

An aerial photograph of the ancient Inca city of Machu Picchu, Peru. The ruins, including stone buildings and terraced agricultural fields, are built on a steep mountain ridge. In the background, a massive, jagged mountain peak rises into a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The scene is bathed in natural light, highlighting the textures of the stone and the lush greenery of the terraces.

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**MACHU PICCHU**  
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## KNOW YOUR DESTINATION



**M**achu Picchu or Machu Pikchu, is a 15th-century Inca citadel situated on a mountain ridge 2,430 metres (7,970 ft) above sea level. It is located in the Cusco Region, Urubamba Province, Machupicchu District in Peru, above the Sacred Valley, which is 80 kilometres (50 mi) northwest of Cuzco and through which the Urubamba River flows .

Machu Picchu was declared a Peruvian Historical Sanctuary in 1981 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. In 2007, Machu Picchu was voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World in a worldwide Internet poll.

1. In the Quechua Indian language, "Machu Picchu" means "Old Peak" or "Old Mountain."
2. Machu Picchu is made up of more than 150 buildings ranging from baths and houses to temples and sanctuaries.
3. The compound contains more than 100 separate flights of stairs. Most of the individual staircases were carved from one slab of stone.
4. Although many of the stones that were used to build the city were more than 50 pounds, it is believed that no wheels were used to transport these rocks up the mountain. Rather, it is thought that hundreds of men pushed the heavy rocks up the steep mountain side.
5. The Incas were some of the best masons in the world. The structures were so well built with a technique called ashlar (stones that are cut to fit together without mortar) that not even a knife blade can fit in between stones.
6. Machu Picchu was an astronomical observatory, and its sacred Intihuatana stone accurately indicates the two equinoxes. Twice a year, the sun sits directly over the stone creating no shadow.
7. This is one of the most interesting of all the facts about Machu Picchu in this article. Machu Picchu was built by the Incas using a technique called ashlar. The stones used in its construction were cut so precisely that they fit together without the need for mortar. You can't even fit a knife blade between the walls of the structures! (But don't try this, you

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will get in trouble if you do!) These ancient walls have withstood hundreds of years of wind, rain, and even earthquakes.

8. Machu Picchu is bigger than you think. It is believed that up to 300 people lived there at any one time, and this number swelled to more than 1,000 when the emperor was in town. Machu Picchu is made up of more than 150 buildings, including temples, bathhouses and sleeping quarters. The Temple of the Sun is one of the most prominent buildings, and visitors can still see the ancient sundial.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

# EVOLUTION FROM HUMAN CIVILIZATION TO DIGITAL REFORMATION

**Dr. P B Boss**

Chairman and Founder



The current decade is turning out to be an era of Global educational civilization. India is the second largest population in the world and by 2025 we will become the most populated country in the world. The interesting factor here to note is that about 100 crores of the total population will be below 37 years. This is perhaps the most vital strength of a population demographic ratio. As population is the strength of the total intelligence & productivity of any nation; it is up to the leaders & the experienced that nature bestows the duty on how to channelize the quantum of highly productive brains for the development of the nation & quality social integration.

Now coming back to the educational civilization, it is both alarming and promising to note that majority of the students after their high schooling in our country are generating a high traffic to migrate to US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Germany & other Schengen countries to complete their academics and learn skills for life that would enable them to give high quality of life for their family & achieve financial freedom.

But unlike the recent trend to perceive this as a brain drain or a dangerous migration trend, we would like to perceive it as a strong merit

- ▶ This would help us to replicate high quality of life seen in developed nations.
- ▶ Focus on quality integration of life and learn the skills and have the knowledge to be industry fit & Employable.
- ▶ Accelerate the growth of our economy.
- ▶ It would be easier for those who have experienced the merit of influence of technology to acclimatize.
- ▶ Having lived in the developed nations the thought process would always be to improvise perfection and create a Quality Circle in the radius we live & work in.

▶ Education systems in developing nations would review the earliest what is lacking to hold back this trend and retain young, dynamic & highly self-motivated talent pool by giving the academics a fresh outlook that would make them ready for the future jobs & the world where 'The Future' is much closer than everyone think.

Within 10 years a massive revolution in all areas of life where technology is going to influence the business models and the way customer purchases a product or service. To get skilled hands based on the tech-based business model the European & US academics have already bought drastic changes to their education pattern or the syllabus for each course. Approximately 70% of the present structured placements or positions would dismantle and give way to the tech-based support systems like Artificial Intelligence & quantum computing.

Technology will hunt conventional methods of operations in business in Banks, Offline Traditional Retail Sales Networks, Education, Hospitals will find technology hunting down its mode of operations or perhaps the existence in business.

We would want the students of the present, coming and the students at heart to embrace technology to have a quality integration of life based on the coming revolution which no one can stop as it starts from within each and everyone of us. Time & comfort is the focus for every individual so the technology is just filling the vacuum we have created for the yearn for a quality life.

The World is open & the right education will create freedom and quality of Life that you had always desired for yourself. Life is beautiful.

**"WHAT WE THINK WE BECOME!!!"**





# STUDY IN SETTLE IN DUBAI

## Mrs. Bissy Boss

Director

O saka Educare is focusing to fulfill the educational dreams of students at affordable cost in Dubai

### Why Dubai?

- ▶ One of the most advanced cities of the World.
- ▶ Exposure to studying with & working for a diaspora of over 190 Nationalities.

In Dubai, we provide UK Qualification Certificate courses with 50% Scholarship. The students can pursue Higher Diploma Courses at low cost and then plan to settle in Dubai.

We are providing assistance for two year Diploma Courses in Engineering, IT & Business Management Fields. Classes are mainly practical oriented & the syllabus to being one of the most advanced and updated .

Students who have completed plus two can apply for Dubai Studies.

Also there is possibility for paid and unpaid internship for the students. The students will get internship usually three to four months after the courses starts.

### Specialties of Dubai Studies

- ▶ IELTS is not required.
- ▶ There is no age limit to study.
- ▶ No requirement of high financial or property statements.
- ▶ The students can change their stream of study and they can select any interested field.
- ▶ The students can complete all the formalities and procedures in one month

- ▶ Less possibility of visa rejections
- ▶ Cost
- ▶ The total expenses including Visa and Application, Emirates ID, students ID, Emigration Deposit, Ticket, service charge will be approximately 6.5 lakh to 8 lakh only .Within this fee, Emigration Deposit fee amount 5000 AED will be refunded after the course completion

### Intakes

- ▶ Main intakes are in the month of January ,May and September.
  - We will assist for the students in preparing the Interviews, Fee Transfer, Visa Process, Ticket booking and Airport assistance, Foreign currency, Travel Cards if required.

During the course period, most of the students get paid internships. Depending on their performance; they used to get placed in respective firms soon after course. Its actually a great opportunity for students to settle in Dubai at a less cost when compared to other countries.



# UPS & DOWNS AND FUTURE OF TRAVEL & TOURISM INDUSTRY



**Mr. Jayaraj PS**

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**T**ravel & tourism is one of the most promising industry along with the uncertainty by nature. Travel & Tourism always provided another vision and a new way of life to the people who are related to this industry, whether it is travelers, industry passionate professionals, Travel & Tourism entrepreneurs, etc. both financially and mentally. As in the GDP level of thinking travel & tourism industry contributes lots of things directly and indirectly to countries and states and the common people where they are strongly and sincerely welcoming their guest or tourists and also to who are promoting and focusing travel and tourism industry. Increasing dependability from different sources to travel and tourism is the best example to realize the promising nature of this industry. But of course, the changes are there in the way of approach and in the methods as per the needs and public demands or as per the circum-

At the same time in the point of view and situation of a traveler or group of people, travel and tourism industry dependability or need is always a disposable or lacks urgency in most cases and are avoidable by its nature. Natural calamities, financial crises, pandemic etc. is the major reason for the down trend of this industry. Every moment we could expect the unexpected obstacles Infront because we are in an uncertain industry. Perhaps many people may think this is end time of this industry and career or the professionals. But as you know uncertainty and obstacles always give a positive vibe to find out

a new opportunity to become more stronger through a clear and better vision.

As mentioned in my previous article human will find a way to travel today or tomorrow because it is there in their blood. Moreover, we are in such a beautiful industry where people are inventing new things to entertain the travelers and help them to enjoy each and every moment of their lives. As per the past years' experience, in any circumstances travel and tourism industry will rise like a phoenix bird from its own ash, this is the beauty of this industry and industry fueled by the passionate professionals. Simply never ending need or demand will automatically create a perfect path for this Industry growth.

A Chinese proverb said,  
"Traveling thousands of miles is better than reading thousands of books."



# INDIAN VIEW ON MIGRATION

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India is widely recognized as a knowledge economy and from a migration perspective, advantages of being an open society, democratic, secular, English speaking and with a strong pool of skilled and trained human resources has always benefited both those who migrated and are left behind through knowledge and financial exchange through their network.

There are several factors that influence the aspiring Indian when they start planning for migration.

A few of them are being listed below

## Policy Matrix of Migration

► Skill based diversification of destination for Overseas employment, to migration seekers have been all time objective among Indian people and the world recognized its quality of Indian skills.

► Standards and universal recognition of skill up-gradation has also played a vital role in migration.

► On site institutional support for welfare of the workers, protection and enforcement for safety with rights at work has also been inspirational factors among migration seekers.

## Advisory challenges on migration

The first and foremost challenge in this aspect is to get the right professional expert advice on policies & rules relating to migration. As the policy is volatile in lines with the demographic & social set up of a country and also has a impact of the cultural Diaspora, the decision is to start applying ,procure the documents and then proceed with the decision when the country is in need of the skill & expertise you posses. As in the recent few years the policies & rules have become more open and welcoming for different countries across the Globe. As regards to this aspect the migration seekers today, scared of perfect migration advise in India and we (Osaka) has played a vital role since 1993, understanding its importance that our migration seekers based on many facts require, the best advise notes that we all time tried to serve to our clients and the trust that all walks of our respected clients have bestowed upon us.

As a company engaged in travel industry since decades in the coming years we expect a huge splurge in the numbers of migration, our advise to each and everyone is to always consult a specialist for the expert opinions throughout the thought process as by sheer experience and exposure they are sure to give confidence and better perspectives of the same decision.



# MALAKAPARA

When we talk about hill stations in Kerala, it is Munnar that always pops up in our minds. While Munnar is certainly the top pick for tourists from domestic and internationally, Malakkapara on the other hand is rather an unexplored hill station with beautiful tea estates amidst the serene cool breeze that constantly blows around you. The hill station is surrounded by Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Anamalai Tiger Reserve and Nelliampathy hills.

The Malakkapara region though comparatively smaller than its sister Munnar is no less charmer either. It is adorned by tea estates owned by Tata Tea which is the second largest supplier of branded tea in the world. The name Malakkapara originates from the phrase "Malakha Para" which means 'Rock of the Angel'. The forest area of Malakkapara belongs to the Kerala Forest Department.

There is also a hill station nearby called Valparai which is just 27 kilometers away and passes through Sholayar Dam. The route through the whole area turns misty during early hours and cold seasons. As the route passes through reserved forest areas, strict monitoring is in place by forest officials and hence the region is litter free and devoid of plastic waste. This makes it an ideal spot for ecotourism and raw nature lovers.

The journey towards Malakkapara of Thrissur district is in itself a highlight that sets it apart from other hill stations in Kerala. You might get a chance to spot few herds of wild animals and rare exotic birds when you take the ride through Vazhachal rain forest. The wild forest journey from Athirapilly that lasts 50 kilometers will take you all the way to the ends of Vazhachal forest division.

Thankfully, there is a special KSRTC service for travel bugs to explore the route. The service that starts from Chalakudy at 8.20 AM will reach the destination at Malakkapara by 1.00 PM. The bus will halt at several view points in between the trip for passengers to indulge the sights. The return journey from Malakkapara will start at 3.00 PM and reach back by 6.00 PM. This would certainly be a heart and soul refreshing day trip that one shouldn't miss.

## THE HIDDEN GEM

By Paul Joseph



### Key Takeaways

Distance from Cochin airport 89 kms  
Highlights : Nature & Forest Feel  
Nearest town: Athirapally ,Vaal Parai





# MEDICAL TOURISM & KERALA

By Jithin Venugopal



**M**edical tourism refers to people traveling abroad to obtain medical treatment. In the past, this usually referred to those who traveled from less-developed countries to major medical centers in highly developed countries for treatment unavailable at home. However, in recent years it may equally refer to those from developed countries who travel to developing countries for lower-priced medical treatments

- ▶ Generally, people may travel to another country to get health care for some reasons:
- ▶ **Cost:** The availability of the treatment and procedure that may be cheaper in another country.
- ▶ **Culture:** To experience care from a healthcare provider who shares the traveler's culture.

**Unavailable or Unapproved procedure:** To get a procedure or therapy that is not available in their country like, people travel to Kerala for Ayurveda treatment.

The most common procedures that people undergo on medical tourism trips include dental care, surgery, cosmetic surgery, fertility treatments, organ and tissue transplantation, and cancer treatment.

## PRE-PLANNING FOR A MEDICAL TOURISM TRIP

- ▶ Consult a pre-planning specialist advisor if you are planning to travel to another country for medical care, see your healthcare provider or travel service provider at least 4–6 weeks before the trip to discuss general information for healthy travel and learn about specific risks you may face because of your health status, the

procedure, and travel before and after the procedure.

- ▶ Obtain international travel health insurance that covers medical evacuation back to home country.

Before planning vacation activities, find out what activities are not permitted after the procedure.

- ▶ Maintain your health and medical records and carry it with you, including results of lab tests and any other tests done related to your condition and care.

- ▶ Inform the coordinator at your destination of any allergies you may have.

- ▶ Pack a travel health kit with your prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Bring enough medicine to last your whole trip, plus a little extra in case of delays. Also, bring copies of all your prescriptions and a list of medications you take, including their brand names, generic names, manufacturers, and dosages.

- ▶ Research the healthcare provider and facility. Check the qualifications of the healthcare providers who will be doing the procedure and the credentials of the facility where the procedure will be done. Accreditation for Hospitals, and the International Society for Quality in Healthcare, have lists of standards that facilities need to meet to be accredited. Please note, that all surgeries carry the risk of complications, and accreditation does not guarantee a positive outcome.

- ▶ If you go to a country where you do not speak the language, determine ahead of time how you will communicate with your doctor and others who will be caring for you.





# KERALA AS A MEDICAL TOURISM HUB

**K**erala is renowned for some of its unique cultural and geographical characteristics. The practices and traditions handed down from generation to generation, alongside some of the natural wonders that we have been blessed with have attracted people to this land for centuries. From the ancient healthcare system of Ayurveda to our picturesque hill stations and diverse wildlife. Kerala is already being marketed as a popular medical tourism destination for its famous health packages. Major hospitals are joining hands with the governments in promoting medical tourism. Health insurance companies are beginning to play a major role in medical tourism. The medical treatment for various packages form part of recuperative leisure packages at world class tourist resorts. Major hospitals had introduced their own all inclusive packages such as accommodation, transfers and treatments.

Travelers are initially attracted to the Ayurvedic and wellness services in Kerala, but medical tourism is gaining appeal. Kerala has pioneered and concentrated on efforts to provide quality medical facilities and low-cost treatments for Indian as well as international patients. The establishment of top multi-specialty hospitals and emergence of skilled and qualified doctors are facilitating Kerala's job growth. The majority of hospitals, both public and private, have achieved National Accreditation Board for Hospital and Healthcare Provider and International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua) designations.

## WHY KERALA??

- ▶ The establishment of top multi-specialty treatment centers and emergence of skilled and qualified practitioners.
- ▶ Low cost treatment packages with high rate of recovery.
- ▶ Ayurveda along with Kerala's unique geographical, climatic and cultural aspects for the better treatment results.
- ▶ Wellness and Rejuvenation programs.

## AYURVEDA



**A**yurveda has been integrated with the culture of Kerala for more than a thousand years. From specialized treatments to prescribed diets. Ayurveda is a way of life to us and not simply a method to cure ailments. Apart from the other streams of treatment, Ayurveda consider diseases as the imbalance in body. Hence the Ayurvedic practitioner aims at the holistic growth of the patient instead of focusing on a single issue. This ensures long term health benefits for the patients.

Wellness and Rejuvenation Therapy is one of the important treatment in Ayurveda which makes the body strong and preventing the contraction of diseases. This is a



program containing five procedures(Panchakarma) and other ayurveda treatments to purify the whole body by eliminating accumulated toxins. The five treatments include Vamana (medicine induced emesis), Virechana (medicine induced purgation), Anuvasanavasthi (medicated oil enema), Niroohavasti (medicated decoction enema) & Nasya (medicated nasal drop administration).

When guests undergo the Panchakarma procedures, it has a preventive, restorative and rejuvenate effect by enhancing the body's immunity through antioxidant & prophylactic properties.

After each cleansing therapy, guests follow the mandatory Samsarjana Kriya (graded administration of food) to recoup the digestive ability of the individual and attain a healthy body condition. Ayurveda prescribes a certain rest period at the end of the treatment. Body needs a certain amount of time to get used to the changes it has gone through. Most practitioners will provide a certain fixed diet that is streamlined to help with the recovery process. There are many Ayurvedic hospitals in the State alongside hotels and resorts that offer Ayurvedic treatment throughout the year.

Nowadays there are many organizations or companies which seeks to bring together a prospective patient with service providers. These organizations are generally facilitators and developers of medical tourism, which brings into play a number of issues that do not apply when a patient stays within their own country of origin.

Some of these organizations and companies specialize in certain areas of healthcare, such as cosmetic surgery, dentistry or transplant surgery, while others are more generalized in their approach, providing multiple services over a wide range of medical specialties. These organizations may also focus on providing services in a single country or they may provide access to treatment across multiple nations.

Medical quality standards vary around the world, and international accreditation is relatively new. For these reasons, potential clients may face unknowns and risks related to quality, safety and ethics. Medical tourists look to health tourism providers to provide information about quality, safety and legal issues, but the quality of such information and services varies on the size, scale and the standards of the facilitators themselves.



## KERALA TOUR MART AS A FACILITATOR

With a legacy of decades, Kerala Tour Mart (I) Pvt Ltd, the holiday division of Osaka Group serves its Medical tourist with most suitable packages that suits their requirements. The tourists can choose their preferred choice of treatment and centers from the wide range of Hospitals and resorts that are tied up with. Kerala Tour Mart deals with 360-degree angles in medical tourism which starts from pre travel consultation, pre and post treatment accommodation, transportation, excursions for the patients with special care, post procedure or treatments consultation etc.

What's more is that we also do have exciting rejuvenation packages that would help you to recharge, revitalize and get reborn again with the vigor and zeal of a new born baby.



# Dulcet Tomorrow:

Wake me up when we can travel again.

By Vineeth Venugopal



In the history of humankind, we have been through many natural and man-made calamities from wars and pandemics to the floods and earthquakes. Storms and flood ensued, empires have passed, civilizations have changed but this beautiful world endured on its own. From the beginning many things changed, but only few things remain the same—Travel, We humans moves, survives, keeps searching, travelling, and exploring because we know that the entire eco system depends on it. This COVID-19 Pandemic has just been another calamity we had to endure. We are going through it for a better tomorrow and now it's time to get back to sky and fly high because the survivals always make the future brighter. Dulcet Tomorrow.

## The Path

We are at the threshold of a new age of travel. Although, ongoing COVID-19 pandemic & emerging new variants every day may affect conditions we travel in, but it is only a matter of time before travelers of the world hit the road and take to the skies again, thanks to rising vaccination rates, better healthcare, and more awareness. Some countries have begun relaxing travel restrictions gingerly and reopening borders. Education, Family, Job, Medical,

the reason to travel is endless and the waiting is soon coming to an end. As the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic ebb, most indicators point to travel coming back—with a vengeance—as people look to reconnect, explore new destinations, or revisit reliable favorites and make up for lost time. Recent survey reveals traveling to be the second-most-desired activity among respondents, first being dining out. Most of the high-income earners in big cities have work from home, total savings percentage of countries are increased, and these people are eager to spend it on travelling and this time it's across the border. Some countries that have near-zero caseloads while others have more, but manageable, caseloads along higher vaccination rates in all cases the travel industry must be ready for the influx of travelers.

## Safer Moves

Moving from annoying and unpredictable travel restriction to some safer travel paths. The changes will help us to reach the unexplored possibilities of hospitality, tourism and its products. Already countries like Germany, Switzerland and some more have reopened the borders with lighter protocols and safer living methods. Net Zero cases countries



or vaccinated countries have started with the inbounds domestic travel and tours sectors. Especially country like India can be prime example in that case because of the diverse tourist destinations. In other case international travelers will help the countries in the part of income generated through tourism which will be undeniably more than ever, all because peoples are really looking forward to getting out of their homes These days and travel.

## The Bounce Back

The travel industry traditions are changing now in the current conditions; we are seeing it change to a New Generation of travel life. Form the costs of travel to the different products, from the nature of travelers to the number of travelers everything will be different. Travel industry should bring back capacity, invest time and money on improving the entire customer journey and experience by edrafting the commercial and product approaches. We should be eager to learn from a wider ecosystem and use the opportunities it provides. We must contemplate this new and changed aspects of life style and surroundings when we move forward to being building a new kind travel life and just be ready for it.



## We are ready

Being one of the most affected industries in the pandemic, being optimistic and ready for the changes is essential, it is jubilant that we sustained the worst situation of the pandemic. Now it is time that we look forward to the best of the worst situations. While people were worried about the pandemic and quarantined, we were trying our best to find the new solutions. Weat Osaka Group are a testament to the efforts we put in and made an immediate bounce back with improvised travel planes and secured transportation paths during times when people were not even thinking about travelling. We have transformed the travel service industry into a Next Level with blessings of our leaders and support and faith of satisfied customers. We will for sure keep working harder to make a customer's journey more and more enjoyable with new ages of customer experiences.

With This Let's Open The Unknown And The Delightful Doorways To The World Travel Experiences. The effervescent Team Osaka ...



# SAME CLASS SEATS AT DIFFERENT PRICES WHY???

By Sarath A.S.



It is common that we hear from customers that they bought the same seat for higher fares than their co-passengers. It is not surprising if they get disappointed on this variable pricing system for the same cabin if someone does not have a clarity on the reasons behind it or the pricing system that the airlines use to stay in business in one of the most competitive & sensitive industry which depends on various factors like aviation fuel, airport taxes, passenger service fees, government taxes and much more like convenience fee.

For understanding this concept first we would need to understand how the airlines are classified.

The airline is mainly classified as two:

- ▶ Full-service Carrier (FSC)
- ▶ Low-cost Carrier (LCC)

## Full-service Carriers (FSC)

A full-service airline typically offers passengers in-flight entertainment, checked baggage, meals, beverages and comforts such as blankets and pillows in the ticket price. The seats generally have more recline than a low-cost carrier as well as more legroom. Full-service airlines offer passengers the choice of economy or business class travel and on some flights, premium economy and first-class.

Examples: - Emirates Airline, Qatar Airways, Oman Air, Gulf Air, Air India, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Lufthansa, Air Canada, American Airlines, United Airlines, Etihad Airways Etc.

## Low-cost Carriers (LCC)

LCC stands for Low-Cost Carrier, referring to a kind of airline. These are typically described as cheap no-frills, or budget airlines. The flight types that LCCs provide are generally short-haul with the majority of the bookings being made online.

Examples: - IndiGo, AirAsia, Air India Express, SpiceJet, Go First, Arabia, Flydubai, Ryanair, Malta Air, Fly Egypt, Fly Safari, Green Africa Airways, Flair Airlines, JetBlue, Northern Pacific Airways, Airlines, Fly, FLY ONE Armenia, 9 Air, Beijing Capital Airlines, Jetstar Japan.

## Fares of Full-service Carriers (FSC)

Mainly fares differentiated as Economy, Business and First class but in this, separation is available. One FSC carriers have different seat specification /differentiations is there.

For an example: - In an Emirates flight Cochin to Dubai the seat capacity is 374. Of these 12 is in First class, 42 in business and 320 for economy.

Seats Classification: - F -A- J- C- I- O- Y- E- R- W- M- B- U-K- Q- L- T- V- X

Each Alphabet (19) represent different fares/classes/RBD's.

**Economy:** - Y- E- R- W -M- B- U-K- Q -L -T- V -X:

Of the 320 Economy seats there are 13 different fare classification. Lower fare starts with "X" and ends on "Y" charges which comes in a price range of INR 12,000 to INR 76,000.

**Business:** - J -C- I -O

42 Business class seats are divided into 4 different fares. Lower fare starting with "O" and ends in "J". The price variation in this class ranges from a minimum fare of INR 48,000 to a maximum fare of INR 1,39,000.

**First class:** - F A

12 First Class seats divided are divided into two different fare classes as 'A' and 'F' which ranges from a price variation of INR 1,32,000 and INR 1,65,000 respectively.

All full-service airlines are following the above pattern in pricing with respect to the equipment and seat configurations which is the reason why fares fluctuate in the same type of class.

Watch out for our March edition on details of Low Cost Carriers and their pricing.



# INDUSTRY UPDATES

- ▶ The Union Budget 2022-23 has earmarked an additional amount of Rs 2400 crores for the Ministry of Tourism. This budget is 18.42% higher than 2021-22 and will be utilized by the Ministry for developing tourism infrastructure, marketing and promotion, and capacity building.
- ▶ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The first batch of trekkers will scale the 1,868m - high Agastya mountain on Tuesday when this year's Agasthyarkoodam trekking season opens to the public. Two women will be part of the group on day one in the annual trek arranged by the Kerala Forest Department. This year, the trekking period is restricted to 38 days. It will begin on January 14 and end on February 18. Each day, five groups of 20 people will climb the mountain. Since last year, the trek has been thrown open to women trekkers following a court order.
- ▶ New guidelines for international travellers: No 7-day quarantine or Covid-19 testing, the government has eased quarantine and Covid-19 testing requirements for international travellers, with daily Covid-19 positive cases declining by 80% from peak levels a month ago and test case positivity falling below 5%.
- ▶ The Ministry of Tourism celebrated the National Tourism Day by holding a two-hour program on a virtual platform today on the 25th of January 2022. The theme of this year's celebration is Rural and Community Centric Tourism.



# From the Gallery

28 Anniversary celebration of Osaka Group at Osaka Group Head Office Angamaly



Rev. Sr. Ligi Payyappilly & group from Saint Joseph of Saint Marc from Ukraine whilst their visit to Osaka Group head office, Angamaly.

**Campus Recruitment held at Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala by Osaka Group**



*Happy Birthday*

January Borns

May this year be so much better than the last for you in every walk of life. Osaka Family wish you all the luck, good health and prosperity.



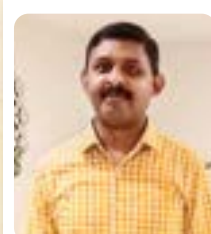
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*“The vacation was wonderful and i cannot sat thank you enough!! It was the perfect trip that we always had dreamt of”*  
Mr. Vijo John, Chairman & CEO - VJ Processing solutions PVT LTD



Thanks ‘Kerala Tour Mart’ of Osaka Group team for the entire passionate efforts and perfect cordination in the travel arrangements. For sure we would recommend Osaka Group for anyone who is planning for a perfect holiday.

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