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Knowledge is a Power. Information is Liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.

Happy Summers, Viva!

Summer... that time during the year when the days are longer, the mercury levels are higher and the humidity makes me feel insanely uncomfortable. Most mornings, the various odours of sunscreen, eau de parfum, talcum powders and a neighbour's overpowering champa-confused-it-is-chameli agarbattis blend into a symphony...more like a cacophony of scents. The only breath of fresh air during summer is the vacation. And those who have the leisure of time, have the luxury to forget about grocery shopping for sugar and spice and instead take off to some place nice.

According to many travel gurus, the kind of vacation you go on says a lot about who you are. Hmm! Isn't that interesting? Recent studies on tourism reveal that there are five distinct kinds of vacations that people go on: The Paradise, The Wild, The Ruin, The Living Culture and The Playground.

For amusement sake and more importantly as a person who can very comfortably and conveniently fit into all of the above categories (and may be even more categories which the experts might come up with later), here is my simple take on each type of vacation.

The Paradise - The palace hotels, the beaches and resorts are examples of destinations for the classic paradise vacation although the presence of a beach might not necessarily be a requirement. Rather, the paradise is epitomized by the combination of lush beauty with luxuries like spa treatments, swimming pools, coffee shops, boutiques, star rated restaurants, personalised rooms and services, and the most essential - a well-stocked bar. Ironically, sometimes the very presence of these luxuries can threaten the natural beauty that draws people to these kinds of destinations. Let's just say that a very delicate balance of nature and luxury has to be maintained. Everyone wants the view of the manicured gardens or the white sand and ships sailing in the ocean or of the boats in the backwaters or panoramic sights of the plantations, valleys, alps, etc... basically everybody wants a paradise where they can put their feet up and live life king-size. But nobody wants to be in a paradise where they have to raise their arms up in the air and walk towards the edge of a cliff and go all "Lion King" with their cell phones just to get network coverage.

The Wild - While the paradise vacation combines escapism with luxury and convenience...the wild vacation is where you take natural beauty with a side order of roughing it. Here the travellers enjoy the wilderness, the outdoor adventures, the

valley of flowers, the jungle safaris, bird sanctuaries, and even apitourism/bee tourism in shorts...Oops! I mean. in short there is a little bit of ... "jungle jungle baat chali hai, pata chala hai, Arre chaddi pehen ke phool khila hai, phool khila hai wannabe Mowgli " in all of us.

The Ruin - Not surprisingly in this case, fantasizing about the past is a primary driver for vacationers who set their sights on visiting ruins. The twin forces of erasure and nostalgia animate the ruin-centred vacation. People are drawn by an attraction to the past....an attraction made even more emotionally magnetic by the remaining traces of structures, their inhabitants, and the civilizations that supported them. In this group, one reads every piece of literature, walks in slow-mo. while admiring sculptures and even pauses to think, " What the Greek philosopher Socrates might have been thinking?"

The Living Culture - In a contrast to the layered, fragmenting space of the ruin, there are those who seek to experience other human cultures. The living culture promises authenticity. Such vacations are a staple of TV travel shows, and the travel show hosts actively encourage consumers to immerse themselves in cultures other than their own. One often attributes a host of clichés to this type of vacation. The Western tourist returning from India with a new, enlightened sense of spirituality is as commonplace as the Indian tourist returning from European capital cities with luxury bags full of everything except the Kohinoor! My family's personal favourite thing to do during such a vacation is...to explore towns, walk along promenades, spend time in cafes, shop for artefacts, etc. I manage that part pretty well because I NOAH guy whose rule is; We two, take our two and two suitcases. We pack only two of every item and follow the 90s mantra... There are some things money can't buy. For everything else (missing or less in the luggage), there's MasterCard.

The Playground - Playgrounds present the vacationer with highly structured locations and experiences, including themed food, handicrafts, performance, and spectacles. Theme parks, Universal Studios, and the Disney parks cater to a family-friendly audience. It is in these very traps...Err! I mean travel destinations, that the kids end up blowing soapy bubbles into thin air while the adults end up blowing ridiculous amounts of moolah buying toys and souvenirs. Another classic example of playground is going on cruises. Cruise ships peddle their own distinctive brands of diversion within a highly concentrated and strictly delineated space. Folks sit comfortably on the viewing decks and sip orange cocktails. Let's just say we get an overdose of Vitamin Sea. All in all, playground destinations definitely offer fun, thrill and stimulation.

Whatever be our choice of vacation, when it comes to having fun during summers, our minds always come up with genius ideas which can drift boundless.... all the way to Timbuktu! But our hearts always remember all those summers we spend with the people we never forget. Hence, I beg to differ with the esteemed travel gurus. I believe that variety is the spice of life, so just.... Be, what you wanna be, taking things the way they come, nothing is as nice as finding paradise and sitting in the summer sun. La la la the summer sun....
Happy Summers, Viva!



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My Dear Mother

World's Best Star, is my cutie mother,
But if I do any mischief, She won't even bother.

I love my mother, because she's the BEST,
She always takes my studies, before every test.

She is a good mother, because she loves me.
I am very lucky to have her because she gives me all the liberty especially to be free.

Kind with nature, sweetness in heart
She helps me in my projects to make it look beautiful and pretty so that it goes on the board chart.
To conclude and end, I would love to say
That she is my BEST FRIEND!

I LOVE YOU MOM.



Sketches



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