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Hottest January day to snowstorm warning in Himachal: Shimla, Manali's dramatic weather stuns tourists

Sun today, snow tomorrow: Himachal's weather drama unfolds this week! As Shimla's heatwave gives way to snowy wonderland, here's what tourists should expect. Shimla recorded its highest-ever maximum temperature in January, breaking the previous high set in 2006. On Friday, the prominent hill station town in Himachal Pradesh recorded a maximum temperature of 22 degrees Celsius -- its highest January day temperature. The previous high of 21.4 degrees Celsius was recorded on January 30, 2006. Meanwhile, the department has issued an 'orange' alert for snowfall and rain in Shimla, Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi districts on Sunday. The local Met office said, "Highest maximum temperature recorded for the month of January on 03.01.2025 (22 degrees Celsius) in Shimla city."



From coast to capital: How Croatia became a year-round tourist hotspot

Beyond the beaches: Inland Croatia is attracting more visitors than ever. Croatia saw a 4% rise in tourist arrivals to more than 21.3 million and a 1% increase in overnight stays to over 108.7 million in 2024, the Ministry of Tourism and Sports reported on Friday. The vast majority of the overnight stays - 103.3 million - were recorded along Croatia's picturesque Adriatic coast. However, the country's inland regions also saw a 5% rise in overnight stays with the capital Zagreb experiencing a 6% increase from the previous year to 2.7 million, according to the ministry. "We can be very satisfied with all accomplished tourist results in 2024, including financial indicators, because we have had another record year according to all parameters," Tourism and Sports Minister Tonči Glavina said in a statement. Glavina said the most significant growth in arrivals occurred during the pre-season and post-season periods, showing that "we are becoming a whole-year-around tourist destination".



Would you live in this extravagant Indian palace in France with 'fountains that cost ₹21 lakh just to turn on'?

A video reveals a rare glimpse inside a fascinating Indian palace worth millions in France. Take a virtual tour of the epic property that is available to rent. A luxury real estate page on Instagram has revealed a behind-the-scenes look at one of the world's most extravagant homes in France — an Indian palace in Normandy's lavish Château du Champ de Bataille. French architect and interior designer Jacques Garcia owns the beautifully restored Indian palace, which is available to rent, according to Barnes Luxury Rentals. Also read | Indian palace becomes best hotel in the world, ahead of Marriott, Ritz-Carlton. Jacques Garcia bought the chateau in 1992 and spent the past 30 years restoring it to its former glory and filling it with priceless art, as per a 2023 Daily Mail article. Reportedly, the Indian palace was designed by Jacques using 600 containers of historical antiques brought in from India. The ornately decorated property really does look like you walked into Indian palace.



Woman travels in Vietnam for a week on ₹30K budget, shares her 'very affordable' accommodation and travel tips

Here's what to keep in mind when planning your next vacation to Vietnam – from money-saving travel hacks and hotel tips to 'perfect 7-day itinerary'. New Year 2025 is here, and as if there wasn't enough on your travel bucket list already, we are about to convince you why you should add another destination to that ever-growing list: Vietnam. Whether you're a first-time traveller or a seasoned vacationer, Delhi-based content creator Aanchal (Instagram handle Aanchal Around The World) is here to show you why you should be going to Vietnam soon – she recently shared a post on how to travel on a budget to Vietnam. Also read | First time-traveller to Vietnam? 5 Things you must do here "I still can't believe I was able to do an international trip on a budget of only ₹30,000 for a WHOLE week excluding flights, but they're also very affordable," she wrote in the caption of her travel video. Travelling on a budget doesn't always mean giving up comfort or delicious meals. Aanchal has tried to show that with strategic planning and patience, you can plan an unforgettable vacation that caters to your needs without straining your finances.

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Visa-free Ghana: Your next African adventure trip just got easier

Ghana: Visa-free travel for all African passport holders takes flight. Ghana's outgoing President Nana Akufo-Addo Friday announced visa-free travel for all African passport holders from the start of this year, marking a step towards continental economic integration. The announcement came during his final state of the nation address as he prepares to step down on January 6 after two terms in office. "I am proud to have approved visa-free travel to Ghana for all African passport holders, with effect from the beginning of this year," Akufo-Addo said in his speech to parliament. "This is the logical next step to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the workings of the largest trading bloc in the world," he said. "All these are essential elements to the realisation of the AU's Agenda 2063, which envisages an integrated and connected Africa by 2063," he added, referring to the African Union's development blueprint for a 50-year period. Ghana joins Rwanda, Seychelles, Gambia and Benin in offering visa-free entry to African travellers.



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