



NEWSLETTER



Postpone travelling abroad for at least one year

PM Narendra Modi delivered a stunning appeal at the Hyderabad rally on May 10, 2026 urging Indians to avoid foreign travel and destination weddings abroad for one year.

The reason? An escalating global oil crisis with crude crossing \$120 per barrel and the Strait of Hormuz through which 20% of global oil passes disrupted by the US-Iran war.

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YEAR	INDIAN OUTBOUND DEPARTURES	GROWTH	OUTBOUND SPENDING (VERIFIED)
2019	26.9 million	Pre-pandemic	US\$ 22.9 billion
2023	27.88 million	+29.05% YoY	US\$ 33.3 billion
2024	30.89 million	+10.79% YoY	US\$ 31.7 billion (FY24)
2025	Estimated Growth Continues	Projected US\$ 55 billion by 2034	US\$ 45+ billion (estimate)

Why this matters for YOU

Indians spent \$31.7 billion (₹2.72 lakh crore) on foreign trips in 2023-24 a 25% jump from the previous year. Travel has now overtaken education as India's largest outward remittance category.

To capture ground-level realities, a pan-India survey was administered to a diverse cohort of AGENTS, OTA, DMC'S, WWDMC'S, VISA COMP., HOTELS under the direction of Mr. Anurag Jain, Director of Rising Tides Journeys.

The proprietary findings will be unveiled in the magazine's May 2026 issue



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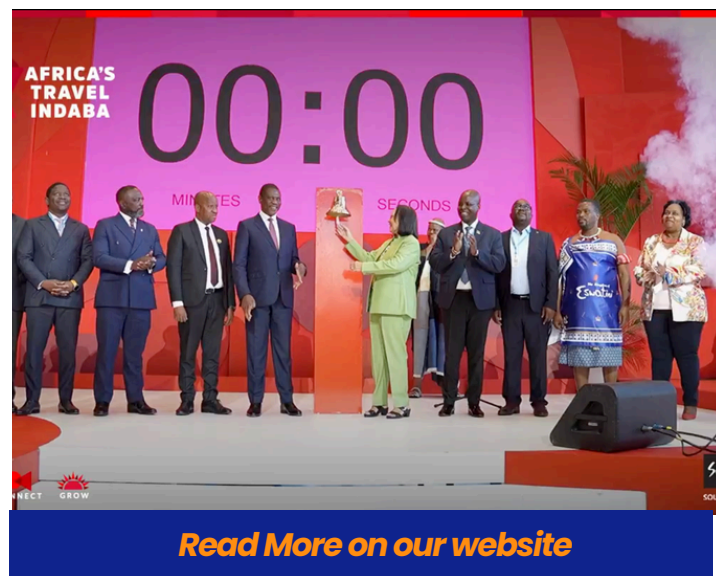
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South Africa Pushes Tourism Transformation and Safety at Africa's Travel Indaba 2026



May 11-14, 2026
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

At Africa's Travel Indaba 2026, Maggie Sotyu revealed that the Tourism Transformation Fund has supported 41 tourism projects with R150.4 million in grants since 2018, boosting entrepreneurship and community development.

She also stressed that stronger tourism safety measures in Durban are essential for improving visitor confidence, protecting jobs, and supporting long-term tourism growth.

GLOBAL TRAVEL EVENTS WATCH 2026

Major tourism trade events shaping global travel, MICE, aviation, destination weddings, and regional tourism partnerships this month.



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Malaysia Eyes 1.8 Million Indian Arrivals with Stronger Air Connectivity and VM2026 Push

Malaysia is setting its sights on welcoming 1.8 million Indian tourists this year, up from 1.6 million in 2024, as part of its strategy to deepen ties with one of its fastest-growing source markets. The target will be driven by enhanced air connectivity, eased travel and visa processes, and the global spotlight of Visit Malaysia 2026 (VM2026).

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STRONG GROWTH MOMENTUM

India remains among Malaysia's top 10 source markets, with arrivals growing 25.7% in 2024 to reach 1.6 million. The goal is to reach 1.8 million Indian visitors in 2025.



ENHANCED AIR CONNECTIVITY

More direct flights and increased seat capacity between key Indian cities and Malaysia—including new routes and higher frequencies—are making travel easier and more convenient.



EASIER TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Simplified visa procedures, including visa-free entry for Indian tourists until December 2026, along with smoother immigration and digital initiatives, are encouraging more Indians to visit.



VM2026: A GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT

With Visit Malaysia 2026 driving worldwide promotions, mega events, new attractions and unique experiences, the campaign is set to inspire more Indians to explore Malaysia.



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Sikkim: A Himalayan Blueprint for Sustainable Tourism

Sikkim stands as a global example of how mindful policies, community participation and ecological respect can shape tourism. From protecting fragile ecosystems to promoting responsible travel and cultural pride, the state shows how sustainability can drive authentic experiences while preserving heritage and supporting local livelihoods.

Sikkim's approach proves that tourism grows with purpose. It uplifts communities, protects nature and inspires travelers seeking meaningful, responsible journeys. It is truly a Himalayan blueprint for sustainable tourism.

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PERSPECTIVES THAT DRIVE TRAVEL FORWARD

Jharkhand Bets Big on Eco-Tourism, Community Travel and Low-Impact Growth

Jharkhand is emerging as a green tourism destination, where nature, culture and community go hand in hand. From waterfalls and forests to tribal heritage and village experiences, the state is embracing eco-tourism, responsible travel and local participation to ensure sustainable, low-impact growth.

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Chhattisgarh- Forest Futures and the New Economics of Travel

Chhattisgarh is redefining travel through its forests, rivers and living traditions. By promoting community-led tourism, conservation and authentic experiences, the state is building a new model of tourism—one that nurtures nature, empowers people and creates sustainable economic opportunities.

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