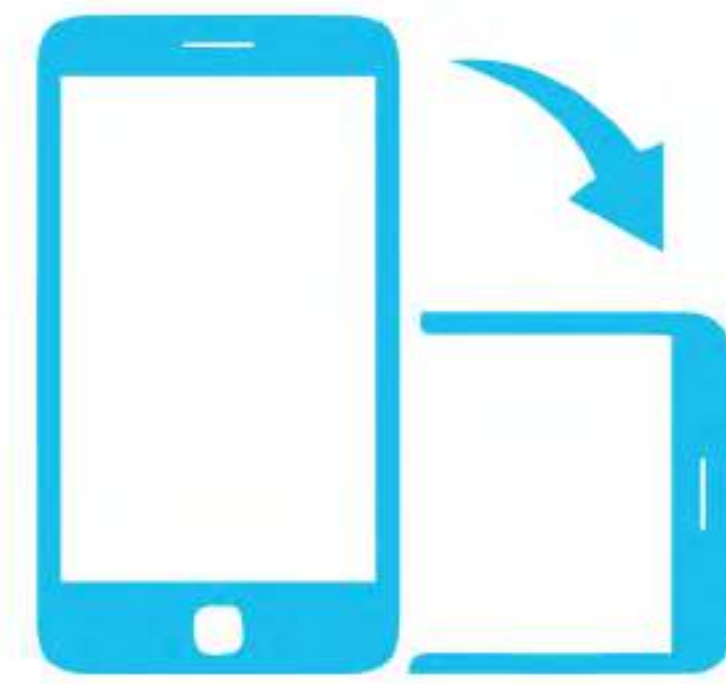


2021

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

RETROSPECTIVE, WITH **SAVAARI**



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Travel begins
with Savaari

Dear Patron,

2021 was a year like no other.

The pandemic disrupted status-quo and often left us dispirited. Days spent confined between walls of isolation cemented a deep sentiment of hopelessness. The beauty of human connection, the kindness of strangers, empathy, and the sense of liberation on the road, were almost forgotten after spending more than a year indoors.

However, every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn. Like new life sprouting from the soil, travel resumed! The urge to explore nature's inimitable canvas finally gave us hope and purpose. From panoramic mountain vistas to tropical beaches, from endless deserts to mist-shrouded rainforests, each evocative landscape was food for our travel-deprived souls.

2021 was the year when we realised the importance of travel, to our existence.

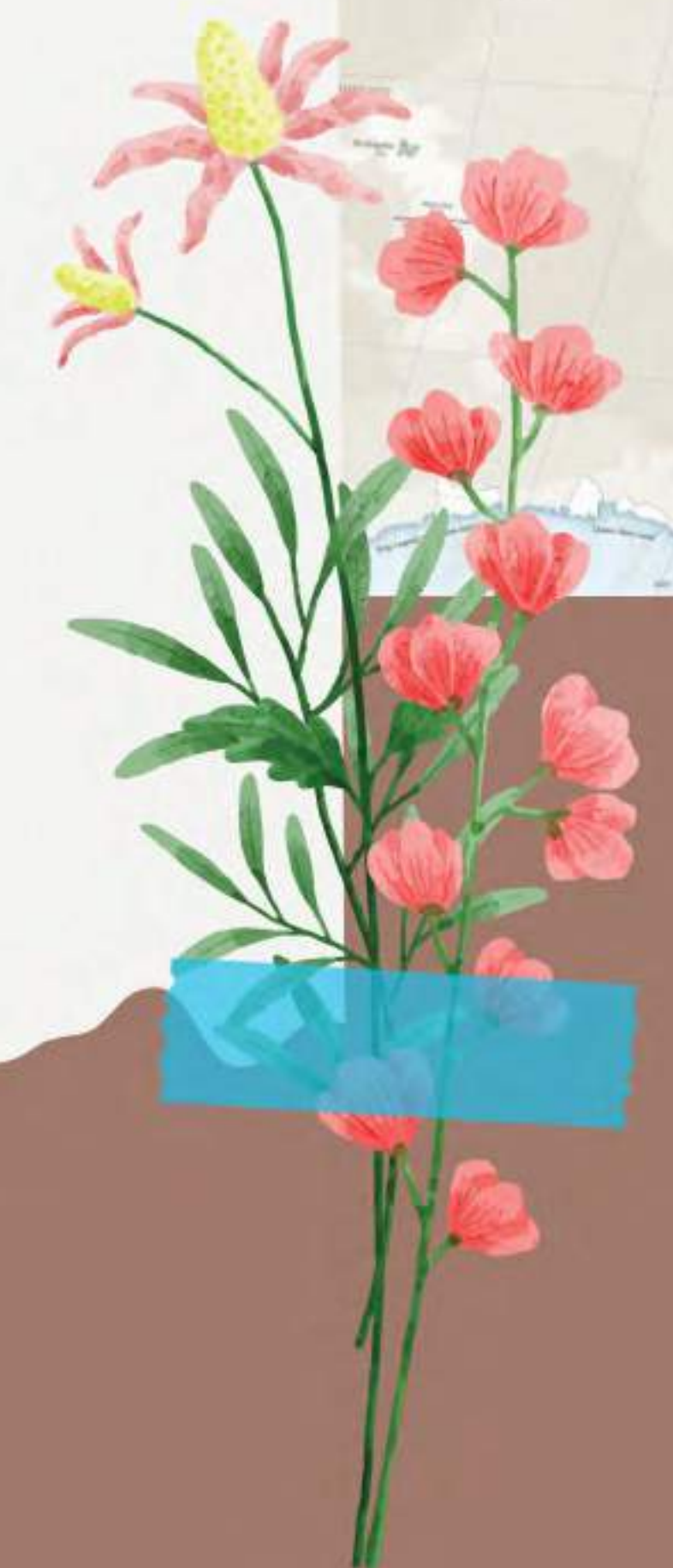
With the easing of restrictions, we slowly ventured out to unwind with loved ones, finding newer and safer means- all while encasing holidays into strict bubbles. Savaari helped lakhs of travellers fall in love with road travel by unburdening them of any safety concerns, thanks to our quality and hygienic services. Furthermore, we inspired them to cherish roadtrips, with our chauffeurs being memorable participants in their journeys. It marked the beginning of a new era of travel, with flappers and outlandish parties replaced by a newfound love for the road, the native ecosystem and small joys.

This magazine is a reflective compilation of our favourite road trip recommendations that need to be on everyone's must-do list. As we usher in 2022, let us travel and rediscover the thrill of what was once lost!

Without further ado, read on, rally your near and dear, and plan your next road trip!

The roads are calling, where are you?

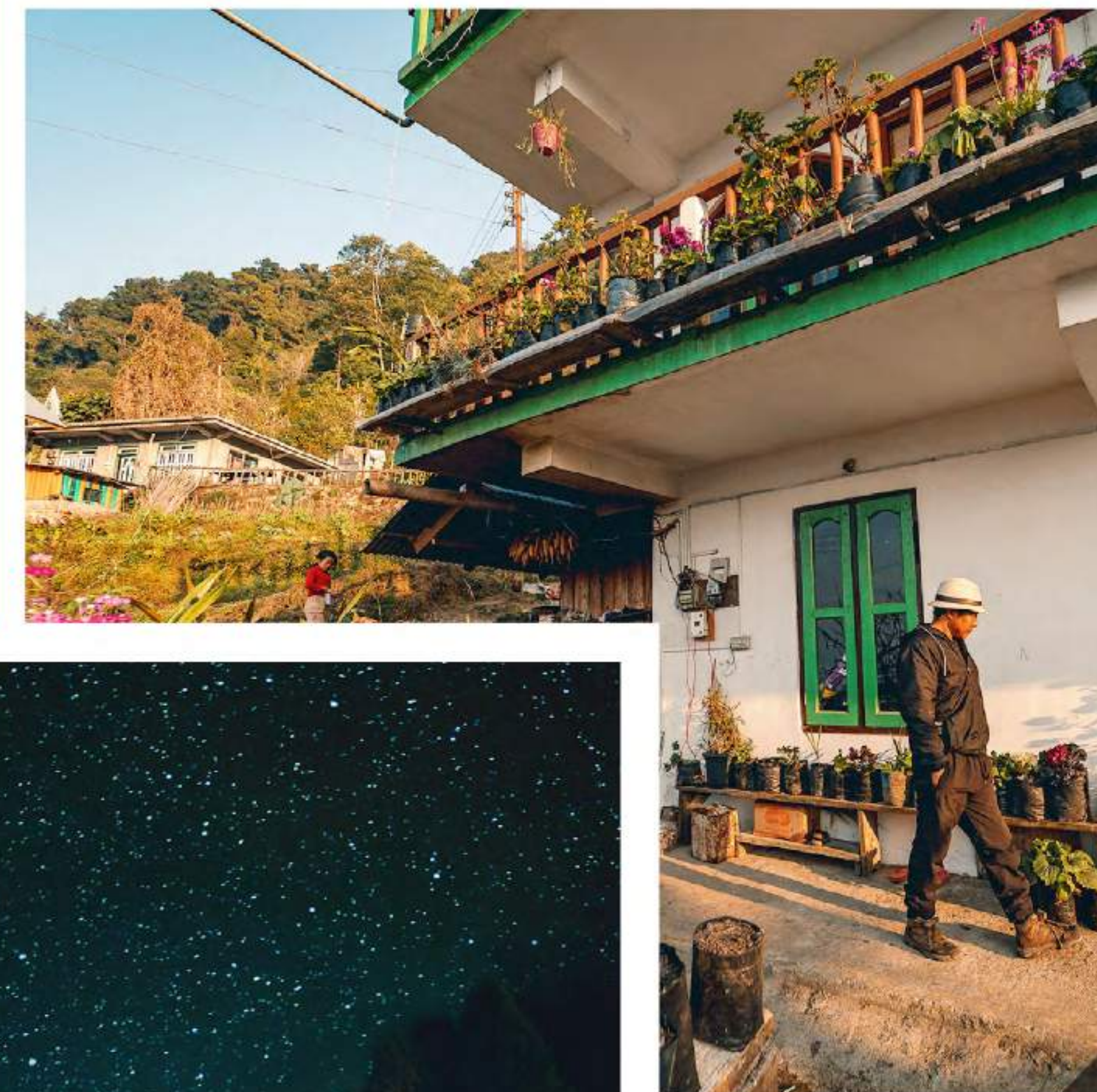
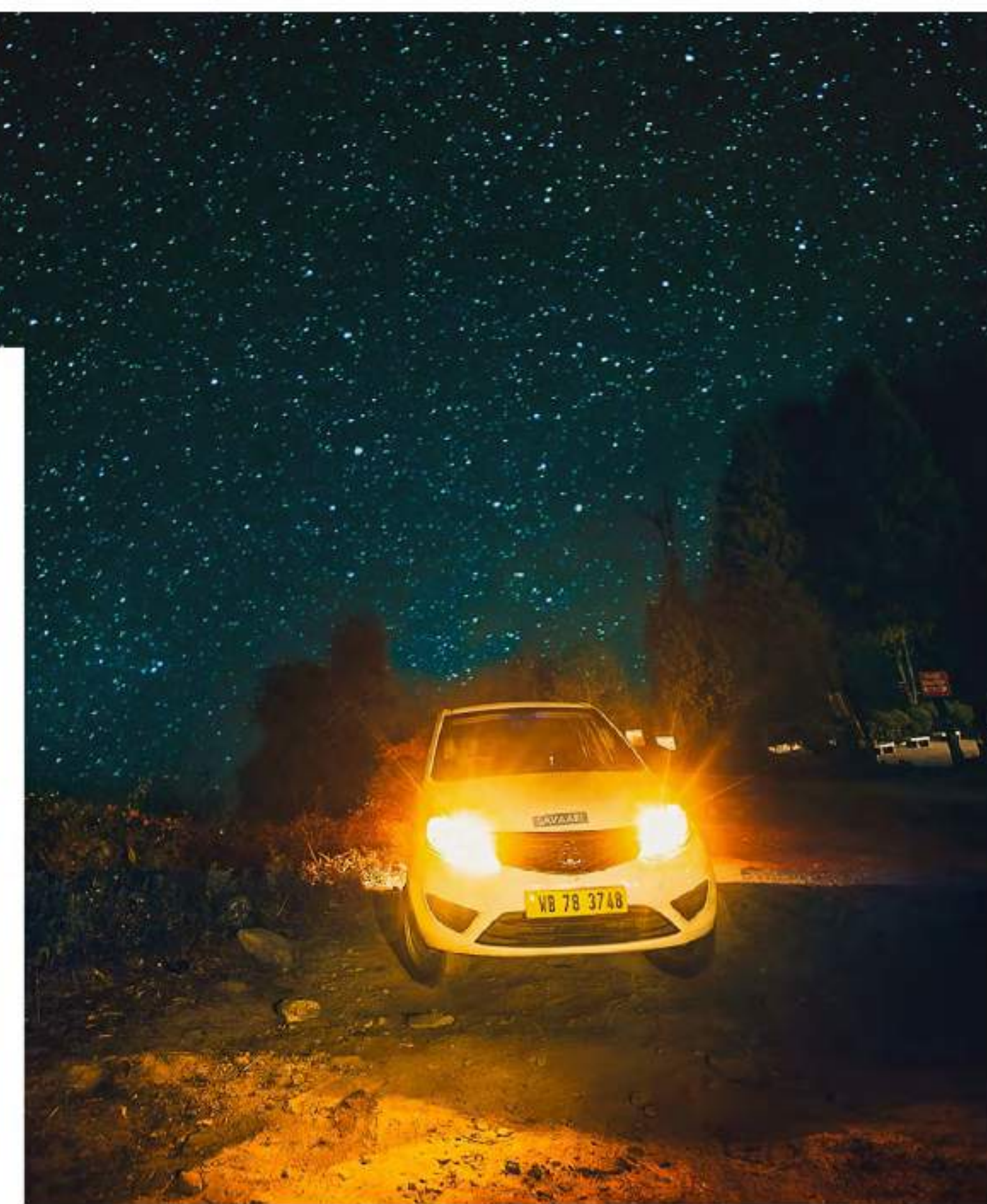
Happy travelling,
Team Savaari




EXPLORING SURREAL NORTH BENGAL WITH RIDDHI

Riddhi's journey through the valleys of North Bengal with Savaari was nothing but magical! Her road trip, surrounded by tall pine trees driving from Kalimpong to exploring little villages near the Sikkim border, was an ethereal experience.

Whether it was the bumpy but picturesque drive through Neora Valley National Park or an hour's trek to Rishop's highest point Tiffindara for those breathtaking views of Kanchenjunga or spending time with a sustainable tourism community in Kolkakham village - each of her experiences is a reason for you to travel offbeat.



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DARJEELING

*Book a farm-stay
and take a trip down
the memory lane.*



*The old world charm of the
toy-train steam engine*

Take only
memories,
— leave only —
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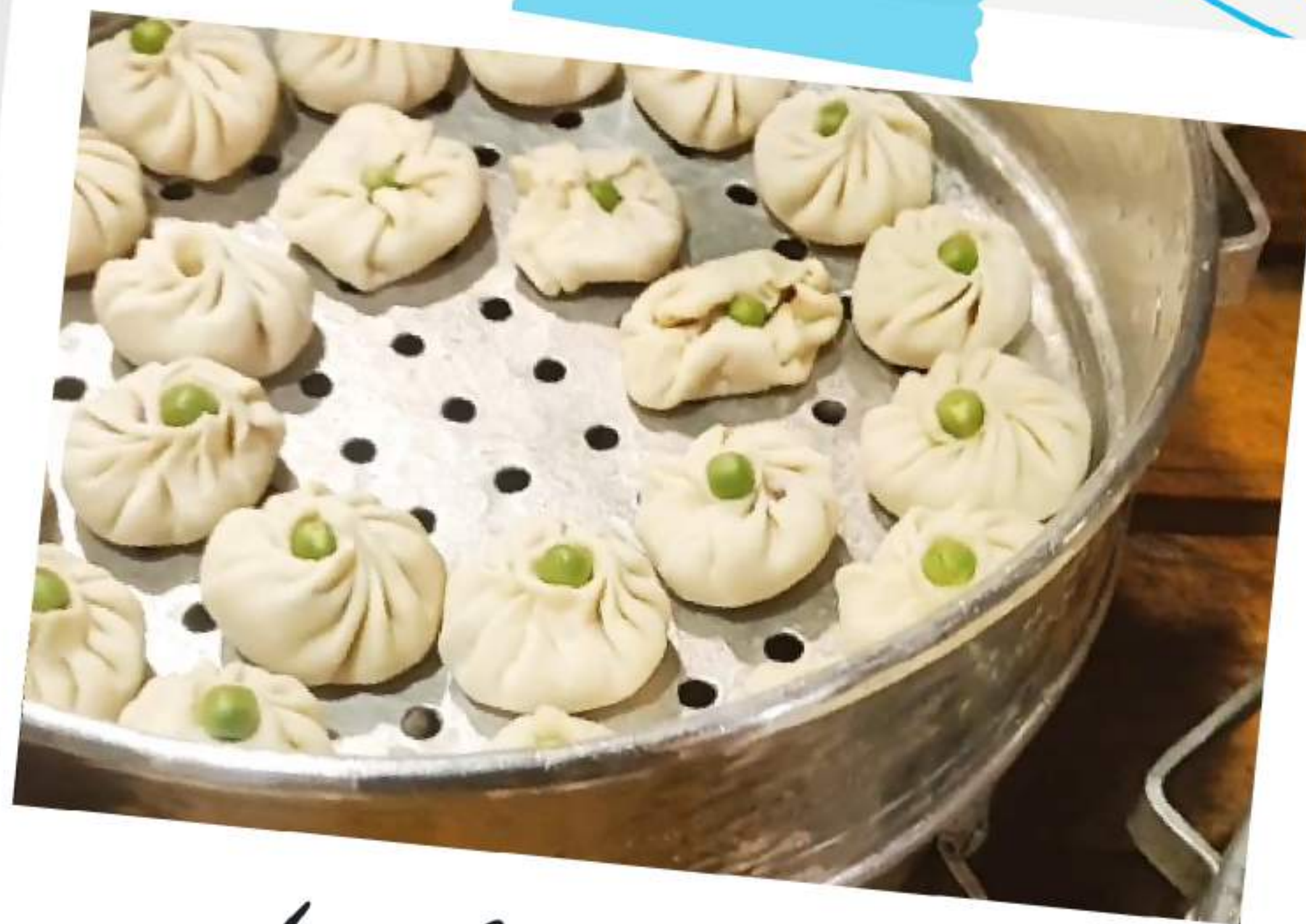
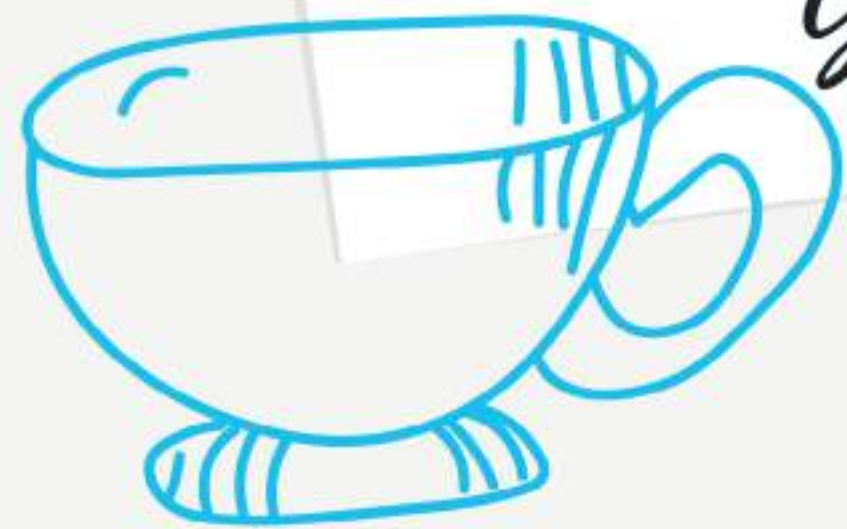


Darjeeling, known for its tea prowess, is much more than that - breathtaking tall pine forests, an exclusive experience in a UNESCO heritage property of a toy-train, a beautiful afternoon at the mall area, and a stay away from the hustle bustle of the town.

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*Cafe Recommendations:
Nerdvana Bookstore & Cafe,
Glenary's Bakery*



*Local Experience:
Learn the art of momo-making
from a local*

Darjeeling



Suma Avas
Farmstay

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Situated in Leborg,
8 KM from Darjeeling,
the farmstay has
cozy cottages.
Experience the
quietude away from
the hustle and
bustle of the city.
Go for riverside treks,
a jeep-ride or spend time in
the organic farms within the
property. Request a barbecue
and watch the stars, while
sitting by a bonfire.

Darjeeling



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How to reach?

Bagdogra Airport to
Darjeeling – 67 KM.
Hire a Savaari and
enjoy a 2-hour
scenic road trip!



"I travelled with Savaari, and the chauffeur, Loveji, helped me with many local recommendations during my North Bengal trip."



Pro-tip: Hire a chauffeur driven taxi for local sightseeing in Darjeeling. Because of the mountain roads, a cab gives you more flexibility to explore places of your choice.



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Darjeeling



*Sip Darjeeling tea
on a foggy afternoon*

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*Capture the beauty of the
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- Take a drive amidst the slender pine trees of Lamahatta Eco Park
- Live your Hogwarts Express moment on the Joyride Toy Train
- Shop local handicrafts at Batasia Loop

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KALIMPONG

Kalimpong, a beautiful hill-town in North Bengal, is ideal for mountain lovers, nature enthusiasts, and cafe aficionados, whether you are travelling solo or with your family or friends. It was once a favourite summer destination of the British.



*How to reach?
Darjeeling to
Kalimpong - 50 KM.
Hire a Savaari and
soak in the views of the
hills and forests along
the way.*

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STAY: DUKE'S HOME

KALIMPONG

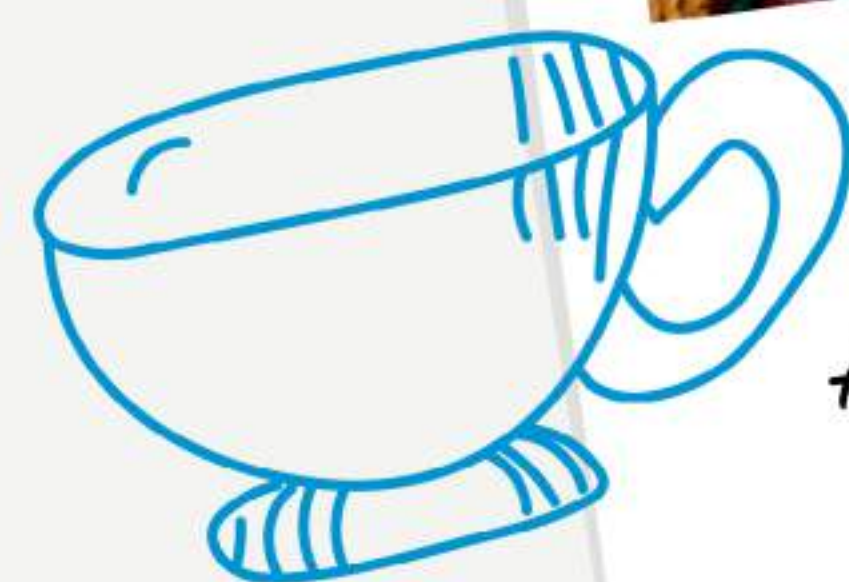
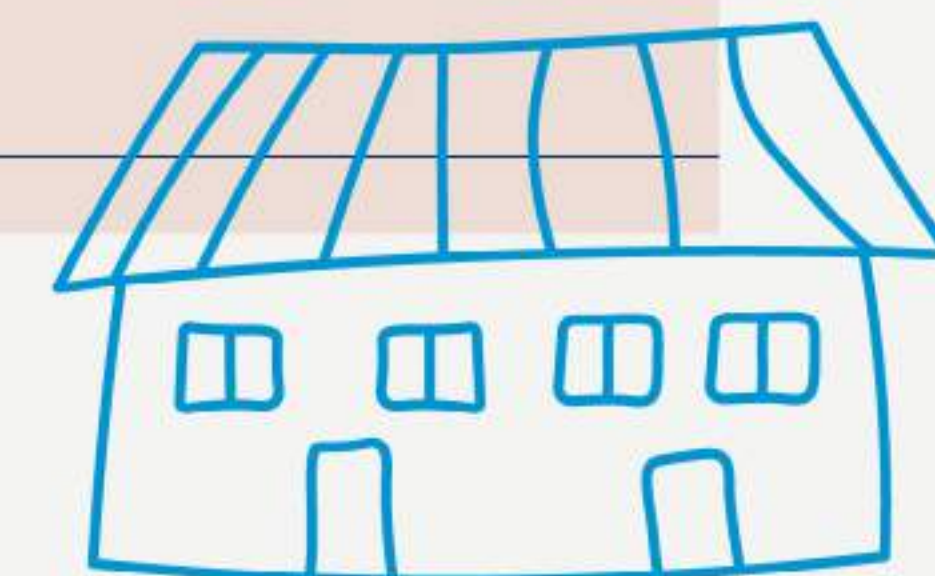


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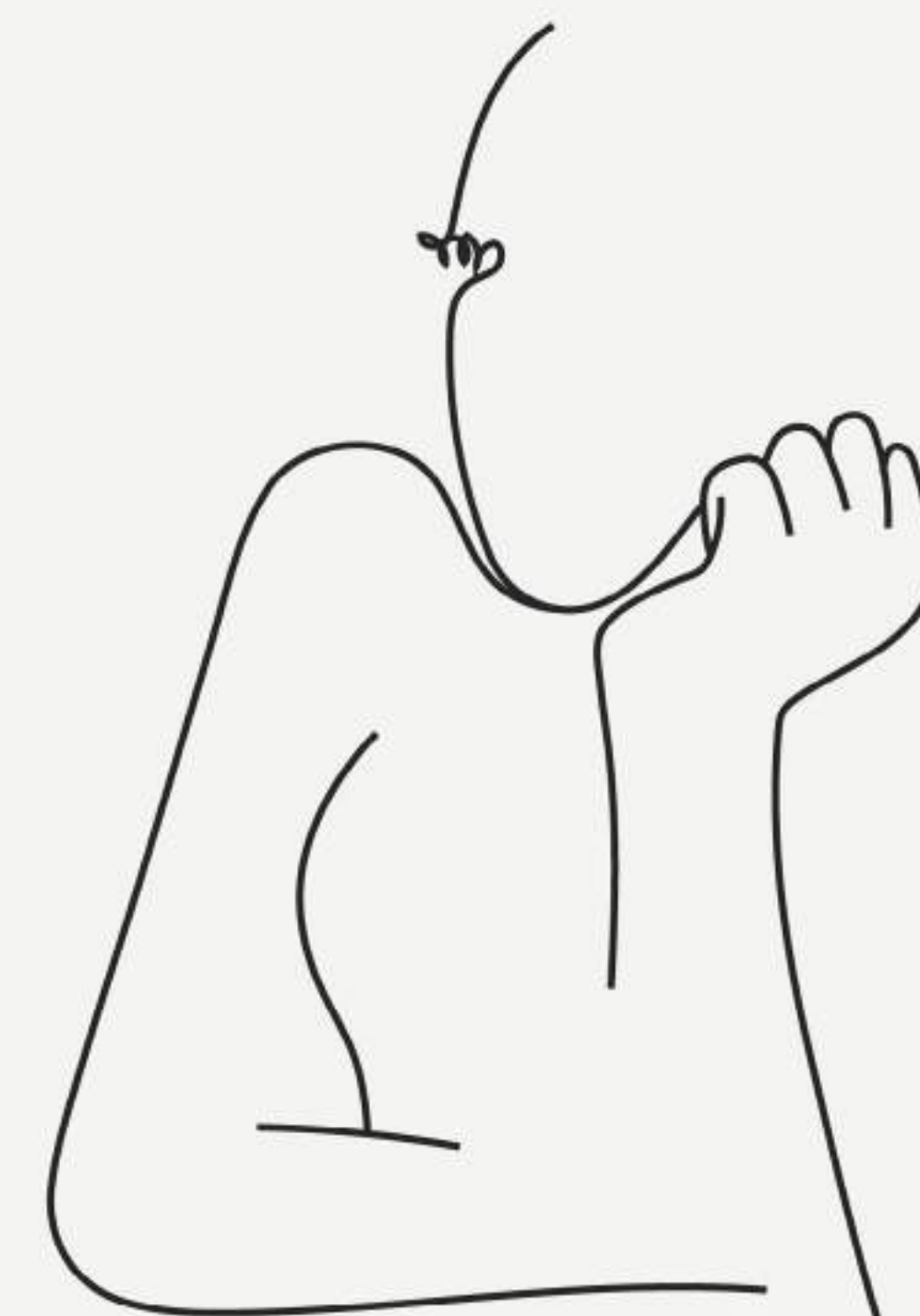
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A gorgeous homestay, it is owned by a very warm and hospitable lady, Duke Aunty. The food is homely, with the option to try local delicacies, like Sel roti or Nepali curries. The terrace has the view of the whole Kanchenjunga range on a clear day, along with Chardham and Sikkim mountains.



Cafe Recommendations:
Art Cafe, Cafe Kalimpong
and Roxberry Pub

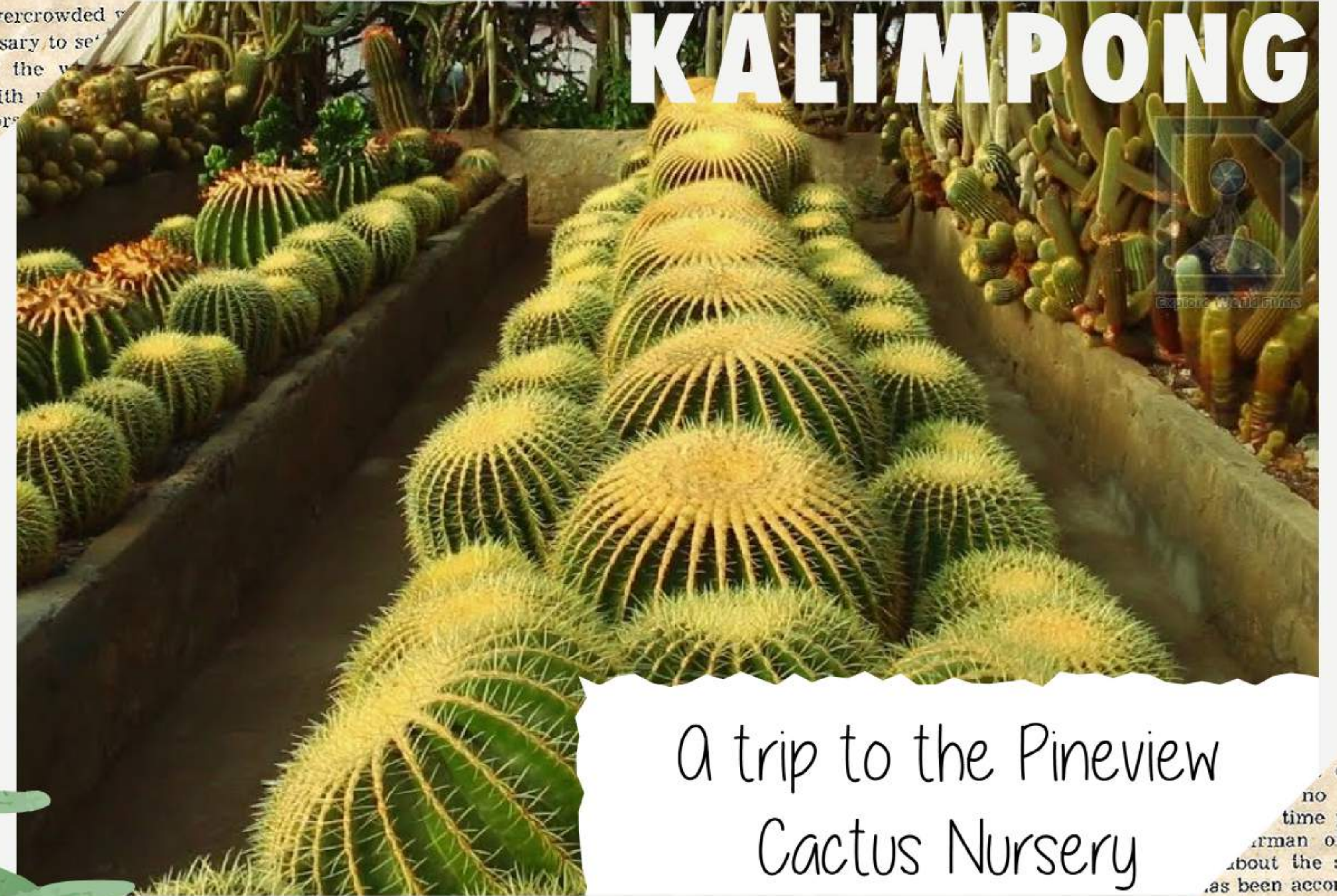


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- Visit Zang Dhok Parli and Tharpa Choling monasteries.
- Sunset at Deolo, Kalimpong's highest point.
- Munsong, a peaceful village, with the best views in this area.
- Visit Tribeni Campsite by the Teesta River.

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KALIMPONG



A trip to the Pineview
Cactus Nursery

Adventure Recommendations:

- Paragliding in Deolo Park.
- Rafting in Teesta river.

RISHAP

114 km from Bagdogra airport, is the quaint village of Rishap at an altitude of 2600 metres, near the Neora Valley National Park.

"On my arrival at Rishap, I was welcomed with a nip in the air, which made me fetch my jacket. At Rishap, I witnessed locals playing cards in the sun as if the time had stopped; and the snow-capped peaks of the world's third highest mountain, Kanchenjunga."

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THINGS TO DO



Radiant Rishap



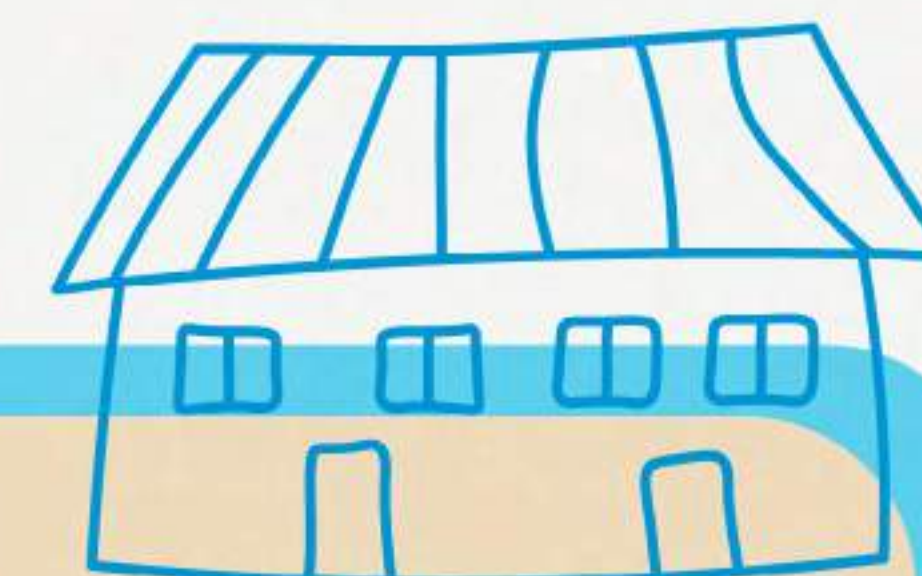
Highlights of the village:

- Head to the secluded hamlet of Lava, known for its dense pine forests and the Lava Monastery.
- Take a stroll at the Seoul village to explore the local life.
- Visit the Shiva Buddha temple, which houses the statues of Lord Shiva and Buddha next to each other.
- Take a trip to Kolakham village, the starting point of Neora Valley National Park.



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Rishap



Adventure Recommendations:

- Tiffindara: 1 ½ hour morning trek to the viewpoint for incredible views of Kanchenjunga
- Changey Falls: 4 ½ km from Rishap, 300 metres in height, the waterfall flows through the caves down to Rishap

Stay Recommendations:

- Sleeping Buddha – An idyllic and comfortable resort on top of a hill with the views of the mighty Kanchenjunga
- Lovely Homestay – A gorgeous homestay in the village for a budget accommodation

Must try: Wai Wai & pahado wali maggi



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Savaari took a breathtaking road trip with 3 incredible travel aficionados. It was an amazing 14-day journey with female travel enthusiasts Candida, Ankita and Nusra across God's Own Country. From exploring stunning beaches to expansive tea estates, they showcased the most unique side of Kerala. The star of the show was Savaari veteran Mr. Rabis Rahim, who chauffeured the team through Kerala with his expansive knowledge. Anecdotes of this trip will make you want to pack your bags and visit Kerala!



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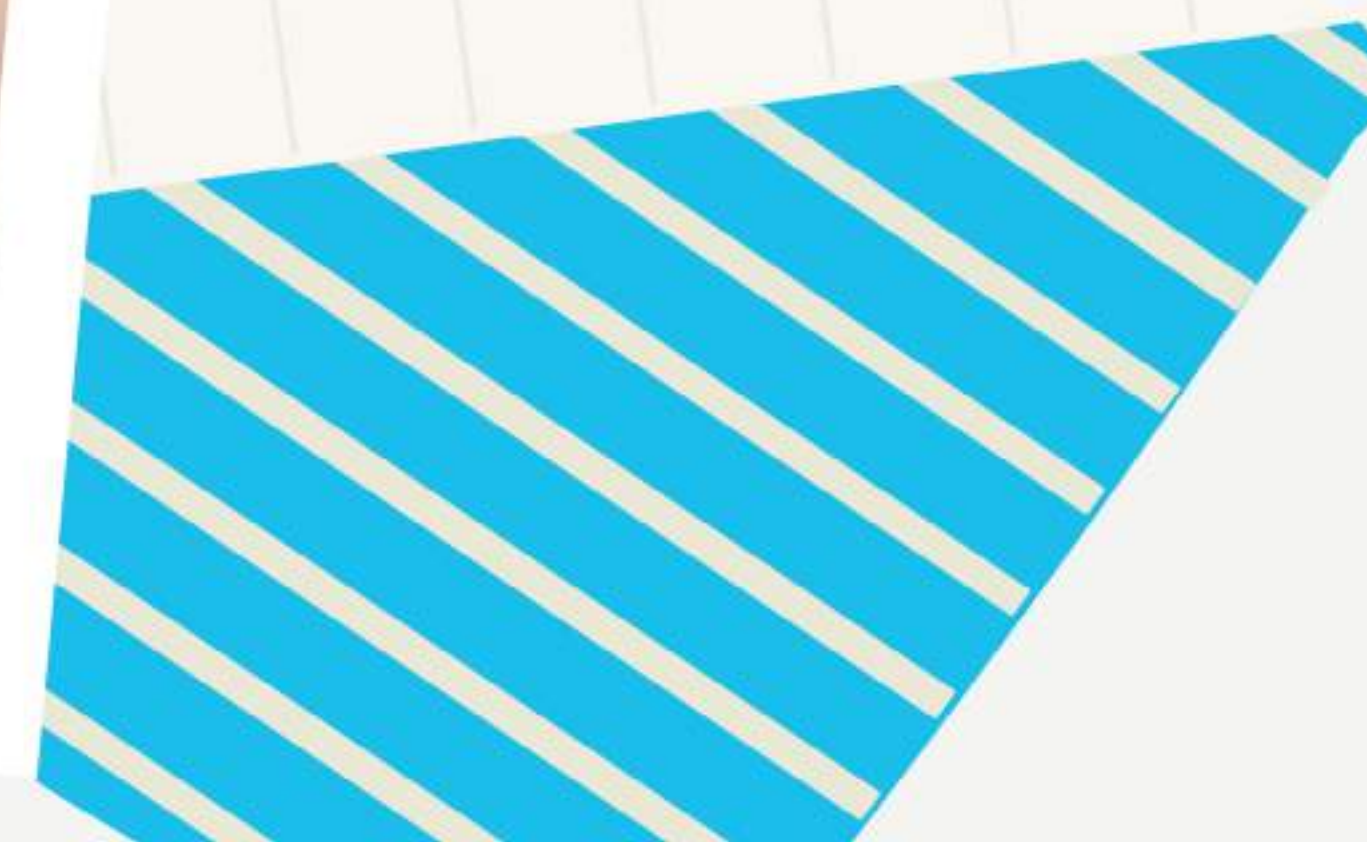


KOCHI

Spread over a series of islands and crisscrossed by the sea and backwaters, Kochi (long known as Cochin) speaks of the old world charm and leisure. The culturally rich port city is wonderfully serene, steeped with sepia-tinted memories of its past glory and heritage.



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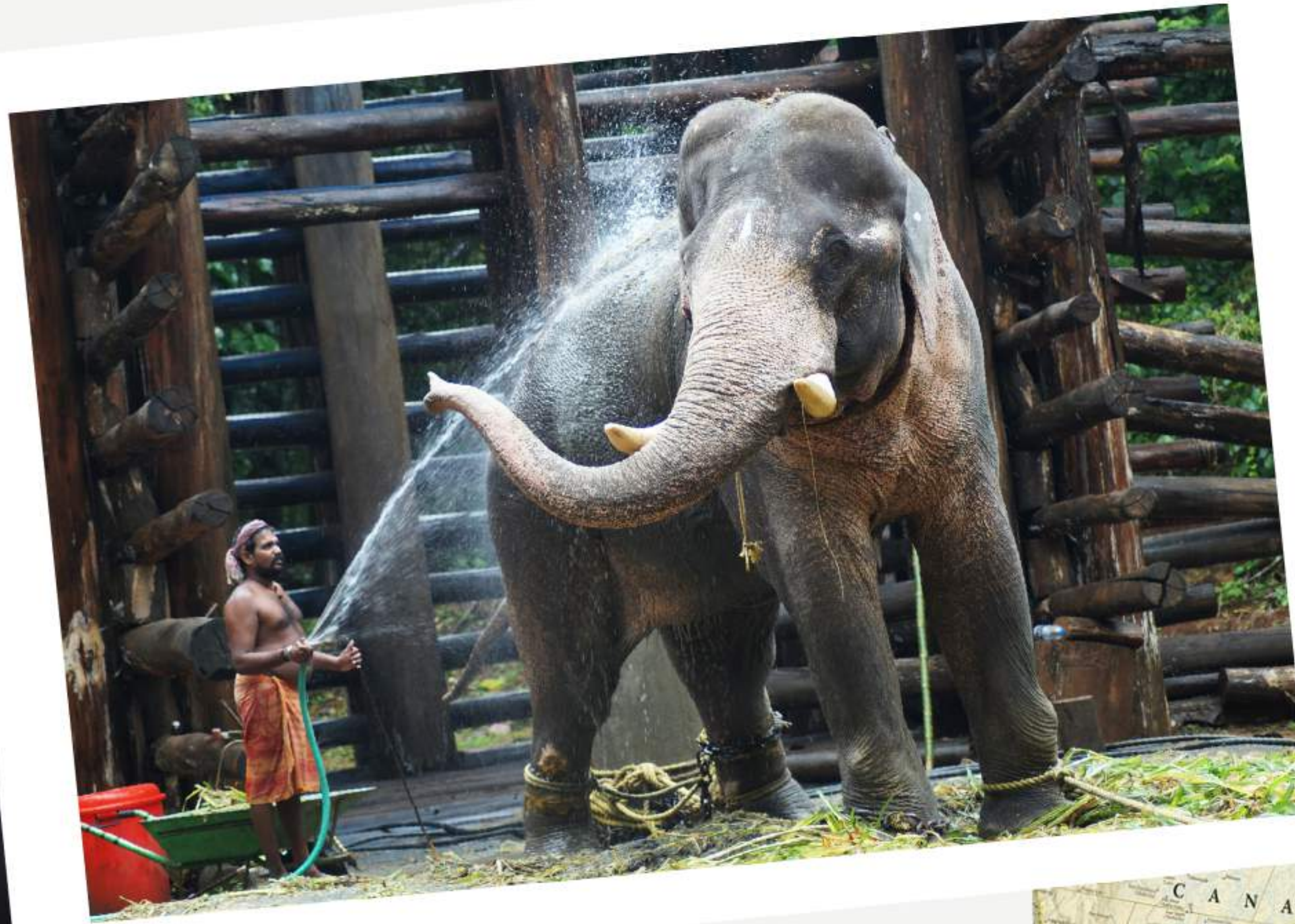


Mr. Rabis Rahim, the Savaari veteran and chauffeur for the Kerala trip. With over a decade's experience, he is an expert on the roads of Kerala. The team loved his enthusiasm and expansive knowledge of the state's history and culture.



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Things to Do in Kochi

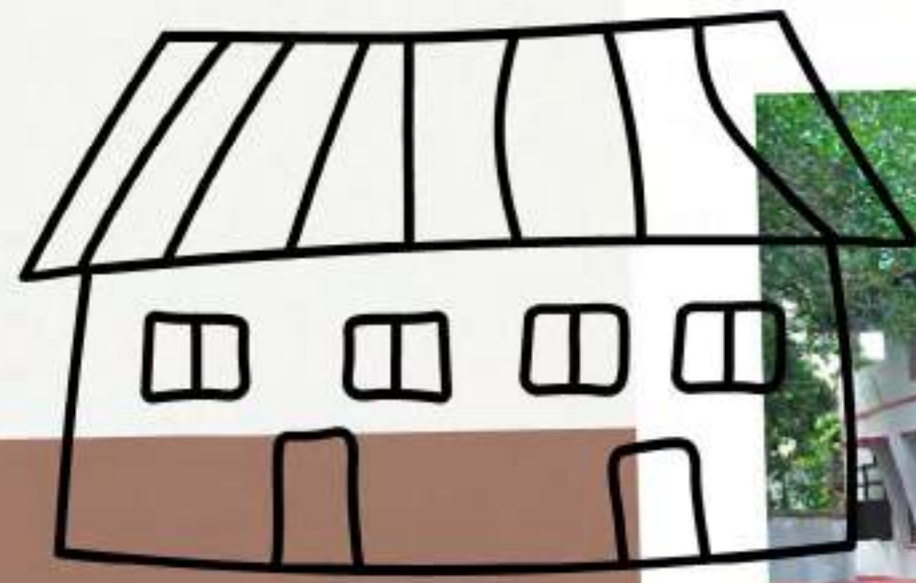


At Kathakali Centre, witness the magic of Kathakali, a classical dance form presenting themes and stories that are derived from the Hindu epics.

- Experience the majestic pre-colonial and colonial era of Kochi at Mattancherry Palace, which was built by the Portuguese in 1557.
- Watch elephants play in the water at Elephant Training Centre, where the baby and adult elephants are washed and trained.
- Visit the Pardesi Jewish Synagogue and see rare antiques. It was mostly visited by foreign Jews, who were deemed as "pardesi".
- Explore the St. Francis Church which is also the burial place of Vasco de Gama for 14 years.



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Stay Recommendations:

- Enjoy an offbeat experience at Eden Garden Farmstay, a 260-year old eco-friendly home with a large pond to dip your toes and more.
- Overlooking the picturesque backwaters, Le Méridien Kochi is the perfect place to pamper yourself!



Kochi Diaries

Adventure Recommendations:

Snorkelling at Thiruvankulam,
go-karting at Speedway
& water-skiing at
Cherai Beach

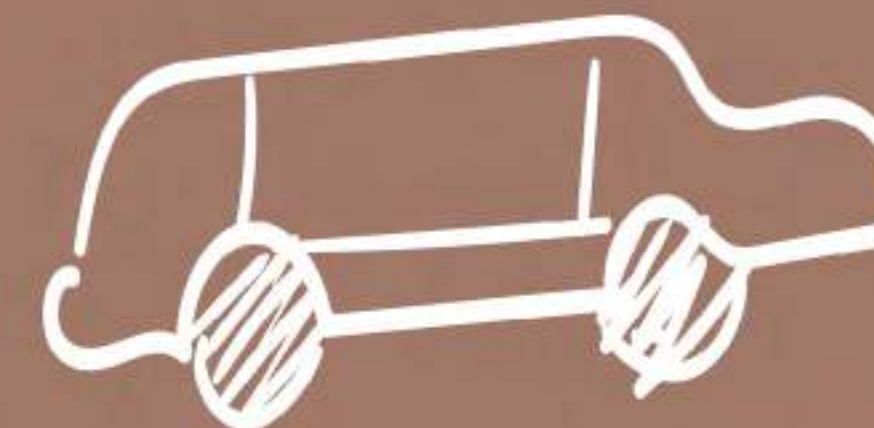
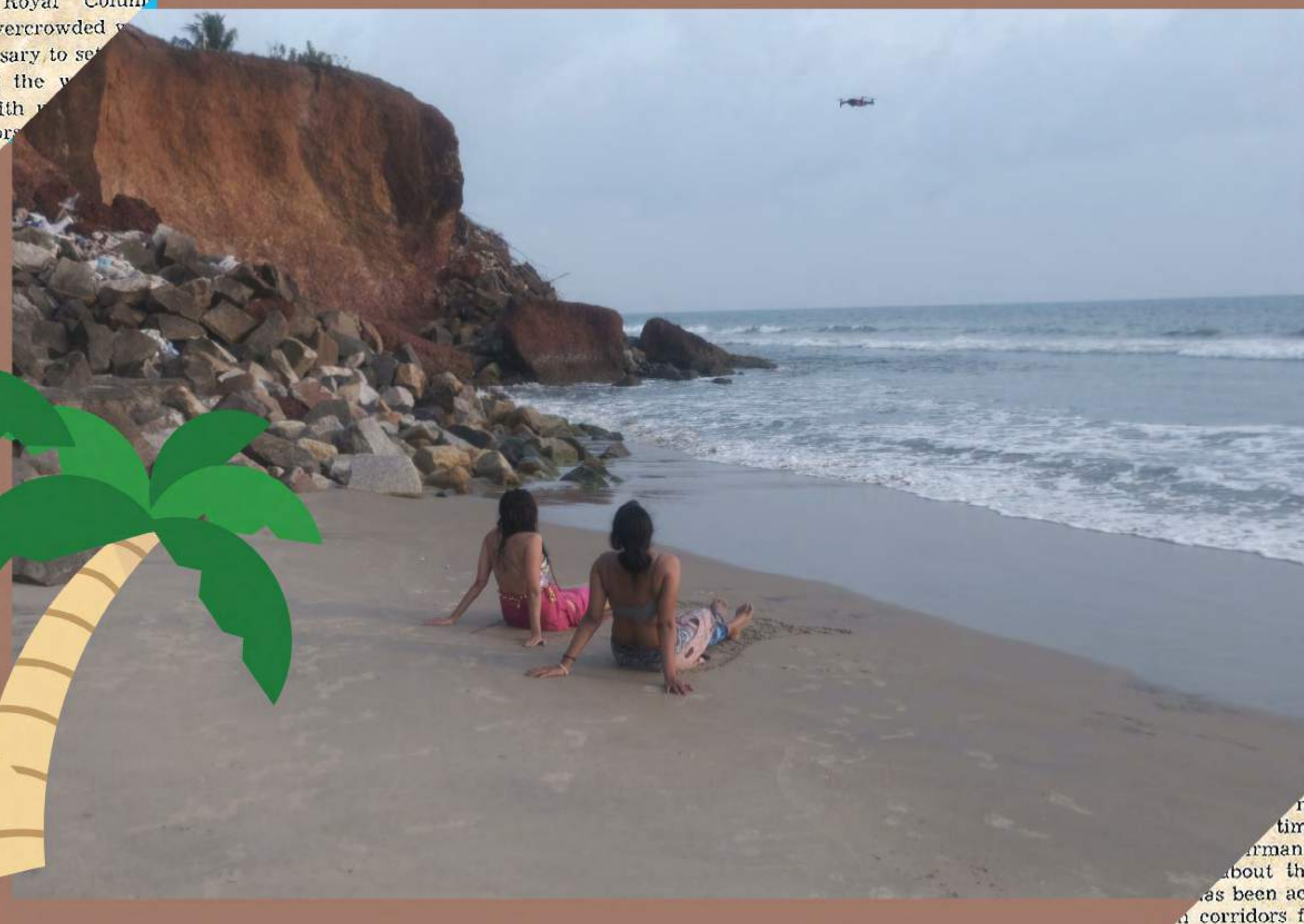
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POOVAR!

Poovar, a quiet fishing village, is a tiny isle set at the confluence of river Neyyer and Arabian Sea. A lesser known spot among tourists, one can simultaneously enjoy the pristine beaches as well as the stunning backwaters of Poovar

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Kochi to Poovar - 272 km
Hire a Savaari and enjoy a
6-hour scenic road trip!

POOVAR

Stay Recommendations

- Stay amid beautiful views of coconut trees and greenery in Kayaloram Resort.
- Set across the river from Poovar Golden Beach and overlooking the backwaters of Kerala, the Poovar Island Resort provides comfort and luxury.



Things to Do

- Visit the man-made Tirparappu Falls, located at a distance of about 55 km from Kanyakumari.
- Explore Neyyattinkara, a hamlet that dates back to the Neolithic Age.
- Soak up the sun at the Kovalam Beach, which boasts the gracious charm of the Arabian Sea!
- Shopping spree at Kairali to check out the exquisite range of footwear, dhurries, artificial jewellery and carpets.
- Go cruising though the Poovar backwaters to spot water birds like Kingfisher and Brahminy Kite.



Thekkady



- Explore Chellarkovil's plains and waterfalls.
- Take a bullock cart tour around Thekkady.
- Go for a late-night walk inside the Periyar Tiger Reserve.



Boating in Periyar Lake is one of the top things to do in Thekkady, where you can spot animals of the sanctuary bathing, drinking, and resting.



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Varkala is a coastal town in the southern part of Kerala known for the unique 15m high 'Northern Cliff' adjacent to the Arabian Sea. It is popular for its hippie culture, shacks on the cliff serving great seafood and playing global music and the samadhi of Kerala's saint Sree Narayana Guru.

Adventures

Paddleboard, Jet Skiing, Parasailing and Banana Boat Ride



Varkala

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Things to Do

- Watch the sunrise and sunset from Varkala Beach & Cliff.
- See the Varkala lighthouse, an 18th-century European style structure.
- Explore the beautiful, uninhabited Ponnumthuruthu Island.
- History buffs must check out the Anjengo Fort and Lighthouse.

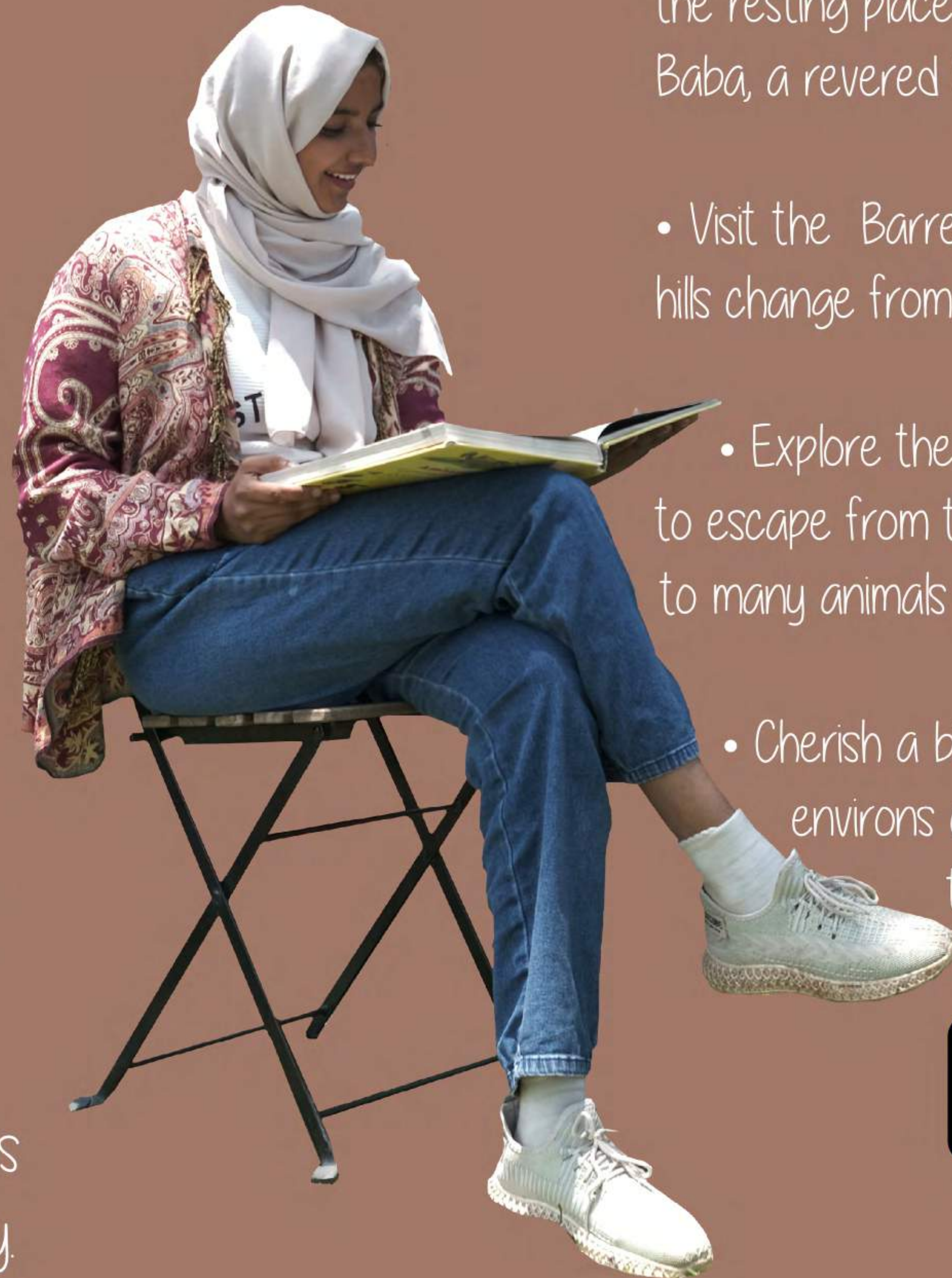
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Vagamon is dotted with green estates and beautiful meadows wafting with the smell of refreshing mountain air. A curious blend of religious mysticism and European legacies, this pristine hillside village is a haven of tranquillity.



- Trek up the Thangalpara, a huge rock that sits at the edge of a precipice that was once the resting place of Hasrath Sheikh Fariduddin Baba, a revered Sufi Saint.
- Visit the Barren Hills of Vagamon, as the hills change from lush to bare over seasons.
- Explore the Ulipooni Wildlife Sanctuary to escape from the hectic urban life; it's home to many animals including elephants & tigers.
- Cherish a bird's-eye view of lush green environs of Vagamon by paragliding in the midst of blue skies.

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Munnar



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The birds have flown their summer skies to the south,
And the flower-money is dying in the banks of bent grass

With plantations,
waterfalls,
organic farms,
misty valleys and
hills, and warm
local traditions,
Munnar offers
everything that
you desire on a
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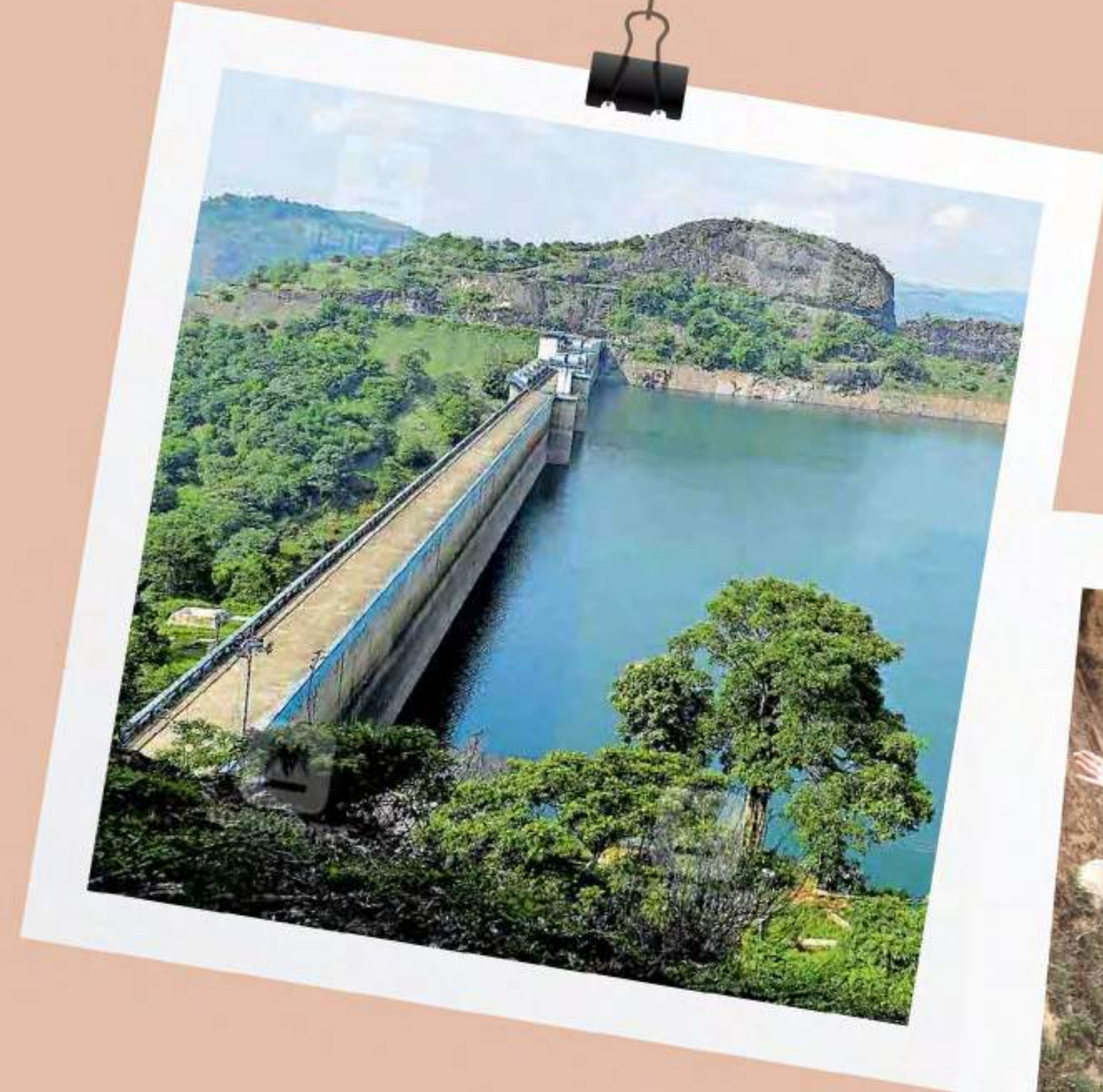


Munnar Bucket List

- Trek to the Pothamedu View Point for panoramic views of the Munnar valley.
- Scream your name out loud at the beautiful Echo Point.
- Take a shikara ride on the Kundala Dam and lake.
- Trek to the Attakud waterfall, where the water is cascading from a height of over 1,500m.



IDUKKI



Idukki is known for its rocky terrain and varied verdant vegetation. Places in Idukki are full of cliffs, lush greenery, lagoons, tranquil rivers and cascading waterfalls.



- Visit the Idukki Arch Dam, which stands tall at a height of about 550 ft. It is recognized as the world's second and Asia's first arch dam.
- Explore the historic Mangala Devi Temple, which is perched on a hill, offering spellbinding views of the lush surroundings.
- Walk across the Ayyappancoil Hanging Bridge, one of the longest hanging bridges in Kerala.

Postcards from Chhattisgarh



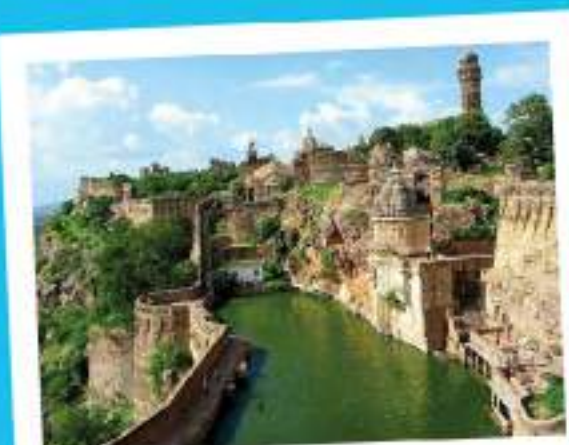
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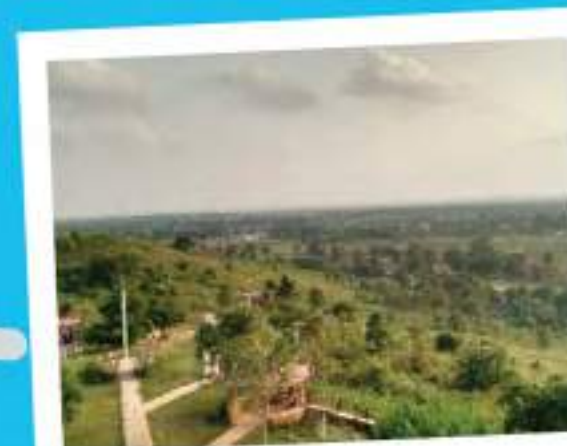
Bijapur



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Here's to exploring some of the most charming places in Chhattisgarh and bringing you anecdotes from the road trip, like a letter coming straight from the heart of these enchanting destinations. Swathi Hariharan, a travel enthusiast, unravelled the mystic wonders of Chhattisgarh, as she embarked on a picturesque road trip with Savaari. Take a trip of a lifetime through the majestic Chhattisgarh with Swathi and Savaari.

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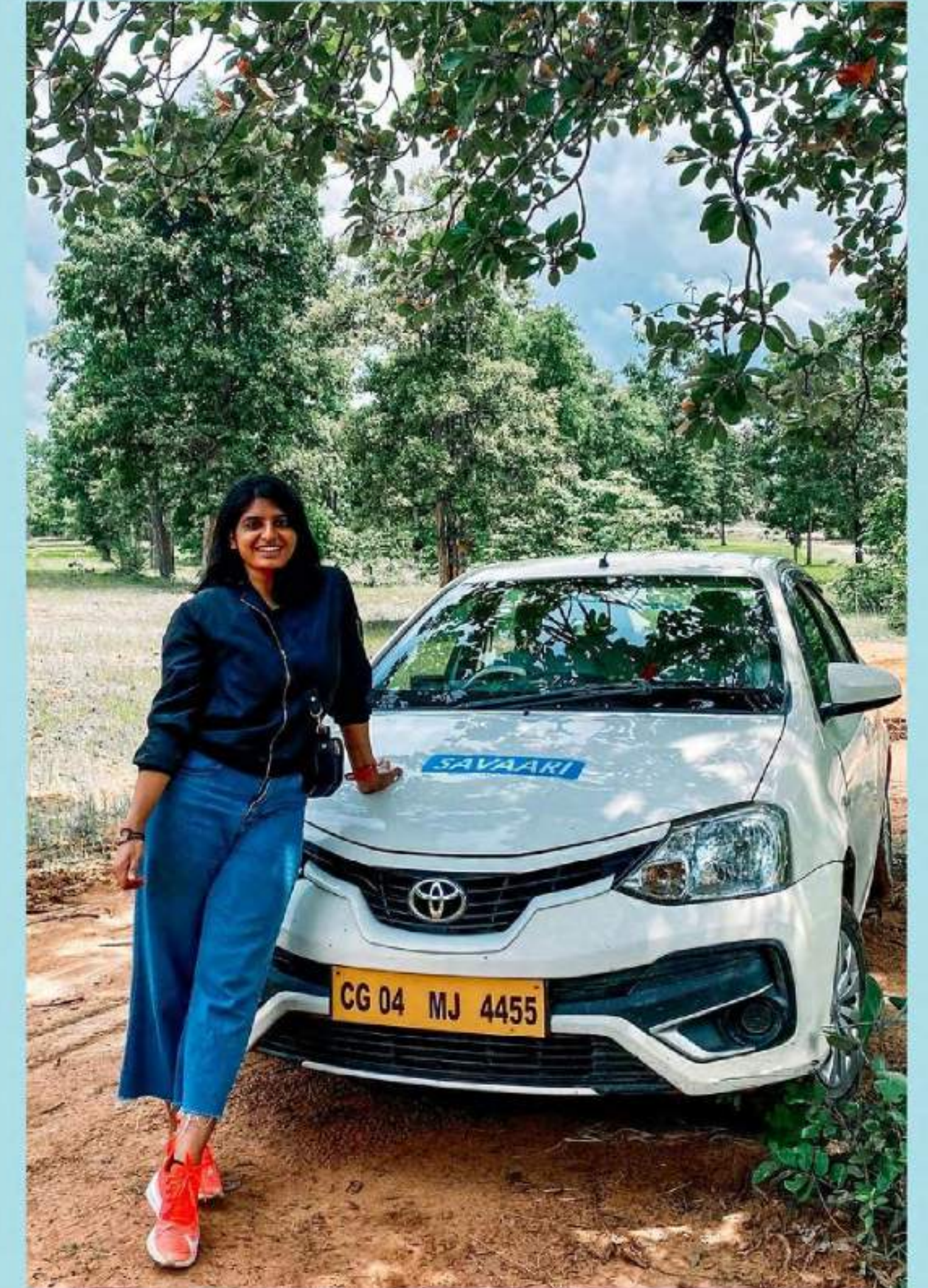


A drive by the most daring yet scenic route

Keshkal Ghat is a scenic spot situated in Kanker District of Chhattisgarh and the roads are known to be pretty dangerous with over 10 hairpin bends and curvy roads!

Things to Do:

- Climb the forested Keshkal Ghat which marks the border of Bastar 500 metres above the plain.
- Visit a colorful weekly haat markets on Fridays where they sell vegetables and tribal handicrafts like woodwork and soil art.



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BASTAR

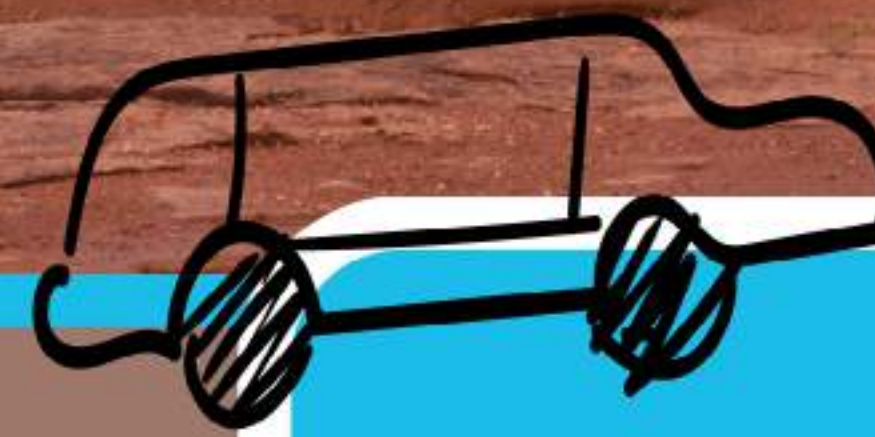
Bastar, in the middle of the tribal heartland of India, is known for its natural splendor, history and culture.

The antiquity of the land can be traced back to the times of the Ramayana.

With a goldmine of fascinating tribal culture, age-old traditions, waterfalls, ancestral temples, and dense forests, Bastar is a land full of surprises and many possibilities.



- Explore the Narayanpal temple, a breathtaking 1000 year old temple, built in the Chalukya style of architecture.
- Soak in the beauty of the Tirathgarh waterfall, as the cliffs downstream the river are believed to have been struck by a lunar crater leading to multiple cliff formations.
- Trace royal history at Bastar Palace, built by the rulers of Bastar when they shifted the kingdom's capital from Barsur to Jagdalpur.
- Embark on a Dholkal trek to an ancient 1000-year-old Ganesha statue atop a hill on the Bailadila Range.



How to Reach:
Raipur airport to Bastar - 294 km.
Hire a Savaari and enjoy a 6-hour roadtrip through the rural Chhattisgarh.

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Bastar is home to some of the oldest indigenous tribes of India. The traditional tribal Bastar art is famous around the world. The tribal communities of Bastar have been protecting this rare art from generation to generation, and its sale is restricted to weekly haat and markets.



Learn the art of bell metal craft from locals.



Visit a local tribal market to buy Bastar's unique handicrafts of bamboo art, soil art and terracotta idols.

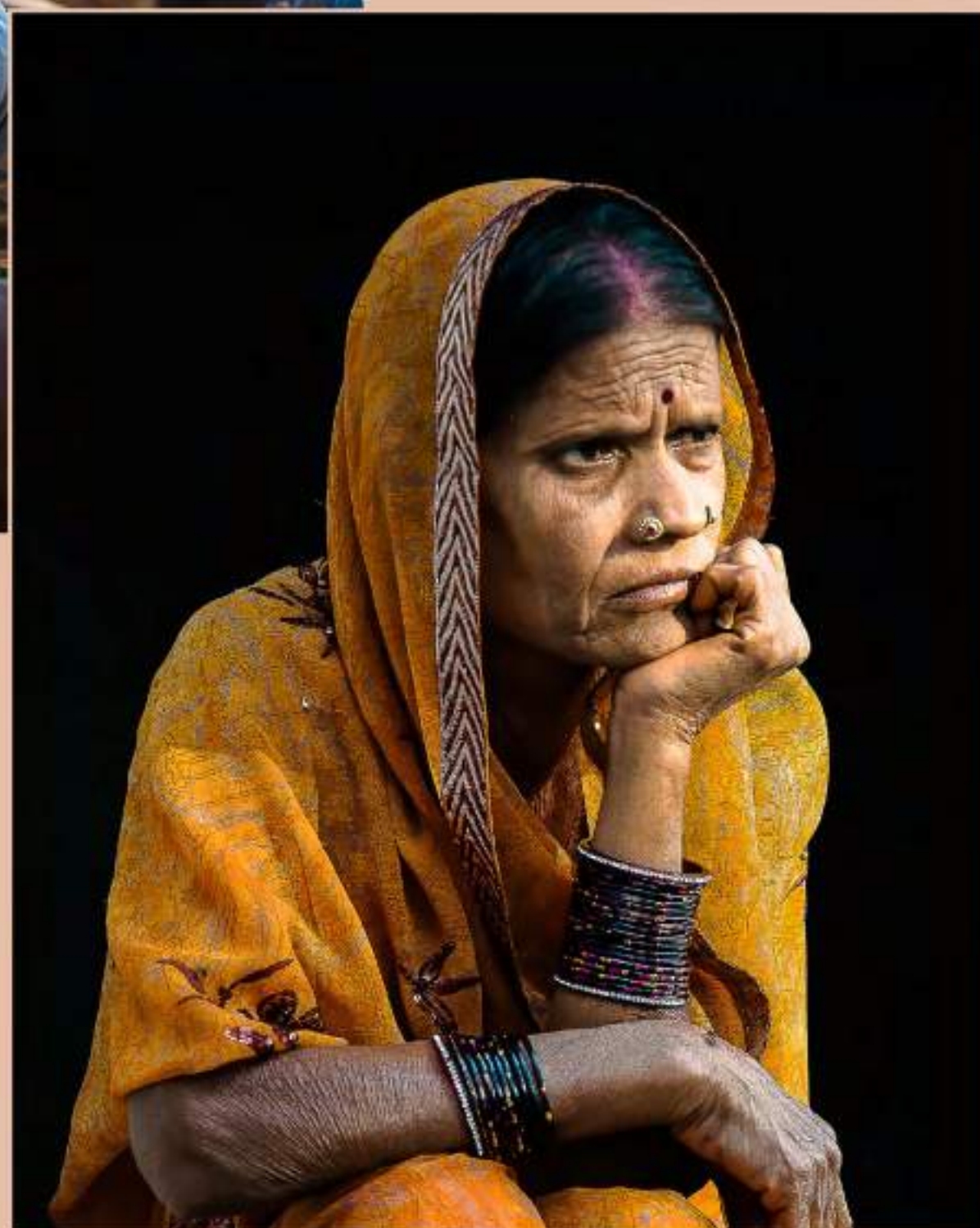


Witness the traditional cock fight at the Geedam Bazaar, where hundreds gather to place bets on their favorite cock.

Bastar Cultural Indulgence

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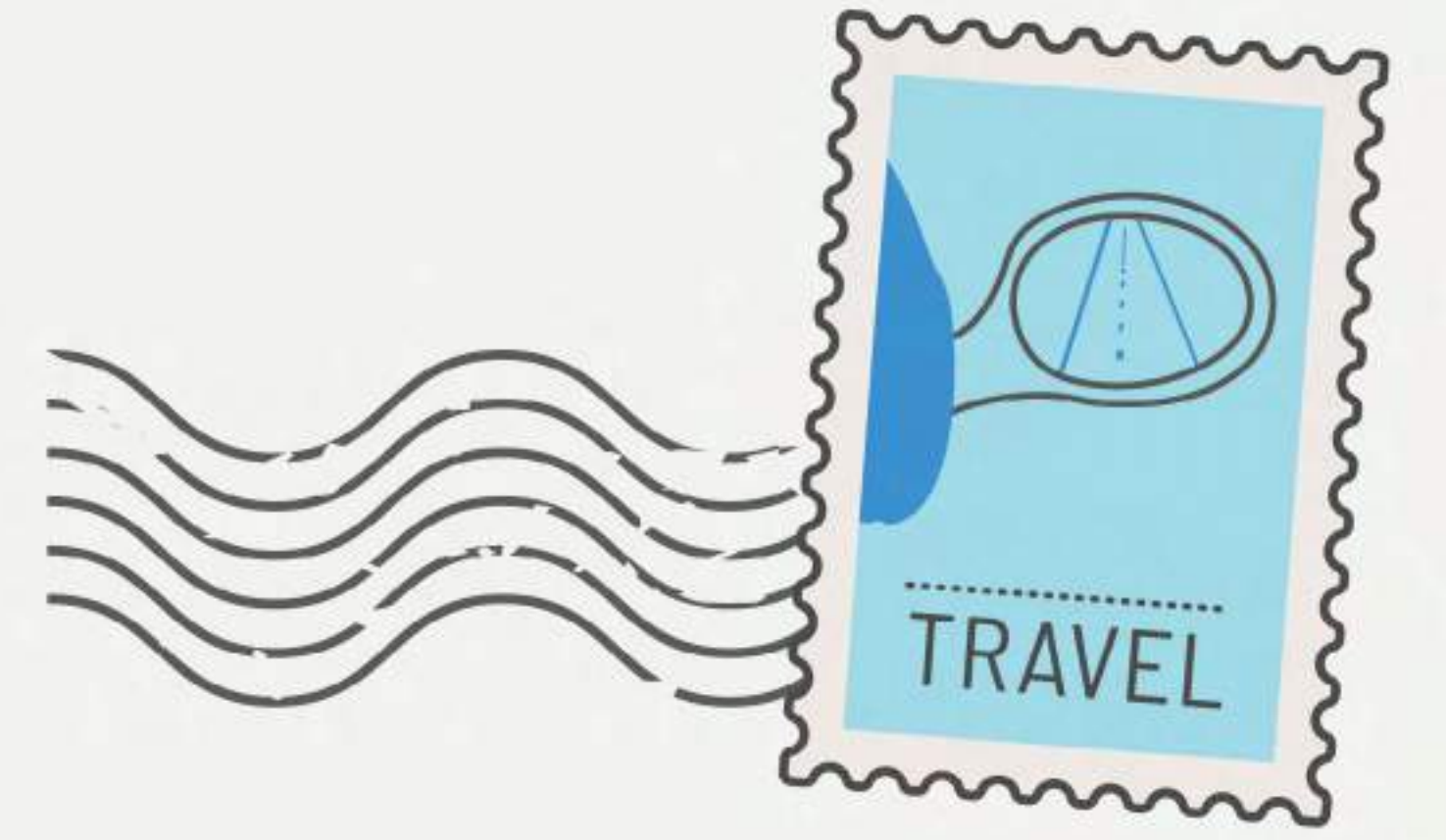
Faces of Chhattisgarh



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RAIPUR

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The bustling capital of Chhattisgarh, Raipur is known for its steel plants but is also home to stunning lakes, ancient temples and terracotta industries. The history of Raipur is also something to admire, as it was once the capital of the mythological Haihaya Dynasty.

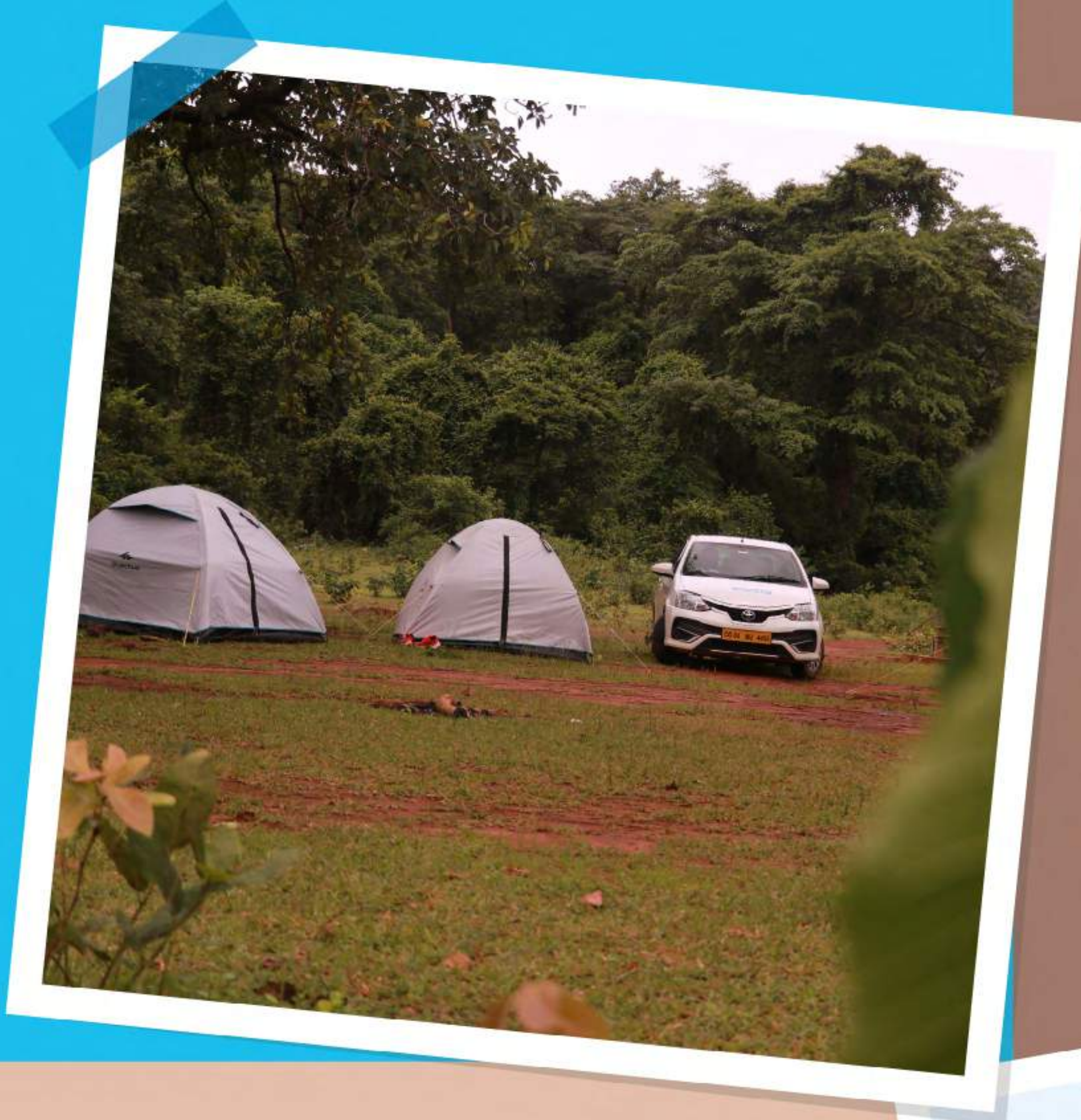
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Things to Do:

- Hike up to the Ghatarani waterfall, the biggest waterfall of Chhattisgarh.
- Explore the quaint village of Champaran, regarded to be the birthplace of Sant Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya, the founder, pioneer and reformer of the Vallabh Sect.

Stay Recommendations:

- Jatmai Resort is a beautiful nature retreat. It contains cozy tents and offers a plethora of activities such as Jatmai forest treks and bird watching tours.
- Club Paraiso is a great choice for travelers and offers easy access to the city's must-see destinations.



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