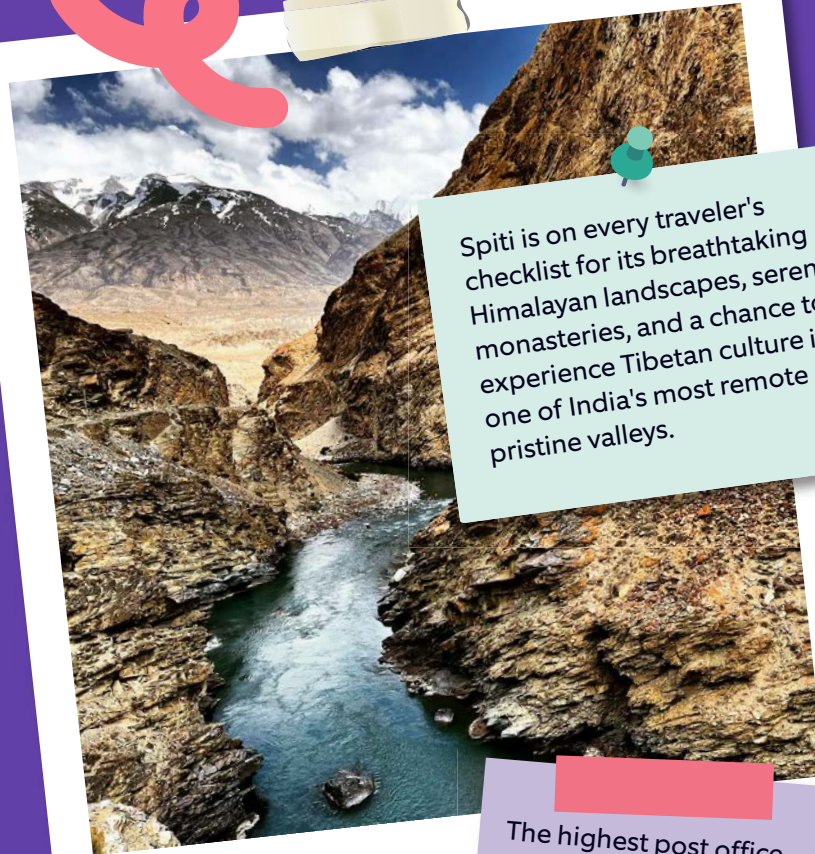


Safdarjung Tomb at Jorbagh, especially at night, is a delightful treat for the eyes! It is an exquisite beauty standing tall against the busy capital city. Also, walking around Jorbagh introduces one to the peaceful side of New Delhi.

Chandini Chowk is a hub for all Indian snacks, street food, and beverages. My favourite is Nand Di Hatti's Chhole Bhature.

Walking through the Shankar Vihar forest near the Army Cantonment area is one of my favorite activities. It's a place for exploring nature – birds, insects, plants, etc. It's also an enthralling experience to watch airplanes flying closer at the sunset point here!

currency
Indian Rupee (INR)



Spiti is on every traveler's checklist for its breathtaking Himalayan landscapes, serene monasteries, and a chance to experience Tibetan culture in one of India's most remote and pristine valleys.

language
Stod Bhoti

Joo-lay



Spiti, India

through the eyes
of Mohak Gund

The highest post office in the world, at an altitude of 14,567 feet, is located in Hikim, a village in Spiti.



My favorite activity to do in Spiti is stargazing. The clear night skies and lack of light pollution make it an ideal place to watch the stars.



One of the most famous dining spots in Spiti is The Himalayan Cafe in Kaza. I totally love the Thukpa, the Dham (a festive meal with rice, dal, curries, and sweets), and momos here.



currency
Indian Rupee (INR)

Kibber wildlife is a must-see in Spiti because it is home to the endangered snow leopard, ibex, and Tibetan wolf. These animals are rarely seen in other parts of the world, making Kibber a unique place to spot them.



best time to travel
June-October

Kashmir, India

through the eyes
of Partha Pradhan

Also referred to as 'The Heaven on Earth', Kashmir's picturesque valleys, lush green meadows, snow-capped mountains, and uniqueness in culture offer a truly unforgettable travel experience.

language
Kashmiri

Namaste

Gulmarg Phase (two mountain tops at a height of 3090m above sea level) provides a surreal setting to have soupy Maggie. The experience of savoring a simple yet satisfying meal while surrounded by the grandeur of the Himalayas can be a one-of-a-kind experience.

An interesting fact:
Kashmir is famous for its saffron production, and it takes around 150,000 saffron flowers to produce just one kilogram of saffron spice!

best time to travel
April-October

I love witnessing the fresh snow in Pahalgam. It's the best time to enjoy skiing, snowboarding, snow trekking, and building snowmen!

The iconic Lal Chowk in Srinagar, is surrounded by snow-capped mountains and adorned with vibrant local markets. This bustling square captures the essence of Kashmir's rich heritage and the warm hospitality of its people, making it a must-visit location for anyone seeking an authentic and enchanting Kashmiri experience.

currency
Indian Rupee (INR)

The Martand Sun Temple in Anantnag is an architectural marvel dating back to the 8th century. Although now in ruins, its grandeur and historical significance make it a must-see.

Bacolod, Philippines

through the eyes of Jade Marie Maghanoy



language
Cebuano

Kumusta

One of Bacolod's best Chicken Inasals is served at Aida's Manokan restaurant. Make sure to have at least one meal there for the amazing flavor and moistness of the chicken.



Bacolod is called the 'City of Smiles' because of its Masskara Festival and the locals known for their sweet way of talking in an indescribable melodious tone.

currency
Philippine Peso



The Lakawon Island Resort is a mini paradise with pristine waters and delicious food. I adore how similar it is to the Maldives and how peaceful and serene the place is.

If you love history and viewing stunning sights, this is the place to be. I highly recommend a photo session during sunset.

Bacolodnons are known to be among the sweetest people in the Philippines due to the province's primary industry – sugar.



I enjoy the thrill and excitement of riding a bicycle around the town.

best time to travel
January-April



Cebu, Philippines

through the eyes of Verite Mae Aniñon

language
Cebuano
Kumusta

Apart from being the center of businesses, Cebu City is also home to nature, historical spots, and mouth-watering cuisines.



The Temple of Leah is a perfect scenic spot where I can enjoy the breathtaking views of both the city and the mountains.



The Sirao Garden should be on your list of sightseeing spots. It is an ideal place to embrace nature. The different wonderful types of flowers and the amazing panoramic mountain views will captivate you for sure!



currency
Philippine Peso

I love the large kwek-kwek (hard-boiled chicken or duck eggs) at Fiesta sa Sugbo. This place also features various local delicacies.



I have never missed attending the annual Sinulog festival. It is the country's most famous and grandest festival, where religious activity and street parties happen with locals and foreign visitors. It's the most lively celebration in Philippines.



A fun fact: Most people are huggers; don't be surprised! :)

best time to travel
January-April

Colombo, Sri Lanka

through the eyes of Sayuni Dabare



language
Sinhala

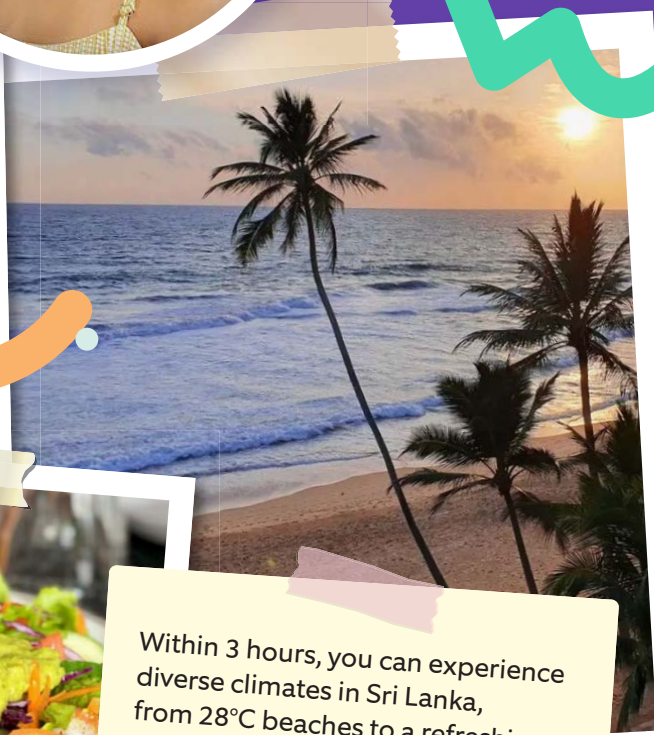
Āyubōvan



Isso (Sinhala literal translation of 'Prawns') is one of my go-to dining spots. And what do I eat there? Seafood, of course! The best part about living on an island is that you get to savor the finest seafood there is.



Within 3 hours, you can experience diverse climates in Sri Lanka, from 28°C beaches to a refreshing 19°C mountain terrain. The island country is home to 28 national parks teeming with 346 endemic animal species, 1025 unique plants, and 382 stunning waterfalls!



best time to travel
December-April

If you are a foodie, try out the Sri Lankan Kottu Roti. It's spicy but yummy!

Lotus Tower: South Asia's tallest self-supported structure and the country's tallest skyscraper. Fun fact: Our Nagarro hive is located right next to the Lotus Tower!

currency
Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)

Ella, Sri Lanka

through the eyes
of Vajramali Fonseka



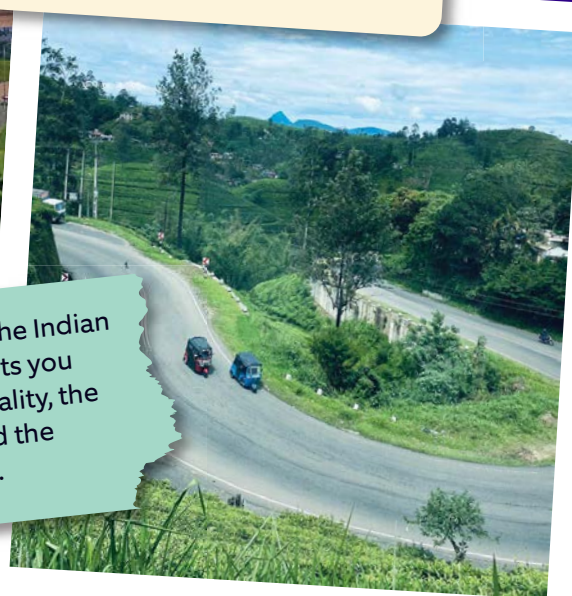
language
Sinhala

Āyubōvan

The Colombo Port City is the perfect spot to enjoy delicious food, relax and savor the pleasant sea breeze. In the evening, the sky looks mesmerizing, offering a breathtaking view.

Satisfy your seafood cravings at Issa.

Lovingly called the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', a visit to Sri Lanka, lets you experience the warm hospitality, the stunning natural beauty, and the delicious Sri Lankan cuisine.



currency
Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)

Ella is a town of exquisite beauty, where nature's charm and captivating landscapes combine to create a truly enchanting experience.

I love the excitement of the crowd when I ride the Viking Ship at La La Park. It's thrilling, with twists and turns that will make you laugh and scream!

Don't forget to take back some Ceylon Cinnamon and aromatic tea from this spice island!

best time to travel
December-April



Mardin, Turkey

through the eyes of Sena Nasiroğlu!



language
Turkish, Kurdish,
Arabic, and Syriac

Merhaba

Stroll around the Old Town to check out the stone houses and buildings. If you are staying in the Grand Mardin Hotel, you can get a view of the Mardin castle (resembling an eagle's nest) and the mystical Mardin architecture at the same time.

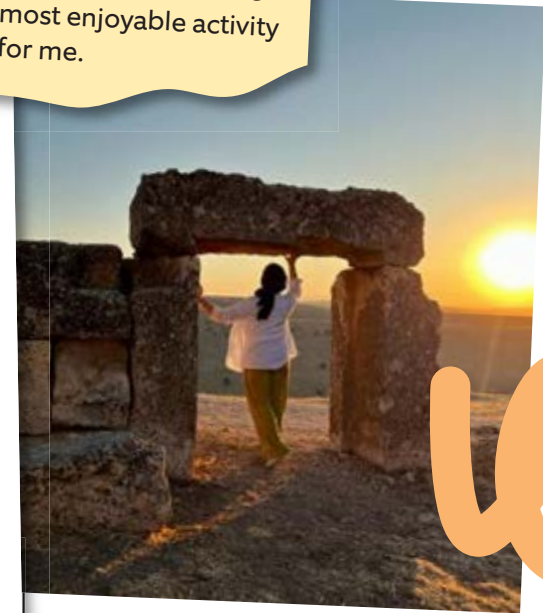


currency
Turkish Lira (TRY)

The historic city of Mardin is an exotic place that boasts of a stunning location. It's called 'The City on the Hill' and overlooks the beautiful Mesopotamian plains. Mardin is a hidden paradise comprising unique architecture and several archaeological wonders.



Watching the sunset at Zerzevan Castle is the most enjoyable activity for me.

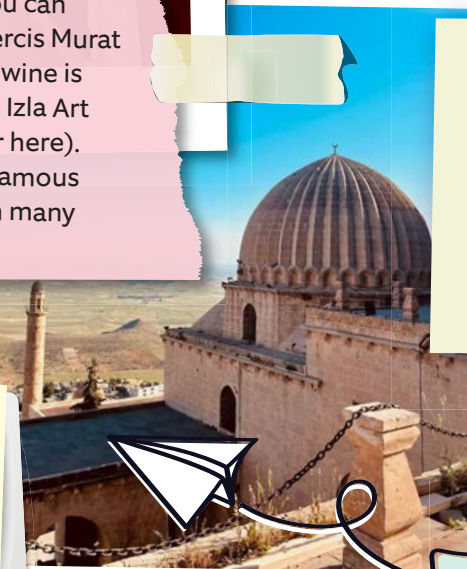


I like dining at the Bağdadi Restaurant for fine wines with local delicacies; their appetizer tray is my favorite. You can also enjoy local delicacies at Cercis Murat Konagi, Lolee, and Doboo. Hot wine is recommended in season at the Izla Art Cafe (the Syriac wine is popular here). Also, I recommend having the famous basil sherbet in summer, sold in many local spots.

From the roof of the Zinciriye Madrasah, the entire plain and Mardin can be seen under your feet. I especially like visiting the Matera Cafe & Boutique Hotel for the stunning night views from its terrace.

You need a car to travel. Also, accommodation, food, and drinks are more expensive than in other regional cities.

best time to travel
Spring and Autumn



Istanbul, Turkey

through the eyes of Yigit Dedeoglu!



language
Turkish

Merhaba

My favorite spot is definitely the Galata Tower. I like the bird's eye view of Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Bosphorus Strait, Golden Horn, and Maiden's Tower from the top.

The activity I enjoy the most in Istanbul is playing soccer matches with my friends every week. After each match, we go to one of our favorite cafes to evaluate the match and drink coffee.

Istanbul is a vibrant mix of history and modernity, where the East meets the West. The city offers amazing architecture, delicious food, and a warm, welcoming culture that makes everyone feel at home.



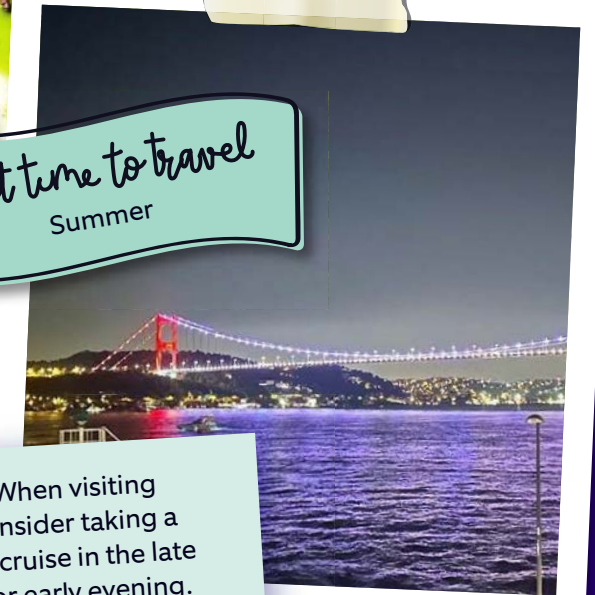
I am a person who loves to eat, and my favorite restaurant in Istanbul is Sunset Grill&Bar in Beşiktaş. I highly recommend the Grilled Lamb Loin Medallion here. Another restaurant that I visit quite often is the Calipso Fish Restaurant. This Michelin award-winning restaurant has an amazing menu!

currency
Turkish Lira (TRY)

Located on the Asian side of Istanbul, Bagdat Street is a must-see for its unique balance of modernity and tradition. This lively street is famous for its upscale shopping, vibrant street life, and spectacular views of the Bosphorus.

best time to travel
Summer

Insider tip: When visiting Istanbul, consider taking a Bosphorus cruise in the late afternoon or early evening. This allows you to experience the city from a different perspective while enjoying the magical sight of the sunset, casting a warm glow on Istanbul's historic landmarks along the waterfront.



Africa



Johannesburg, South Africa

through the eyes of Marilyn Koster



language
Isizulu

Sawubona

The ocean is warm and pleasant to swim in. I love to visit Ushaka Marine from time to time and get to fulfill my dream by interacting with dolphins.

Johannesburg,
The City of Gold

currency
South Africa Rand (ZAR)

Is there any reason not to visit Johannesburg? This should be your next holiday destination with beautiful places to see, a variety of food to try, friendly people, and adventure sports!



Misty Mountains is in Mpumalanga, just outside of Johannesburg. We went on a family trip during the winter season, and from riding through the forest and being stuck in the mud on quad bikes to taking a ride on the Long Tom Pass, we did it all!

best time to travel
November-April

The Cradle of Humankind and the Sterkfontein Caves in Johannesburg has been a Unesco World Heritage site since 1999. A 2.3-million-year-old fossil was discovered there, nicknamed Mrs. Ples.

Ethos is based in the heart of Rosebank, Johannesburg. It has fabulous drinks, amazing food, and a Sunday social where you can eat, drink, and dance.

Europe

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Vienna, Austria

through the eyes of Diana Kronegger!



language

German

Servus

A hike to Kahlenberg. You can enjoy the city view and then visit one of the wine taverns located there. Definitely worth a trip!

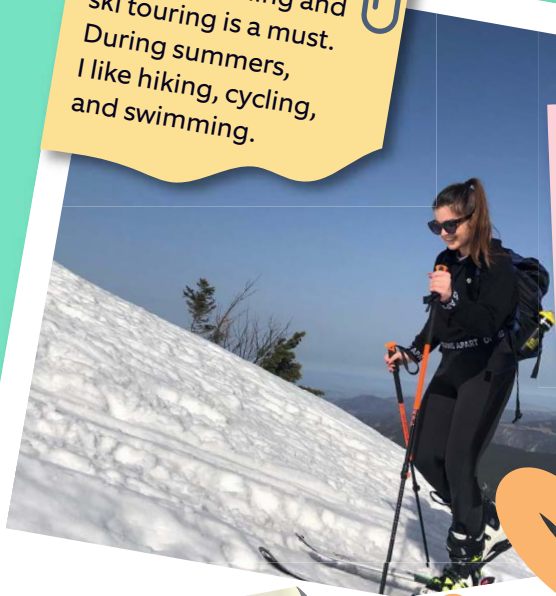


best time to travel
May-September



One of my favorite dining spots is JOMA, and I love the Salmon Tataki Salad with Sweet Potato Fries there. For Asian food, I go to KitchA for the Grilled Salmon with rice, Crispy Korean chili chicken, and rolls.

In winters, skiing and ski touring is a must. During summers, I like hiking, cycling, and swimming.

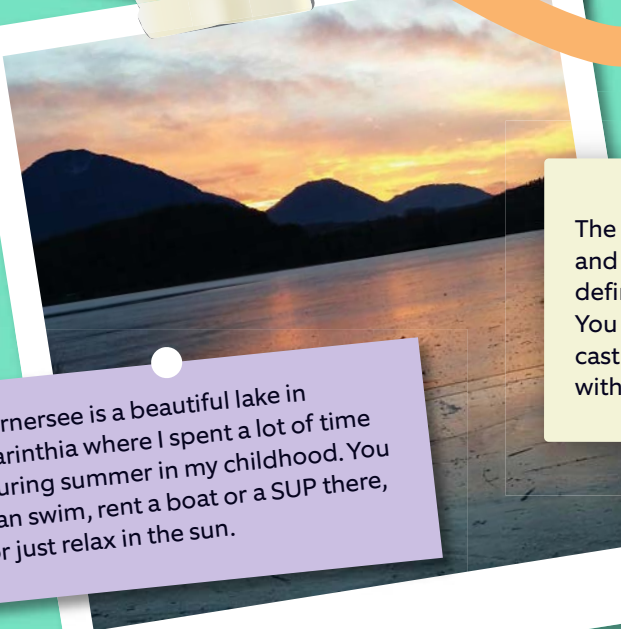


Vienna has been voted as the most livable city in the world for several years in a row and is often referred to as the "City of Music." It is also known for its historic coffee houses and has lots of wine taverns (Heurige), where you can enjoy a glass of wine accompanied by Austrian delicacies.



The Christmas market in November and December at Schönbrunn is definitely a must-see in Vienna. You can admire the Schönbrunn castle and enjoy a mulled wine with tasty food.

Turnersee is a beautiful lake in Carinthia where I spent a lot of time during summer in my childhood. You can swim, rent a boat or a SUP there, or just relax in the sun.



Vienna, Austria

through the eyes
of Sigrid Decker!



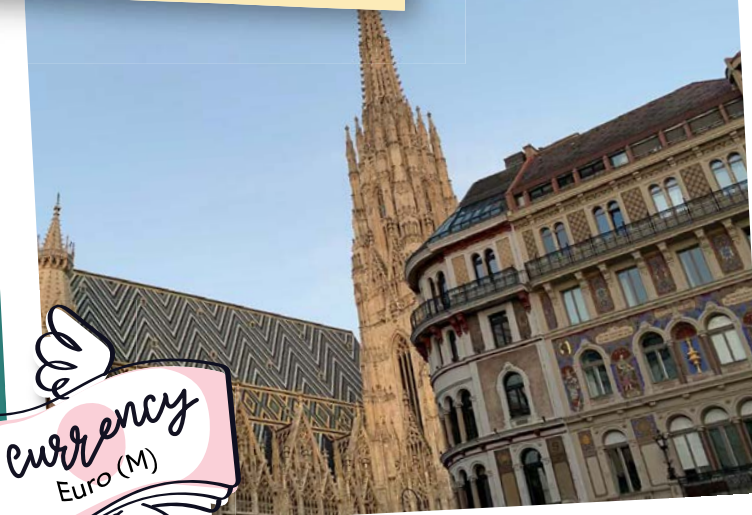
language
German

Hallo

Vienna is so diverse. You have historical places, good restaurants, a wide range of cultural activities, many green spots, and many sports opportunities. You can even go sailing in Vienna.



There are a lot of nice places, but one of my favorite places in summer is the Ufertaverne. This is a very nice restaurant by the water. In the background, you can see skyscrapers and many boats on the water.



currency
Euro (€)

A recommended activity would be to visit a Viennese 'Heurige'. At this place you get good wine and homemade, special food.



One of my favorite activities is spending time on the Old Danube. This is a recreation area about 20mins from the city center with nice restaurants and many possibilities for sports activities like sailing, swimming, and biking.

best time to travel
May-September



Although Vienna is worth visiting any time of the year, avoid July and August. The weather gets very hot during these months.



A perfect viewpoint is the Kahlenberg. From there, you have an amazing view of the whole city.

Vienna, Austria

through the eyes
of Daniel Brezina



language
German

Servus



The city center (1st district) boasts of architectural masterpieces, elegance, and thousands of years of history. In the middle of it all, the youthful Viennese nightlife is the focal point of the gastronomy scene.

People in Vienna have a reputation for being grumpy. Don't let that put you off. The typical Viennese is very helpful.

best time to travel
May-September



I am a city kid who loves nature. However, the artificially created Danube Island is a public recreation area and definitely one of the places I visit during summer.



I like the Bitzinger, a very famous sausage stand near the Albertina that several people frequent. Once, Mick Jagger had a typical Viennese combination here – a hot dog with Kaesekrainer and a beer!



currency
Euro (EUR)

Vienna has a lot to explore, from the oldest zoo, the largest chain carousel, and the oldest daily newspaper in the world. Are you a history buff? Vienna has a lot in store for you, from Roman legionary camps 2,000 years back to the scene of two world wars. It's a place where you can enjoy good food, too.





Windstein, France

through the eyes
of Helena Schneider

language

French

Bonjour

Nestled in the heart of the Vosges du Nord Regional Nature Park, Windstein is situated at an altitude of 250m in an idyllic setting with breathtaking views of nature and beautiful ruins.

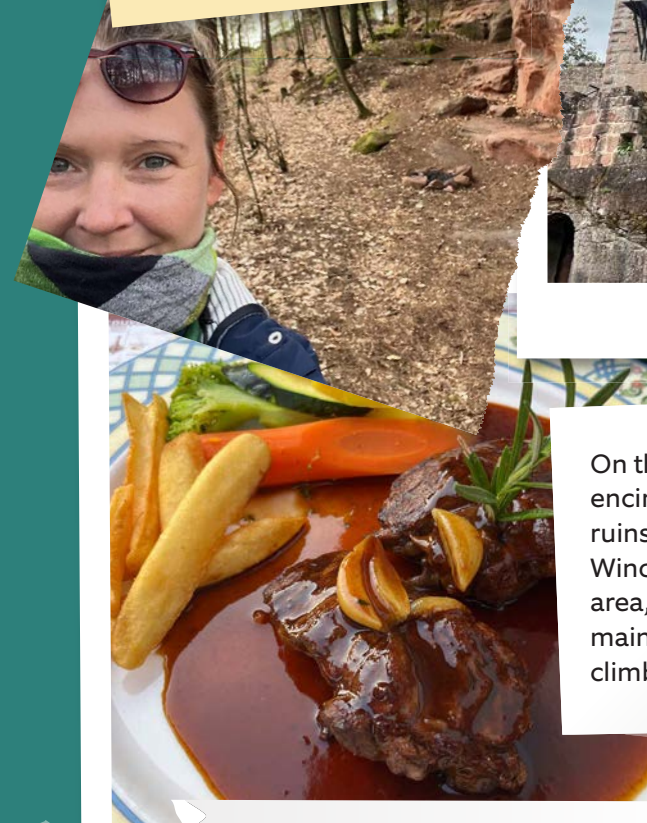
Want to stay with a view of the ruins and access to a meditative garden? Let me know; my neighbor owns some beautiful studios!



best time to travel

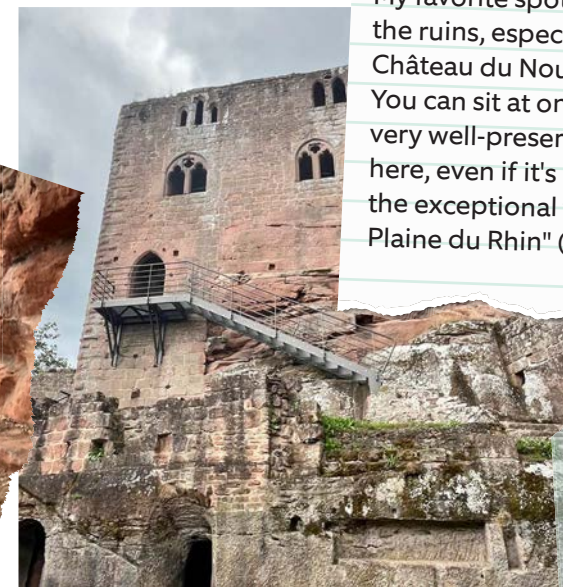
May-September

The best thing to do in and around Windstein is hiking! And explore the spots around – the magical forest, ruins, military areas (bunkers), lakes, and historical sites.



Hôtel-Restaurant du Windstein offers fresh and seasonal meals, and the typical eau de vie. Also, I suggest trying out the fresh cheese products from the nearby goat farm.

My favorite spots in Windstein are the ruins, especially that of the Château du Nouveau Windstein. You can sit at one of the several very well-preserved window sills here, even if it's raining, and enjoy the exceptional view of the "la Plaine du Rhin" (the Rhine plain).



On the other side of the mountain encircling the village, there are the ruins of the Château du Vieux Windstein. Spread over a much larger area, this ruin isn't that well maintained but offers a wide range of climbing possibilities.



Biarritz, France

through the eyes of Peter Hammer



language
French

Bonjour

Avoid coming in August.
The city almost explodes
with people at that time!

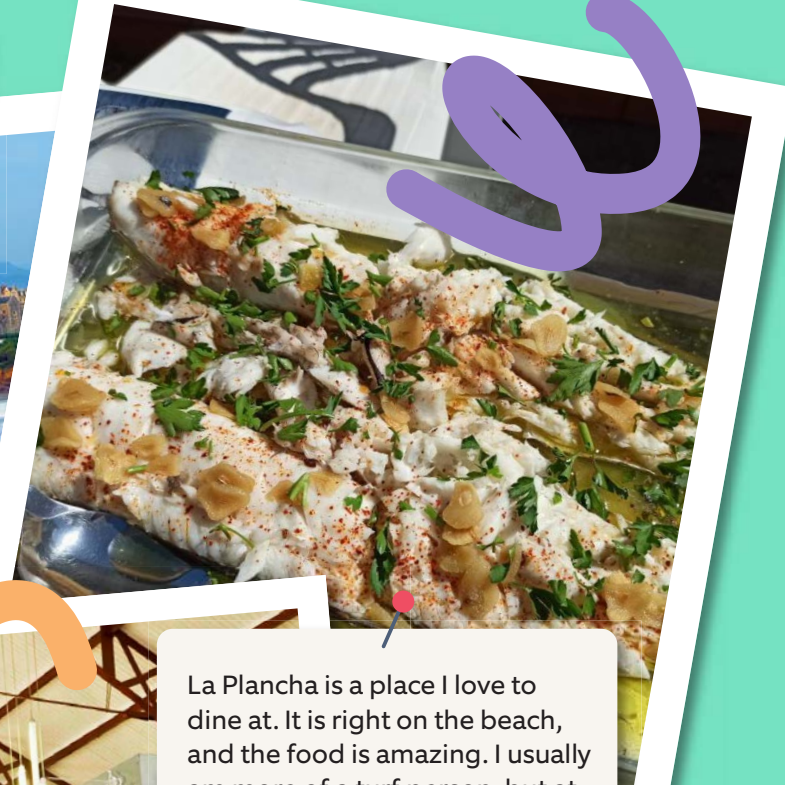
best time to travel
July

The beach, waves, delicious food, and the ability to walk everywhere make Biarritz a must visit! Just 30mins away from Spain, Biarritz is the perfect mix of cultures and the best place to enjoy Basque delicacies. And yes, this is the birthplace of surfing in Europe. So surfers, if you haven't been here, you haven't surfed enough!

My favorite activity?
As a parent, anything
that makes my kids
happy. So in this case,
the beach!



The "La Grande Plage"
beach from above offers
the most breathtaking
view. See for yourself!



La Plancha is a place I love to
dine at. It is right on the beach,
and the food is amazing. I usually
am more of a turf person, but at
the Placha, it is surf all the way.

Do check out the marketplace
Les Halles de Biarritz. If you
are a foodie, you will find
amazing things here. You will
also get a real vibe of the
Basque culture.



Frankfurt, Germany

through the eyes of Caroline Henssler



language
German

Hallo

Frankfurt, situated on the river Main, is a major financial hub in Germany. It was a hub of Roman kings, was rebuilt after World War II, and is famous for Frankfurters (high-quality sausages). So you get a lot of history and a lot of good food!

I love going on hikes in the mountains. Every time you go, the view is different. It is especially nice in the fall when the trees change colors.

My favorite food is a good roast. You can get this in many traditional restaurants in Frankfurt. It comes with potato salad/fried potatoes and, most importantly, gravy! And don't forget the traditional drink, the Apfelwein.

If you come in the winter to Frankfurt, you must go to the "Weihnachtsmarkt" – the Christmas market.

Fun fact: 14 of the 15 tallest skyscrapers in Germany are in Frankfurt.

The zoo in Kronberg is one of my favorite places to visit.

best time to travel
May-September

currency
Euro (EUR)

Düsseldorf, Germany

through the eyes of Mayank Upadhyay



language
German

Hallo

Düsseldorf is one of the best cities in Germany to visit for the cultural scene. Especially the arts, trade fairs, and cultural events.

Try the nineOfive Düsseldorf Pizza and Wine Place for its authentic pizza, good wine, and bistro-style ambiance. I especially recommend the Pretty Pfifferling pizza there.

Rheinuferpromenade is a riverbank with many shopping centers and beautiful restaurants on one side and a lush green park on the other.



A must-see sight for me would be the sunset at the bank of the river Rhine or from the Rhine Tower.

best time to travel
May-September

Insider tip: Oh, I have two!
1. Have dinner at least once at the Rhine television tower and its revolving restaurant. 2. Be at Rheinuferpromenade at midnight on New Year's Eve to witness the spectacle and gala celebrations.

currency
Euro (EUR)

I like cycling around the Rhine in the mornings, eating at one of my favorite spots, and grabbing some beers near Rheinuferpromenade.

Munich, Germany

through the eyes of Torben Mauch

language
German

Hallo



Munich is the perfect mix of tradition and modern cultures, urban life and nature, subtleness and fun!

The German Alps constitute a part of the beautiful mountains in Central Europe.



I mostly visit a Biergarten. They have good food (we can even take our own), good beer, and non-alcoholic drinks.



best time to travel
May-September

Cycling and hiking in the mountains is something I really enjoy. When hiking, I get my dog along with me.

Make sure to take a dip in the Isar River during the summer season.



There are many castles to visit in and around Munich. But Cuvilliés-theater in the heart of Munich never fails to fascinate me whenever I am there.



currency
Euro (EUR)

Poznan, Poland

through the eyes
of Kamil Bronowski!



language

Polish

Cześć

6

I like walking through
the Swietoslawska
Street in the old town
leading to the former
Jesuit church.

You must visit the Old Town Hall with the
Astronomical Clock just before noon.
Every day, precisely at 12 p.m., the
Poznan goats appear on the clock, head
butting. It's an absolute delight for
tourists and kids!

Poznań is the 5th largest city in
Poland and a beautiful old town
with a cultural heritage. However,
it is not as popular with tourists as,
for example, Warsaw, Krakow, or
Gdansk. This means the popular
attractions are less crowded and
non-commercial. Everything is
more affordable here. :)



I love visiting Lake Malta
with my family. The lake is
superbly located in the
city with extensive sports
facilities. Interestingly,
this is the arena for many
rowing championships,
including the World Cup.



best time to travel
May-September

People in my region are often
called pyry, meaning potatoes
in the regional dialect. This is
because of the stereotypical
large consumption of potatoes
in the region. :)

currency
Polish Zloty (PLN)

I love Fat Bob Burger for
the delicious burgers in
the heart of the old town.



Krakow, Poland

through the eyes
of Sahiba Verma!



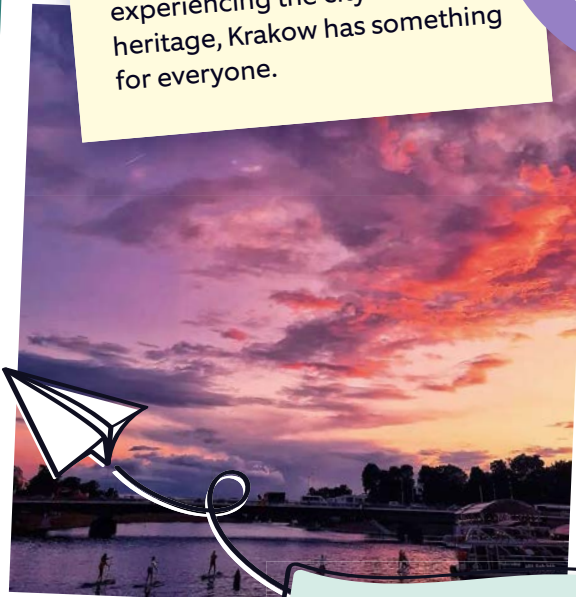
language
Polish

Cześć

Krakow is a city steeped in history and culture, with a vibrant atmosphere and plenty of things to see and do. Whether you're interested in exploring medieval architecture, enjoying delicious Polish cuisine, or experiencing the city's rich heritage, Krakow has something for everyone.



One of my favorite dining spots in Krakow is the Pierogi Heaven. It's a cozy place where you can savor a variety of traditional Polish dumplings called pierogi. Don't miss the potato and cheese pierogi – they are simply delicious!



best time to travel

May-September



The historic main market square, Rynek Główny, is a must-see in Krakow. This square is in the heart of the city and is surrounded by beautiful architecture, including the stunning St. Mary's Basilica. You can also explore the Cloth Hall, where local artisans sell their crafts.



The Wawel Castle is a must-visit spot in Krakow. From that hilltop, you can enjoy breathtaking views of the city, including the picturesque Vistula River and the charming Old Town.



Don't forget to try Obwarzanki, the traditional Krakow pretzels from street vendors – they make for a delightful snack while exploring the city.

One of my favorite Krakow activities is walking through the Kazimierz district, the city's historic Jewish quarter. It's a lively area with a unique blend of culture and vibrant street art. You can also find some fantastic restaurants and bars here.

currency
Polish Zloty (PLN)

Vila Real, Portugal

through the eyes of Fátima Bravo



language
Portuguese

Olá

currency
Euro (EUR)

best time to travel
Summer



The city is home to great mountains, waterfalls, and rivers. Vila Real is the perfect place to enjoy nature and outdoor activities like hiking, canyoning, sky diving, and a lot more.

Vila Real means a Royal Village, and it's named like that because the king used to take vacations here. I guess he was a nature lover, too! :)

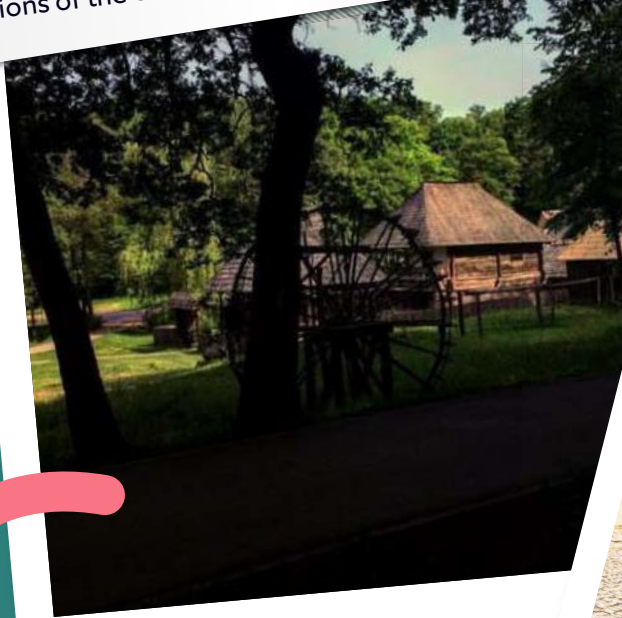
My favorite spot is the Parque Natural do Alvão, where you can be in total contact with nature. The best viewpoint is from the Fugas de Ermelo waterfall in the park.

The Douro region is a must-see. It's famous for its vineyards and port wine production.

My favorite activity is canyoning, although I did it just once. But it was the best feeling to go down the river like that!

I recommend Portuguese traditional food. The 259 gastro bar, Tasquinha da Alice, and Sabores do Alvão are the restaurants where you can enjoy them.

Set aside a whole day to visit the ASTRA museum, one of Europe's largest open-air museums. It features a collection of over 300 traditional buildings from different regions of the country. :)



language
Romanian

Buna

Sibiu, Romania

through the eyes
of Irina Linte



best time to travel
Summer



Sibiu is a charming city located in Transylvania, Romania. Whether you're interested in history, culture, architecture, or simply enjoying a laid-back atmosphere, Sibiu offers a unique and enriching travel experience for all.

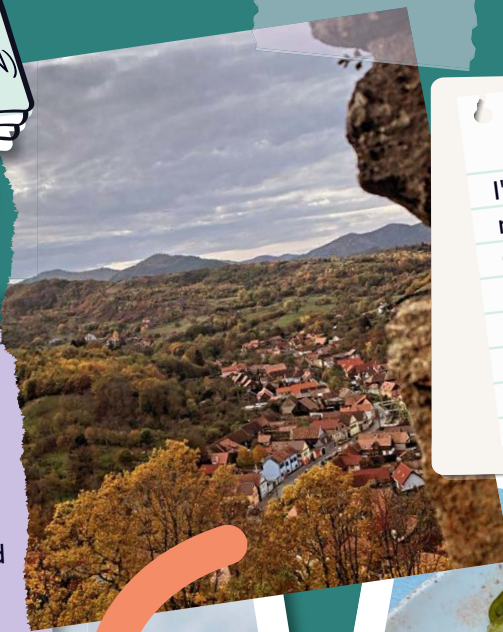
currency
Romanian Leu (RON)

The Sibiu Christmas Market is a must-see if you visit during the holiday season. The market is famous for its festive decorations, hand crafted gifts, and delicious seasonal treats.



Sibiu International Marathon is by far my favorite activity in the city. It is the biggest philanthropic sporting event in Romania. The aim is to encourage the community spirit in Sibiu. The atmosphere at this event is incredible!

I'm a nature enthusiast, so one of my favorite places is the Cisnădioara Fortress, where you can admire the city from above and experience the breathtaking beauty around, especially during autumn.



Lili's Sibiu is one place I really love. The food is great, and they are pet-friendly! :)

Bucharest, Romania

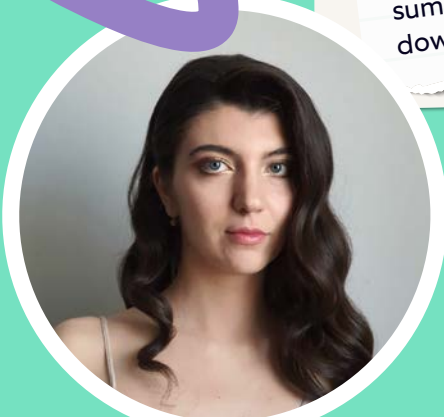
through the eyes
of Raluca Preda



Insider tip: You don't need a car. You can explore the city using public transport or on foot. Also, if you want to avoid the crowd, visit on national holidays!



Bucharest, which was called "Little Paris" some time ago, is a veritable treasure chest. It hides some of the most beautiful buildings in the country, and each area of the city has its own specificity. For party-goers and fun-lovers, the old city center is home to the most famous clubs. During the summer, many festivals occur in parks, downtown, or theatres.



language

Romanian

Buna

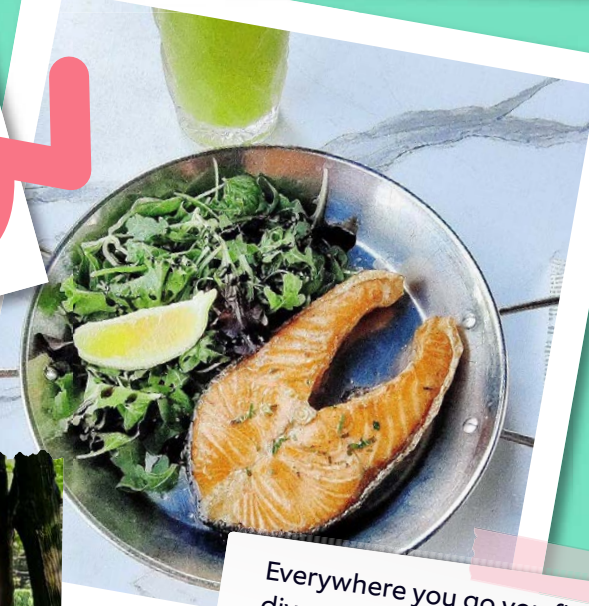
best time to travel

Summer



I don't have a favorite place as such, but I love parks. In Bucharest, there are many parks, and I don't get bored taking walks there.

Although you'll surely be spoilt for choices, the Roman Athenaeum deserves a special mention. It is a symbolic edifice of national culture thanks to the great world personalities who have performed here.



Everywhere you go you find diverse and tasty food, so I can't say that I have a favorite place, but I like the restaurants on the shores of Lake Herastrau because of the views. For shopping, Piata Obor is famous for the diversity of fresh vegetables and fruits and more.

I love walking and losing my way through the winding streets, exploring and admiring hidden houses, and discovering less popular places of interest.



currency

Romanian Leu (RON)

Seville, Spain

through the eyes of Esteban Álvarez



language
Spanish

Hola



Fun fact: Seville was a filming location for Game of Thrones and Star Wars.

Seville is a treat for the soul in many ways! It's the birthplace of the gypsy art of Flamenco, has the third largest cathedral in the world, and boasts of the famous Royal Alcazar Palace. Plus, the charming landscape and easy-going people.

best time to travel
April

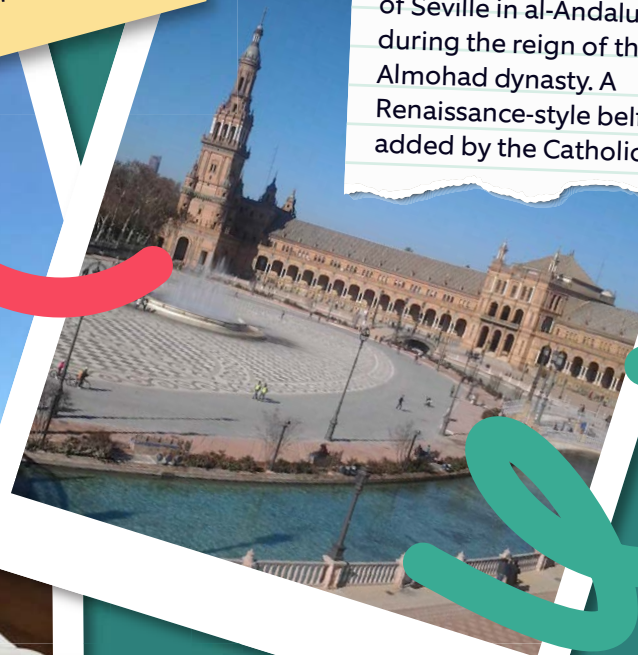


I like taking a stroll by the riverside or getting lost in the ancient streets of the city center.



The best viewpoint would be from the iconic Giralda Tower. You can see the entire city center from the top.

The La Giralda is a must-see. This tower was built as a minaret for the Great Mosque of Seville in al-Andalus, during the reign of the Almohad dynasty. A Renaissance-style belfry was added by the Catholics later.



I recommend these must-eat dishes from Seville: ensaladilla, salmorejo, gazpacho, espinacas con garbanzos, pescaíto frito, jamón ibérico, tortilla, paella, and sea food. Most of the traditional restaurants will have them.

currency
Euro (EUR)

Stockholm, Sweden

through the eyes of Heta Rynänen



language
Swedish

Hallå

Because of its beauty, Stockholm is called the 'Venice of the North.' It's got several historical monuments; the Royal Palace is one of the largest palaces in Europe and a must-visit. Also, a boat ride to the archipelago and a dip in the sea are lifetime experiences.



My favorite dish is a Swedish classic – Kalix Caviar with toast, red onion, smetana, and jives; simple but so delicious. My favorite place to have this is at the Astoria restaurant (the owner of this restaurant is a three-Michelin-starred chef)

best time to travel
May-September

Almost wherever you are in Stockholm, your gaze is met by water. One of my favorite spots is by the King Castle, where you can see the beautiful buildings overlooking the water.

Stockholm is considered one of the capital cities of international pop today. Lots of hits are written and produced in Stockholm for all big artists, starting from ABBA to Madonna, Selena Gomez, Celine Dion, Katy Perry, Britney Spears, and Avicii.

Do check out the archipelago. It's best to take a public boat there, and on the way, you can check out how people in Stockholm live by the water. You can get off at Vaxholm and wander around that small island just to get a feel of the local community there.

currency
Swedish Krona (SEK)

Zurich, Switzerland

through the eyes of Roxana Vintila!



language
Swiss German

Grüezi

You need to spend some time at the Lake Zurich whenever you are here. It is one of Switzerland's 'Big Five' lakes and is a popular destination for swimming, sailing, boating, and picnicking.



Zurich is a mesmerizingly beautiful city with museums and galleries spread across the whole city. It's the largest city in Switzerland and is located at the northwestern tip of Lake Zurich.

My favorite pastime is eating an ice cream while taking a walk around the city!



currency
Swiss Franc (CHF)

I like dining at the Swiss Chuchi Restaurant, which offers various Swiss specialties in Zurich's city center, including 9 variations of cheese fondue.



The Uetliberg is a Swiss plateau mountain rising up to 870 m. The mountain offers a panoramic view of the entire city of Zurich and the Lake of Zurich. You can enjoy a Swiss lunch and Aperol at the local restaurant (Top of Zurich).

If you visit during Easter, you will be greeted with colorful roses in various fountains in Zurich. It's a tradition meant to bring color and hope to those in difficult times.

best time to travel

All year long





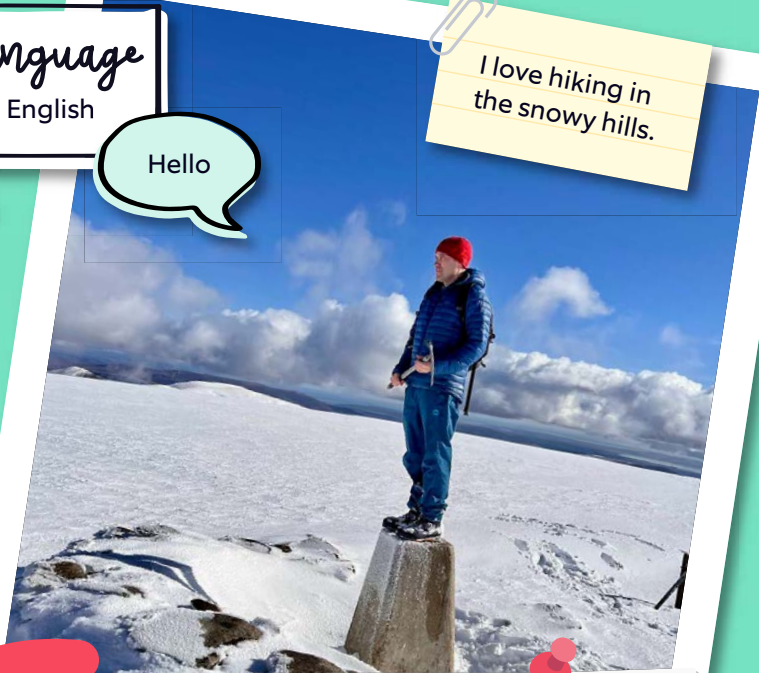
Scotland, UK

through the eyes
of Craig Merchant

language
English

Hello

I love hiking in
the snowy hills.



From the beautiful scenery
of the highlands to the
bustling streets of the cities,
Scotland has a lot to offer.

best time to travel
Winter



The first Harry Potter book was
written in the Elephant House Cafe
in the Edinburgh city center.

currency
British Pound (GBP)

Glencoe is a dramatic,
serene valley running
up the Scottish Highlands
that changes as per
the season.



The historic Edinburgh castle,
built in the 11th century
castle, towers above the old
and new town of Edinburgh.



I recommend Victoria's
restaurant in Pitlochry for
the traditional Scottish
Haggis, neeps (turnip),
and tatties (potatoes).



North
America

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Cuatro Ciénegas, México

through the eyes
of Carolina Villarreal



language
Spanish

Hola

I love spending my free afternoons swimming and kayaking in the waters.



best time to travel
Summer

The Poza Azul. You can see the desert in its splendor against the bright blue water. The pond apparently seems to appear out of nowhere, and the depth varies across the pool, which is why the blue color of the water looks more intense in the deeper areas.



Cuatro Ciénegas is the place credited with the origins of life on Earth. Here, you can find stones called stromatolites, the oldest known evidence of life. It's a beautiful oasis in the desert with delicious gastronomy and a great history of our Mexican Revolution.



Don't hesitate to greet back strangers if they wave at you and say 'hello'. People are very friendly here and always like to greet everyone. :)



My favorite eating spots are the Villarreal, Maria Elena, and La Casona. Try Chilaquiles topped with cream, onion, and panela cheese. You can add chicken, eggs, or beans.

It is really hard to summarize because of the volume of history and stunning landscapes! But the dusk skylines are unparalleled.

currency
Peso (MXN)

La Paz, México

through the eyes
of Celina Villaescusa



language
Spanish

Hola

Why should
you visit La Paz?
The beaches,
of course!

best time to travel
Summer

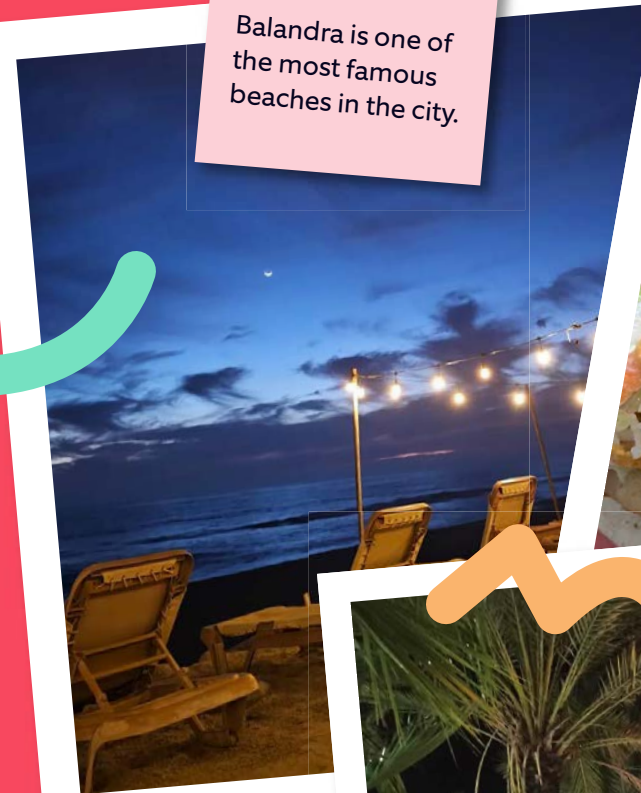


Nothing can beat
the paddle boarding
experience in La Paz!

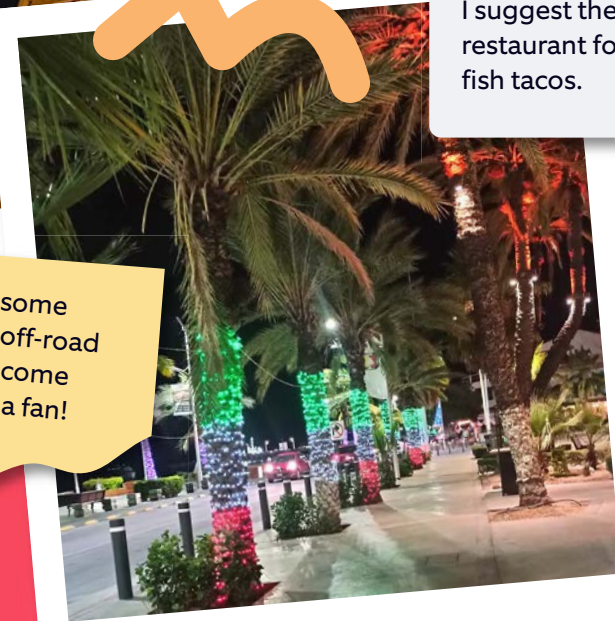
I find it interesting to
take a stroll along the
Malecón. You can see the
incredible beach views
and a lot of other places
of interest.



Balandra is one of
the most famous
beaches in the city.



I suggest the Taco Fish
restaurant for amazing
fish tacos.



We have some
amazing off-road
races; do come
if you are a fan!



New York, USA

through the eyes of Amrendra Kumar



language

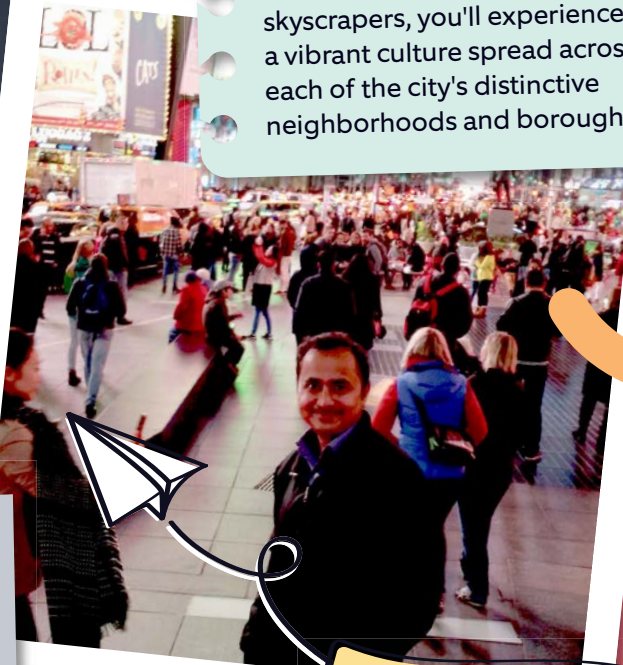
English

Hello

Cool, cosmopolitan, crowded, constantly evolving – that's New York for you! Amidst New York's iconic landmarks and towering skyscrapers, you'll experience a vibrant culture spread across each of the city's distinctive neighborhoods and boroughs.



I recommend the Ellens Stardust Diner and The Counter (here, you can customize your burger).



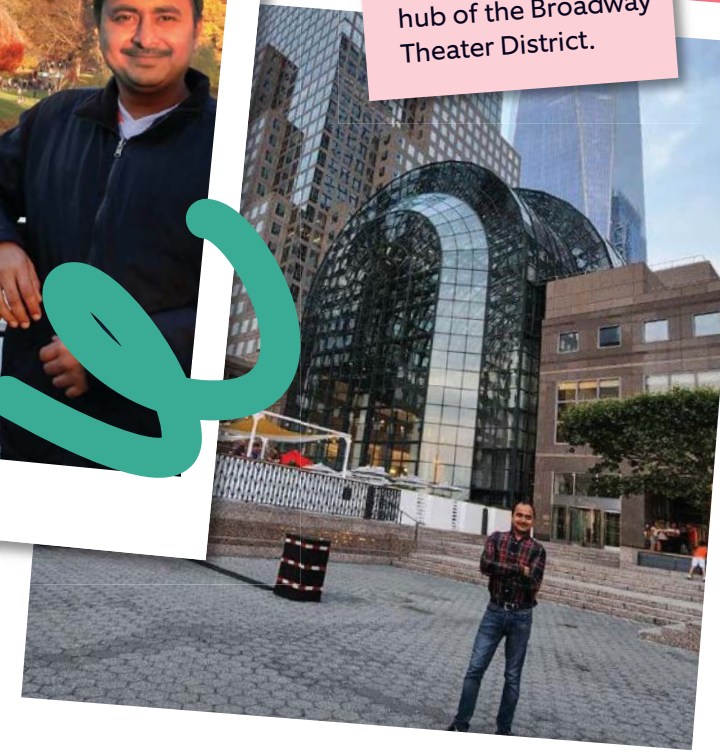
best time to travel

Fall and Summer

I suggest visiting the Times Square for lighting and Central Park for a walk amidst nature, especially during the fall season.



The Times Square! It's known for its bright lights, shopping, and shows. It's also the hub of the Broadway Theater District.



A ferry ride while visiting New York City is a must!



currency
US Dollar (USD)

Edgewater, USA

through the eyes of Asra Khan



language
English

Hello

best time to travel
Summer



The Edgewater Waterfront Walkway, located along the Hudson River in Edgewater, is a well-known vantage point and scenic destination. This charming pathway provides visitors with breathtaking vistas of the Manhattan skyline.

Nestled along the Hudson River, Edgewater imparts the feeling of being in New York City without the urban bustle. Visitors can marvel at stunning views of the Manhattan skyline from the waterfront, indulge in shopping at its many malls, savor a range of diverse culinary delights, or unwind in the town's serene parks.



Further north on the Edgewater Waterfront Walkway, one can also catch a glimpse of the George Washington Bridge (GWB). It's one of the busiest suspension bridges in the world, connecting New Jersey and New York City over the Hudson River.



You can't go wrong with a classic pizza at the family-owned restaurant, Brother's Pizzeria. Remaining true to its Italian roots, Brother's has cultivated a beloved culinary legacy in Edgewater for over twenty years.



One of my more enjoyable experiences in Edgewater is visiting the Edgewater Public Library. Here, I can leisurely explore books and movies while also admiring the building's unique history and architecture.

An interesting piece of trivia: Chemist Vincent Lamberti pioneered the invention of the Dove soap in Edgewater in the 1950s, the first soap to be produced without animal fat.



Boston, USA

through the eyes of Benjamin Seifert



language
English

Hello

Boston is a one-of-a-kind city that gives a big-city vibe in a not-so-big city. Boston offers a variety of things to do – you can explore the impressive history and food specialties. Plus, spot a whale at the Boston Harbor if you are lucky!



I frequent Legal Seafoods (a family-owned restaurant chain spread throughout the city) for lobster. I recommend trying one of the famous canollis at Micke's Pastry for dessert.



best time to travel
Fall and Summer



Avoid coming in winter or early spring. The city gets really cold.

The newly opened observatory at Prudential Center is a nice viewpoint to soak in the scenes of the Boston city, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Charles River. Also, I usually walk along the Esplanade and enjoy the Charles River and Cambridge views.



I like going to the beach and enjoying the cold Atlantic water on a hot summer day. I also like exploring the different kinds of restaurants in and around the city, from Italian to Korean, Chinese, French, and American.

Boston Common and Public Garden are the two bigger parks within the city. You can relax, enjoy a nice summer or fall day at the pond, and even ride a boat.





South America

A stylized graphic featuring the words "South" and "America" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. The text is decorated with several colorful, thick, hand-drawn style lines and dots. A pink line loops around the top left of the word "South". A teal line loops around the top right of the word "South". A purple line loops around the bottom left of the word "America". There are also four small dots: a teal dot above the "S", a purple dot above the "h", a pink dot below the "i", and a teal dot below the "a".

Bogotá, Colombia

through the eyes
of Camila Llano Posada



language
Spanish

Hola

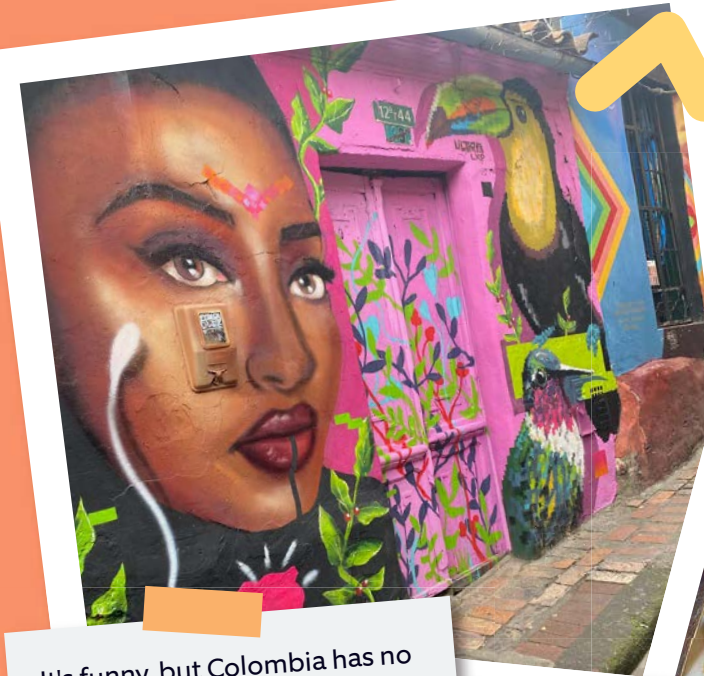
Monserate is a 10,000-foot-high mountain you can visit for the church and traditional food. Monserate is quite near the center of Bogota city, a tourist hub.



Hiking in the mountains is something I am fond of. I can go hiking just five minutes away from the city and get a spectacular view of Bogota.



best time to travel
Summer



It's funny, but Colombia has no season as such. It's either rainy or dry. So, you can choose the season you want to visit in. We have a lot of nature around, tasty food, and party vibes everywhere.

I don't know if this is a 'fun' fact. It's a local saying that if you go to Monserate with your partner, you will break up with them after a few days!

For Asian food, I go to WOK. I like Crepes & Waffles for its classic Colombian restaurant vibe and Plaza de Comidas La Perseverancia for the traditional Colombian spread.



currency
Colombian Peso (COP)

Quito, Ecuador

through the eyes
of Maritza Rolón



language
Spanish

Hola

You may experience all four seasons within just a day – sunny skies in the morning, rain at noon, spring wind in the afternoon, and cold fog at night. Come prepared with layers of clothes!

best time to travel
September

I love visiting the Panecillo.
The view from there is
breathtaking as one can see
both the south and north of
the city from the top.

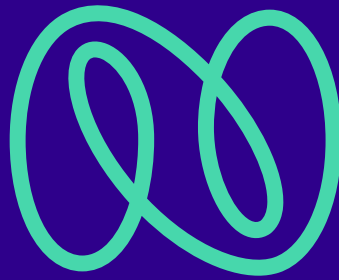
Sitting right in the center
of the Northern and the
Southern Hemisphere,
Quito is a unique mix of
cultures, cuisines, and
amazing sights.

currency
US Dollar (USD)

The Middle of The World city
near Quito is located right in the
middle of the northern and
southern hemispheres of the
planet. You can visit the museum
there and experience the
planet's forces from both
hemispheres, it's really magical.

Los Ceviches de la Rumiñahui
boasts of seafood from the ocean
to plate that's succulent, delicious,
and refreshing. I especially love
the Encebollado there!

I love exploring the
incredible colonial sights,
churches, squares, and
the whole town,
especially at night.



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