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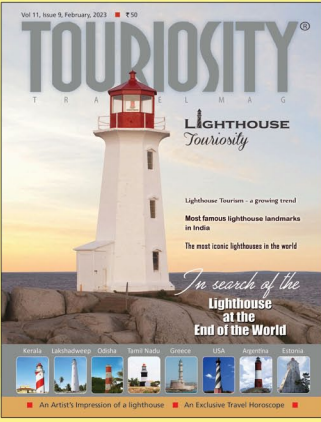
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Lighthouses have played a very important role in shaping the history of trade, shipping and navigation. Their role in the lives of early travellers have also been phenomenal. Today, they stand as testimony to the glorious maritime history of the world. As we stumble across these gigantic beacons on our travels around the world, we gaze at them with awe and try to imagine the thousands of tales of seafarers that they have been witness to. To bring to our readers this awe and magic, we have dedicated this issue of Touriosity to Lighthouse Tourism exactly after 7 years of our first issue on this theme.

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Lighthouses around the world are going through major transformation and emerging as tourist destinations. They are not only located in picturesque settings, they also have tremendous historical value. So, when visiting these places as tourists, we must ensure that we do not damage their structure or the surroundings in anyway. **LET US BE RESPONSIBLE TOURISTS!**

Lighthouse tourism provides an opportunity to connect with history, nature and culture in a unique and immersive way. Whether you're a maritime enthusiast, an architecture lover, or simply someone looking to explore the beauty of coastal landscapes, lighthouse tourism offers a compelling and rewarding travel experience. Many iconic lighthouses, once integral to maritime safety, have now evolved into beacons of cultural heritage, adventure, and stunning natural beauty. Lighthouse tourism not only offers travellers a chance to explore historic and picturesque sites but also contributes significantly to local economies and conservation efforts. This issue delves into the growing allure of lighthouse tourism and its potential impact on both travellers and the communities they visit.

Lighthouses are living reminders of a bygone era when maritime navigation relied heavily on these steadfast sentinels. As technology has rendered many of them obsolete, their historical significance has only grown. Such tourism provides an opportunity for travellers to step back in time, connecting with the maritime heritage that shaped coastal communities. Tourists can explore well-preserved lighthouses and learn about their role in navigation.

Beyond their historical value, lighthouses often occupy some of the most breathtaking natural landscapes. Perched atop rugged cliffs, nestled amidst pristine beaches, or standing sentinel over serene harbours, lighthouses offer awe-inspiring vistas that beckon travellers to explore the outdoors. The allure of capturing stunning sunsets, dramatic seascapes, and ethereal views of the surrounding landscape drives a growing number of adventure-seekers to embark on lighthouse tours.

With the spurt of global tourism interest with lighthouses, many of these beacons have been restored and repurposed as visitor centres, museums, and even as restaurants and accommodations, breathing new life into once-forgotten locales. As travellers immerse themselves in these natural wonders, they contribute to the local economy through tourism expenditures, supporting nearby businesses and boosting sustainable growth. The influx of tourists creates job opportunities, stimulates local entrepreneurship, and encourages infrastructure development. Moreover, communities hosting lighthouse tourism often foster a sense of pride in their unique heritage, leading to increased cultural awareness and intercultural exchanges between locals and visitors.

As awareness of environmental conservation grows, lighthouse tourism provides an opportunity to champion sustainable practices. Preservation of lighthouses often goes hand in hand with protecting the surrounding ecosystems, including coastal habitats and marine life. Responsible tourism practices, such as minimizing waste and adhering to eco-friendly guidelines, can help safeguard these delicate environments for generations to come. By highlighting the intrinsic connection between historical preservation and environmental stewardship, lighthouse tourism can play a pivotal role in raising awareness about conservation challenges.

To sum it up, lighthouse tourism is a shining example of how historical preservation, natural beauty, and community revitalization can harmoniously co-exist. As travellers seek meaningful and immersive experiences, the allure of lighthouses continues to draw them to coastal destinations around the world. By promoting cultural understanding, supporting local economies, and fostering environmental consciousness, lighthouse tourism illuminates a path toward sustainable and responsible travel. As we navigate the seas of modern tourism, these enduring beacons of the past guide us toward a brighter, more interconnected future. Send us your thoughts at touriosity2012@gmail.com.

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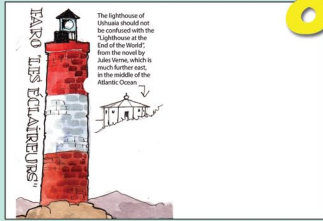
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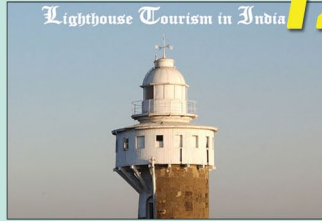
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Indian Lighthouses

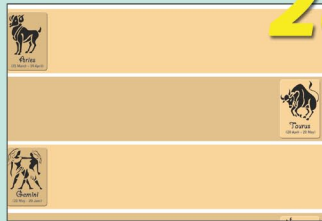
The 7,500 km-long coastline of India is dotted with lighthouses, some of which are aesthetically pleasing, some have glorious history and some still operational. This article explores 30 of them.



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Lighthouses around the world

With the global focus on lighthouse tourism, many of these beacons have been restored and repurposed as visitor centres, museums, restaurants and galleries. This article lists 25 such beautiful lighthouses around the world.



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Travel horoscope

If you love travelling, you would probably be interested in knowing what the month ahead holds for you, not only in general but also in terms of travel. This horoscope will help you plan your month and guide your travel plans.

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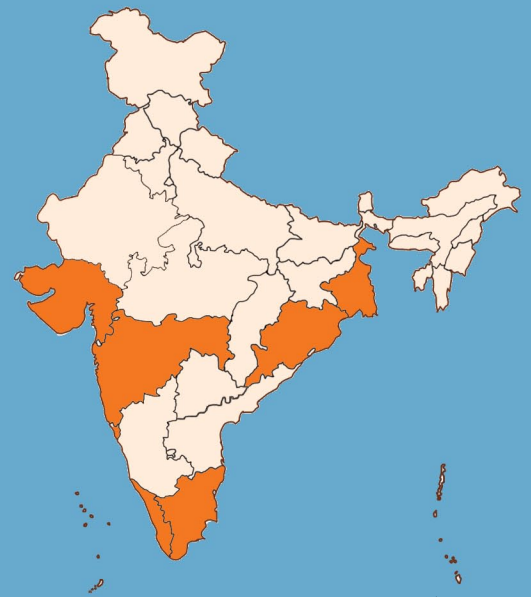
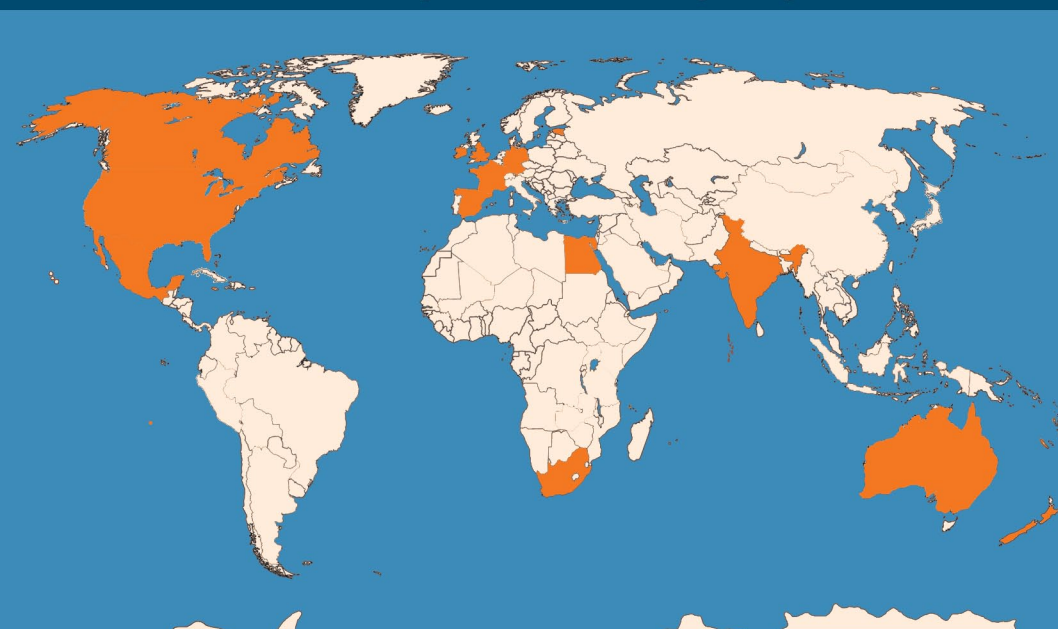
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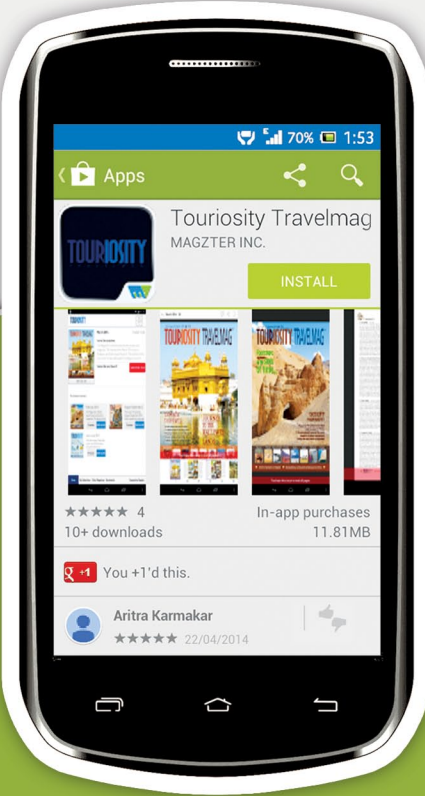
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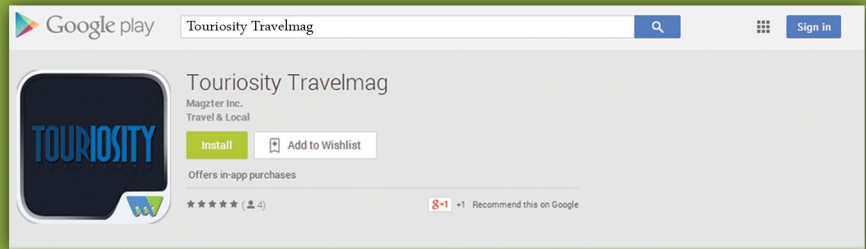




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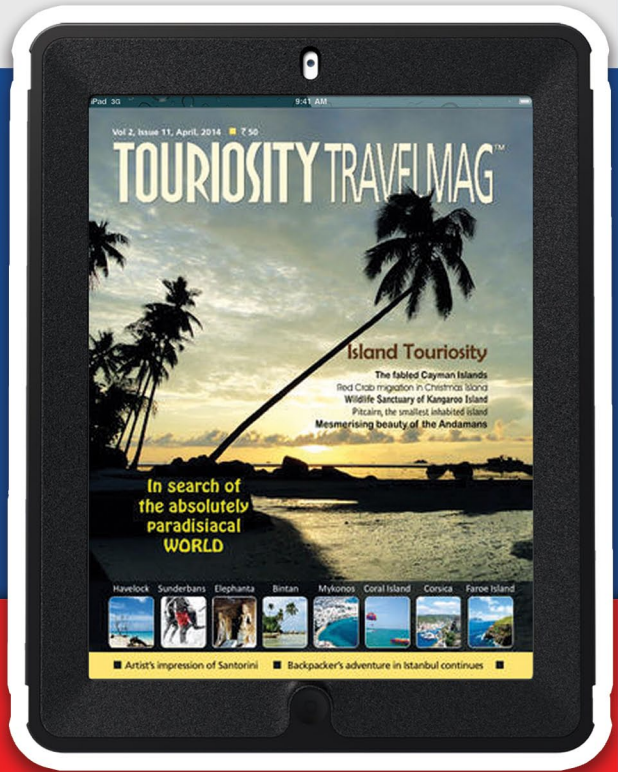


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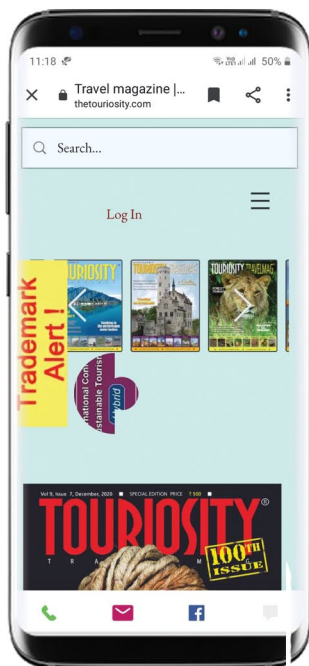
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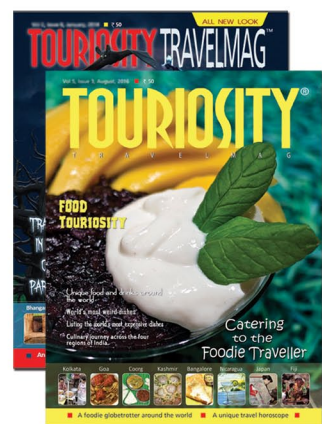
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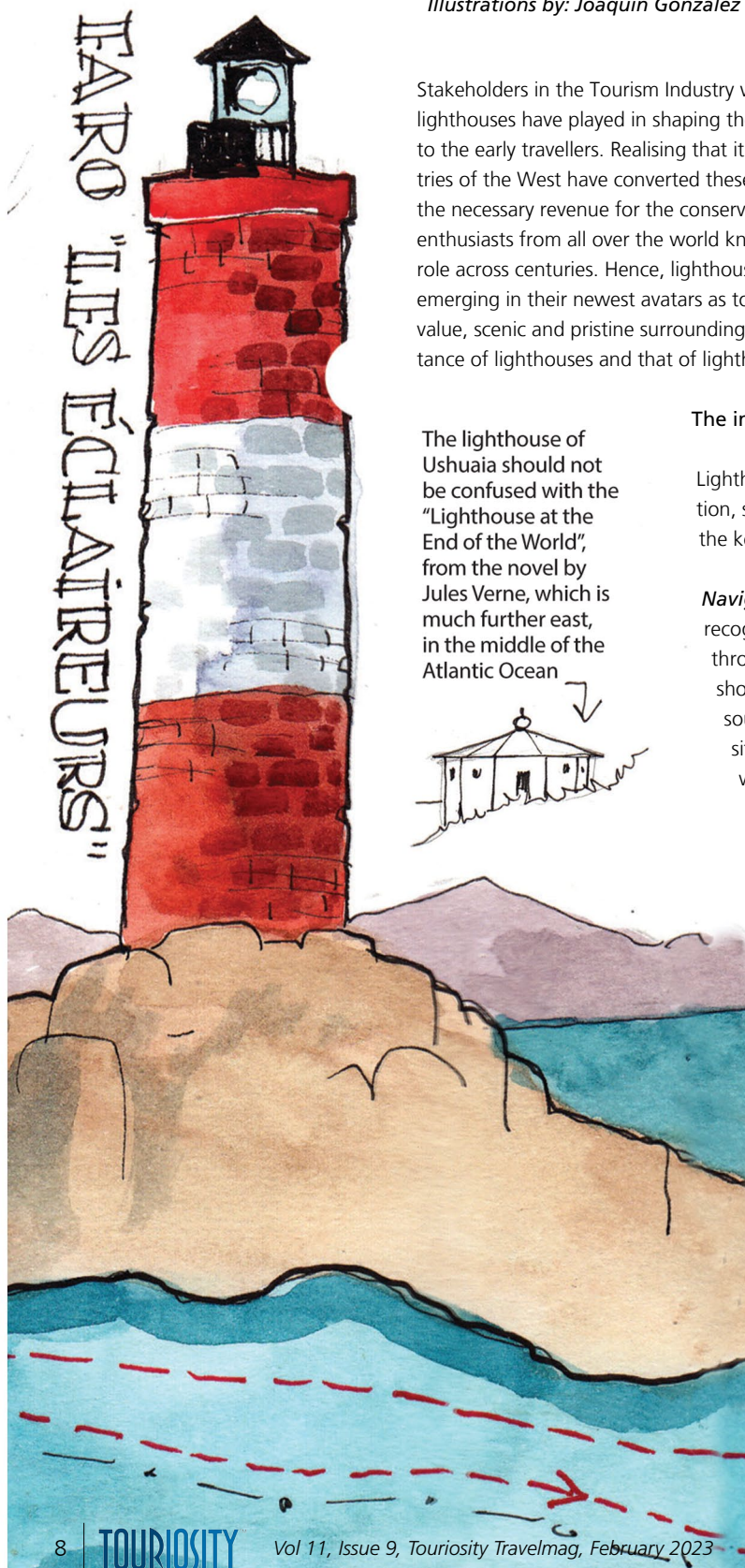


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Illuminating the Future of Tourism: The Allure of Lighthouse Adventures

Illustrations by: Joaquin Gonzalez Dorao



Stakeholders in the Tourism Industry worldwide have generally woken up to the significant role lighthouses have played in shaping the history of trade, shipping and navigation as also their importance to the early travellers. Realising that it was now time to pay off their dues, authorities of many countries of the West have converted these lighthouses into tourist attractions. This not only helps in raising the necessary revenue for the conservation and regular upkeep of the lighthouses, it also allows travel enthusiasts from all over the world know the history of these colossal structures and appreciate their role across centuries. Hence, lighthouses around the world are going through major transformation and emerging in their newest avatars as tourist destinations. They enthral tourists with their architectural value, scenic and pristine surroundings and rich maritime heritage. In this article we explore the importance of lighthouses and that of lighthouse tourism.

The lighthouse of Ushuaia should not be confused with the "Lighthouse at the End of the World", from the novel by Jules Verne, which is much further east, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean



The importance of lighthouses

Lighthouses hold significant importance in maritime history and navigation, serving as vital aids to mariners and ships at sea. Here are some of the key reasons for their significance:

Navigation and Safety: Lighthouses provide a reliable and easily recognizable visual reference point for ships navigating along coastlines, through harbours, and around dangerous obstacles such as rocks, shoals, and reefs. The distinctive patterns of light and sometimes sound signals emitted by lighthouses help sailors determine their position, avoid hazards, and stay on course, especially during adverse weather conditions or at night.

Prevention of Shipwrecks: Lighthouses play a critical role in preventing shipwrecks by warning ships of hazardous areas and guiding them away from dangerous coastal features. By marking treacherous waters, lighthouses have saved countless lives and prevented the loss of valuable cargo and vessels.

Historical and Cultural Significance: Lighthouses often have rich histories and architectural significance, serving as iconic landmarks that reflect the maritime heritage of a region. Many lighthouses have unique designs and stories associated with their construction and operation, making them important cultural and historical symbols.

Symbol of Hope: Lighthouses have come to symbolize safety, guidance, and hope. Their presence on the horizon can provide reassurance to sailors and travelers during challenging times, serving as beacon of light in both the literal and metaphorical sense.

Tourism and Education: Many lighthouses have been preserved and maintained as historic sites, attracting tourists and providing educational opportunities. Visitors can learn about the history of maritime navigation, the challenges faced by

lighthouse keepers, and the evolution of technology in aiding navigation.

Technological Advances: Lighthouses have witnessed significant technological advancements over the years, from traditional flame-based light sources to modern electric and LED lights. They have also incorporated innovations such as rotating lenses, Fresnel lenses, and automated systems, contributing to the overall advancement of navigation technology.

Sense of Identity: Lighthouses often hold a special place in the hearts of coastal communities. They can become symbols of local identity, pride, and resilience, representing the close relationship between communities and the sea.

Research and Science: Lighthouses have been used for scientific purposes as well. They have served as meteorological observation points, monitoring weather conditions and helping researchers gather data on oceanic and atmospheric phenomena.

In summary, it can be said that lighthouses are significant for their role in guiding ships safely through perilous waters, preserving maritime history, fostering cultural heritage, providing symbols of hope, supporting tourism and education, and contributing to technological advancements in navigation and science.

Why Lighthouse Tourism?

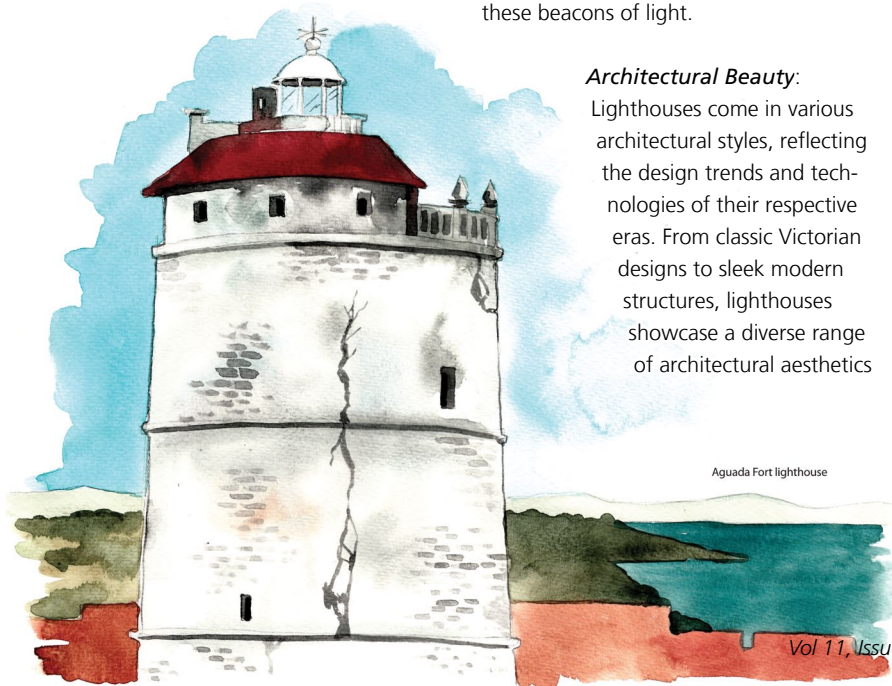
Lighthouse tourism is a unique and captivating form of travel and exploration that revolves around visiting and experiencing lighthouses. Lighthouses have long been iconic symbols of maritime history and navigation, guiding ships safely through treacherous waters and hazardous coastlines. Beyond their practical function, lighthouses hold a certain charm and mystique that draws travellers and enthusiasts from around the world.

Lighthouse tourism offers a blend of historical, cultural, and natural attractions, making it a fascinating niche within the broader travel industry. Here are some key aspects of lighthouse tourism:

Historical Significance: Lighthouses are often steeped in rich history, with many dating back several centuries. They offer a glimpse into the maritime heritage of a region, showcasing the struggles, triumphs, and stories of generations of lighthouse keepers who maintained these beacons of light.

Architectural Beauty:

Lighthouses come in various architectural styles, reflecting the design trends and technologies of their respective eras. From classic Victorian designs to sleek modern structures, lighthouses showcase a diverse range of architectural aesthetics



Aguada Fort lighthouse

that appeal to enthusiasts of design and aesthetics.

Scenic Locations: Lighthouses are strategically positioned along coastlines, often in some of the most picturesque and dramatic landscapes. They offer stunning views of the surrounding seascape, cliffs, beaches, and sunsets, making them excellent photography and sightseeing spots.

Adventure and Exploration: Many lighthouses are located in remote or rugged areas, requiring a sense of adventure to reach them. Travelers may need to hike, boat, or even climb to access certain lighthouses, adding an element of thrill to the experience.

Cultural and Educational Value: Lighthouse museums and visitor centers provide insight into the history of maritime navigation, the life of lighthouse keepers, and the technological advancements that have shaped modern navigation. This educational aspect of lighthouse tourism can be particularly appealing to families and history buffs.

Lighthouse Festivals and Events: Numerous regions around the world host lighthouse festivals and events to celebrate their maritime heritage. These gatherings often feature guided tours, workshops, cultural performances, and other activities that offer a deeper understanding of the local maritime culture.

Preservation and Conservation: Lighthouse tourism can contribute to the preservation and restoration of these historic landmarks. Revenue generated from tourism often goes toward maintaining and safeguarding lighthouses for future generations.

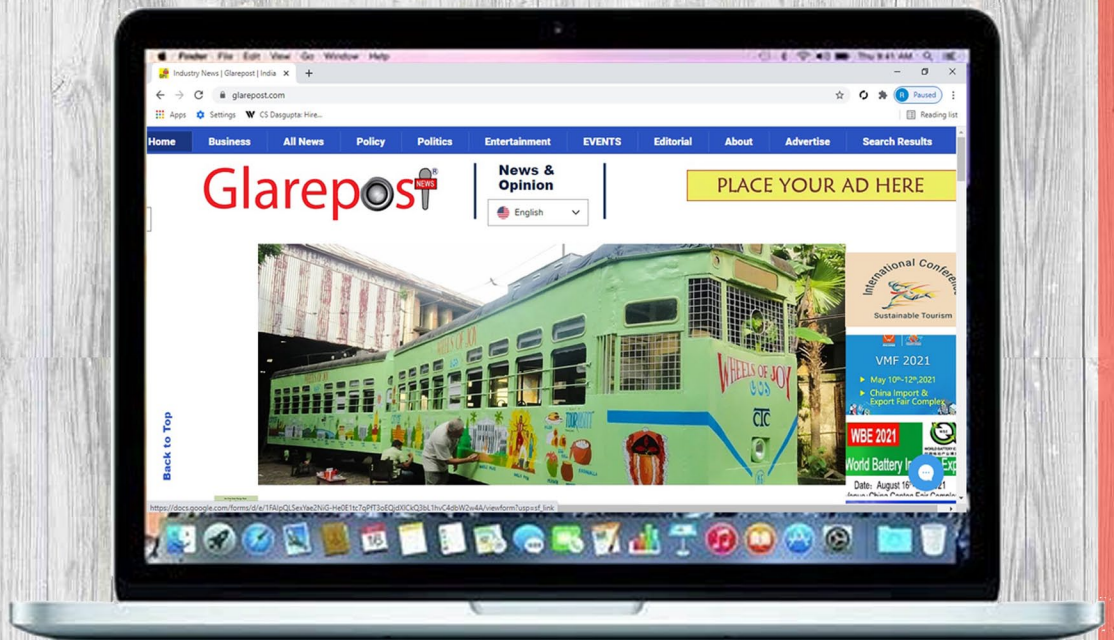
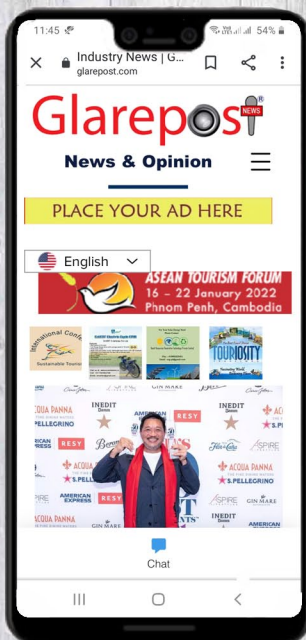
Symbolism and Romance: Lighthouses have been romanticized in literature, art, and popular culture as symbols of guidance, hope, and safety. This symbolism adds an emotional dimension to lighthouse tourism, attracting travelers seeking a meaningful and introspective experience.

To sum it up, to have a myopic view of the role of lighthouses around the world would be to say that they have acted only as beacons of navigation for seafarers for almost two millennia. If one goes into the depth of their role, one would find them to be towering structures holding so much of history and maritime heritage in their womb that ignoring them seems to be cruel. As a guiding angel these lighthouses have, across the centuries, helped mariners avoid shipwrecks and reach their destinations hale and hearty. As a watchtower they have perfectly communicated with the vessels that came cutting across the ocean waves. Today they stand as testimony to the maritime history of the world. It makes a lot of sense for tourism authorities to develop and maintain these structures and by allowing tourists to come and dive in their history, they will also ensure the generation of sufficient revenue for their future upkeep.

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Lighthouse Tourism in India



India has a rich maritime history, and its coastline is dotted with several historical lighthouses that have played a crucial role in guiding ships safely through treacherous waters. Lighthouses not only serve as important navigational aids but are often situated in stunning coastal locations, making them picturesque landmarks.

Lighthouse tourism is a growing trend around the world. Following in the footsteps of the lighthouse tourism projects

developed and successfully implemented in the West, the Ministries of Tourism and Shipping, Government of India have drawn up elaborate plans to develop some lighthouses across the Indian coast with a view to attracting tourists from all over the world to these sites. The initiatives have paid off and travellers are increasingly becoming interested in visiting various lighthouses across the country for their historical significance, architectural beauty, and picturesque locations. Lighthouses have played a crucial role in maritime navigation

and safety for centuries, and many of them are now popular tourist attractions. They offer a unique opportunity to explore India's coastal heritage and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding landscapes at the same time.

India has a number of iconic and historically significant lighthouses that have played a crucial role in guiding ships and ensuring maritime safety along its vast coastline. To provide an approximate figure, there are about 190 lighthouses dotting the long coastline of India that measures a little more than 7,500 kms. Many of them are remotely located, while many are in ruins. Here are details about 30 of the most beautiful of these lighthouses in India in alphabetical order. These are just a few examples of the many lighthouses that dot the Indian coastline, each with its unique charm and significance.

Agatti Island Lighthouse, Lakshadweep

Situated on Agatti Island, this lighthouse is known for its striking location amidst the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. It is 23-metres-tall and has a square tower painted white. There are, however, many other lighthouses in Lakshadweep that one might like to check out.

Aguada Lighthouse, Goa

This is definitely one of the most prominent and frequently photographed lighthouses of India. Located in the state of Goa, Aguada Lighthouse is one of the oldest and most well-preserved lighthouses in India. It stands atop the Aguada Fort and provides panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the surrounding coastline. Located in the area adjoining the 17th century Aguada Fort at the Sinquerim Beach, on the mouth of river Mandovi, this four-storey lighthouse was added here in 1864.

Alleppey Lighthouse, Kerala

Situated in Alappuzha (also called Alleppey), this lighthouse is known for its stunning views of the Arabian Sea and the surrounding backwaters of Kerala.

Overlooking the serene backwaters of Kerala, the Alappuzha Lighthouse offers a unique experience for visitors. Built in 1862, it is one of the oldest lighthouses in India and is open to tourists. This lighthouse is known for its prominent red and white striped exterior. The 92-foot-tall lighthouse is open to visitors.

Arikamedu Lighthouse, Puducherry

Situated near the archaeological site of Arikamedu, this lighthouse is known for its historical significance. Built in 1979, the lighthouse provides guidance to ships entering the Puducherry Harbour.

Cabo de Rama Lighthouse, Goa

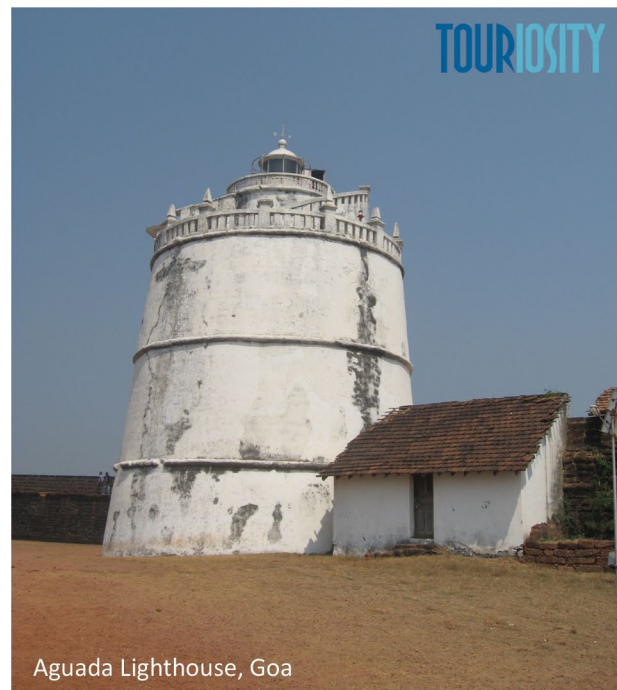
Located on the Cabo de Rama Beach, this lighthouse offers panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the surrounding cliffs. A part of the Cabo de Rama Fort, this lighthouse stands perched on a cliff. The fort itself is of great historical significance. This well-equipped military fort with towers and rustic cannons was claimed by the Portuguese monarchs. The fort houses several military barracks and a chapel, however when the Portuguese left India, the place was abandoned, although briefly used by the government later as a prison. Today the ruined fort is a popular tourist destination in South Goa.

Cape Comorin Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

Positioned at Kanyakumari, the southernmost tip of the Indian subcontinent, this lighthouse offers breathtaking views of the confluence of the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and Indian Ocean.

Chennai Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

The original lighthouse in this location in Chennai was built way back in 1796, making it one of the oldest in India. However, the current structure dates back to 1977. It is an important maritime landmark in Chennai. This lighthouse overlooks the Bay of Bengal and is a famous landmark on the Marina Beach of Chennai. It has the distinction of being the only lighthouse in India within the municipal limits of a city and is one of the few lighthouses in



Aguada Lighthouse, Goa



Alleppey Lighthouse, Kerala

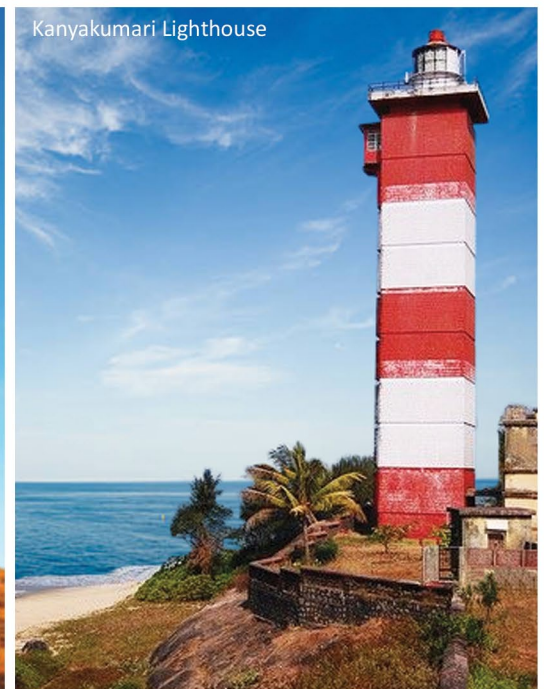
India has a rich maritime history, and its coastline is dotted with several historical lighthouses that have played a crucial role in guiding ships safely through treacherous waters.



Dwarka Lighthouse



Kovalam Lighthouse



Kanyakumari Lighthouse

the world and the only one in India that is equipped with an elevator.

Cherai Beach Lighthouse, Kerala

Located on the Cherai Beach near Kochi, this lighthouse provides picturesque views of the coastline and the surrounding landscape. The lighthouse overlooks the Arabian Sea and the Vypeen Island, and provides a stunning view of the same.

Cochin Lighthouse, Kerala

Also called the Vypin Lighthouse, this

46-metres tall lighthouse is situated at Puthuvype in Kochi, Kerala. This lighthouse, known for its distinct red and white striped tower, overlooks the Arabian Sea. The lighthouse has a long history, although it became operational at the current site as a lighthouse only in November 1979. This lighthouse was in fact functioning in Fort Kochi from 1839, but was shifted to Puthuvype in 1979.

Colaba Point Lighthouse, Mumbai

This Colaba Point lighthouse, built in 1875, is located at the southern tip of Mumbai's

Colaba area. It is one of the prominent landmarks in the city and has been guiding ships into the Mumbai Harbour for over a century. It is located about 2.5 kms off the shore of Mumbai.

Dhanushkodi Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

Situated near the ghost town of Dhanushkodi, this lighthouse offers views of the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean. The 53-metres-tall lighthouse is one of the newest ones constructed. It is situated at the extreme southern end of India and just about 30 kms away from Sri Lanka.



Lighthouse at Mahabalipuram



The Old Lighthouse at Mahabalipuram

There are actually two lighthouses in Mahabalipuram, an old one, and a rather new one. Built in 1887, the new lighthouse has a circular masonry tower made of stone. It was open to visitors initially but was closed down in 2001 due to threats by LTTE. It was opened again to tourists in 2011. Nearby this lighthouse is another old lighthouse, in fact, the oldest one ever built in India.

Temple and the surrounding areas. Being located in the holy city of Dwarka, this lighthouse offers a fascinating blend of spiritual and maritime experiences. Visitors can climb to the top and enjoy panoramic views of the historic sites of the Dwarka city and the Arabian Sea. Built in 1960, the lighthouse stands near the Dwarkadhish Temple.

Gopalpur Lighthouse, Odisha

Overlooking the Bay of Bengal, this lighthouse is located near Gopalpur-on-Sea, a serene beach destination in Odisha. Gopalpur is a beach destination located 16 km from Berhampur and 177 km from Bhubaneswar.

Kannur Lighthouse, Kerala

Positioned on the cliff of Payyambalam Beach, this lighthouse provides a beautiful view of the Arabian Sea.

Kasaragod Lighthouse, Kerala

Positioned in Kasaragod near the Nellikunnu Beach, this lighthouse is known for its striking black and white striped appearance. The beach here is one of the most immaculate and pristine beaches of the city. The lighthouse is open to visitors every evening for about half an hour, from 5 pm to 5.30 pm. The view from the top of the light house is very majestic. From three sides up there one can see the verdure of God's own country and the beauty of the Arabian Sea from one side.

Kollam Lighthouse, Kerala

Situated near the Thangassery Beach, this lighthouse offers panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the historic Thangassery Fort. Built in 1900, it is the tallest and one of the most visited lighthouses in Kerala.

Kovalam Lighthouse, Kerala

Positioned along the popular Kovalam Beach of Kerala, this lighthouse provides visitors with stunning views of the coastline and the sea. Perched on a rocky promontory overlooking the popular beach, this lighthouse is a major tourist attraction in the area. It is a great place to capture beautiful sunset views.

Digha Lighthouse, West Bengal

Found in the popular seaside town of Digha, this lighthouse serves as a prominent landmark for tourists. It overlooks the Bay of Bengal.

Dwarka Lighthouse, Gujarat

Situated in the historic town of Dwarka, this lighthouse overlooks the Arabian Sea and provides a captivating view of the Dwarkadhish



Mahabalipuram Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

This lighthouse is located on a rocky hill in the town of Mahabalipuram (also called Mamallapuram) and offers panoramic views of the Bay of Bengal and the surrounding areas. This lighthouse provides breathtaking views of the coastline and the ancient shore temples of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Mahabalipuram. The lighthouse was built in 1894. Visitors can climb to the top for the mesmerizing views.

There are actually two lighthouses in Mahabalipuram, an old one, and a rather new one. Built in 1887, the new lighthouse has a circular masonry tower made of stone. It was open to visitors initially but was closed down in 2001 due to threats by LTTE. It was opened again to tourists in 2011. Near-by this lighthouse is another old lighthouse, in fact, the oldest one ever built in India. The structure is similar to the stone structures of the town. Built in 640 AD by the Pallava King Mahendra Pallava, this lighthouse is a protected monument and is maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Minicoy Lighthouse, Lakshadweep

Situated on Minicoy Island, this lighthouse is known for its picturesque setting in the midst of turquoise waters. It overlooks the Indian Ocean and offers a unique island experience. Built in 1885, this lighthouse is located on the southernmost island of the Lakshadweep archipelago. It has a distinct appearance and is a vital aid for ships navigating the waters of the Indian Ocean. Interestingly, Minicoy Island was formerly a part of the Maldivian Islands and culturally it is closer to the Maldives than that of rest of Lakshadweep. The 162-foot-tall lighthouse is painted in white and has a viewing gallery.

Murud-Janjira Lighthouse, Maharashtra

Located inside a fort on the famous Murud-Janjira Island, this lighthouse offers a unique view of the Arabian Sea and the historical Janjira Fort. It is known for its historic significance and captivating surroundings. It stands as a testament to India's maritime heritage.

Netrani Island Lighthouse, Karnataka

Situated on the Netrani Island, this lighthouse provides stunning views of the Arabian Sea and the surrounding marine life. Netrani Island is also an excellent destination for scuba diving.

Port Blair Lighthouse, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Situated on a promontory on the north side of the entrance to the harbour of Port Blair, the capital city of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, this lighthouse is a vital navigational aid for ships entering the harbour. This 35-metres tall lighthouse is the most popular lighthouse of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is a twin of the Indira Point Light in the Nicobar Islands, both built in 1972. There are excursions available from Port Blair to the lighthouse.

Rameswaram Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

Situated on the Pamban Island, this lighthouse provides scenic views of



Minicoy Island Lighthouse, Lakshadweep



Pamban Lighthouse

the Gulf of Mannar and the nearby islands. It is found near the famous Ramanathaswamy Temple in the sacred town of Rameswaram. The lighthouse is known for its role in guiding ships through the Palk Strait. Tourists can climb to the top for spectacular views of the Pamban Bridge and the Gulf of Mannar. This lighthouse is also often referred to as the Pamban Lighthouse.

Rann of Kutch Lighthouse, Gujarat

Located in the vast salt marshes of the Rann of Kutch, this lighthouse helps guide ships through the challenging terrain.

Sunk Rock Lighthouse, Mumbai, Maharashtra

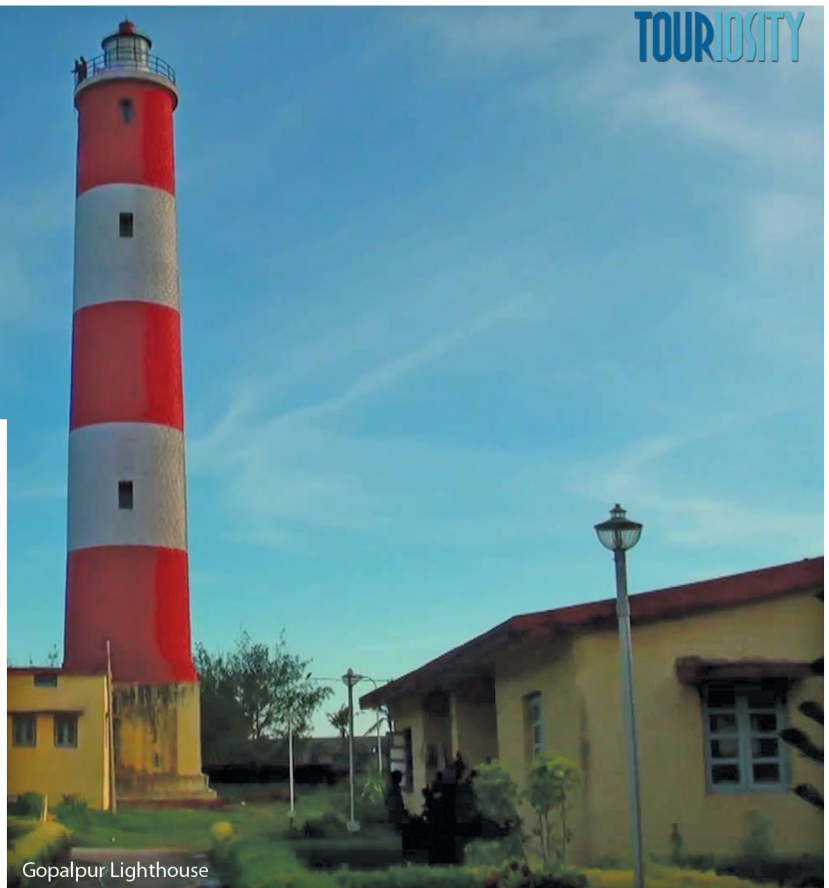
Located on a rock in the Arabian Sea, this lighthouse is a marvel of engineering and offers a unique maritime experience. This offshore lighthouse is located near Mumbai and is famous for its challenging construction on a submerged rock. The 22-metres-tall lighthouse is painted in a red and yellow in a check-board pattern, while the lantern and the gallery is painted white. It is one of the three lighthouses around Mumbai.



Thalasseri Lighthouse



Puducherry Lighthouse



Gopalpur Lighthouse

Some lighthouses may allow tourists to climb to the top for panoramic views, while others may offer guided tours or exhibitions about maritime history, while some may have totally restricted entry. So, before planning a visit, it's recommended to check with local authorities about the accessibility, availability of tours, opening hours, and any entry requirements.

Tajpur Lighthouse, West Bengal

Situated on the banks of the Rupnarayan River, this lighthouse offers a stunning view of the river meeting the Bay of Bengal.

Tuticorin Lighthouse, Tamil Nadu

Tuticorin (old name Thoothukudi) is known as the Pearl City and is famous for its fishing industry. For more than 2000 years, Thoothukudi has been a centre for maritime trade and pearl fishery. The lighthouse of Manappad located here is one of the oldest lighthouses in Tamil Nadu. When built in 1888, the lighthouse used the oil wick lamp to guide the fishermen in the sea. Some 15 years later better lights were installed.

Vengurla Rocks Lighthouse, Maharashtra

This lighthouse is positioned on a group of islets off the coast of Vengurla and is known for its challenging location. This lighthouse provides a breathtaking view of the Arabian Sea and the coastline.

Vizhinjam Lighthouse, Kerala

Positioned near the Vizhinjam Harbour, this lighthouse offers

breathtaking views of the sea and the surrounding coastal region. Built in 1972, this lighthouse has a unique design and is a popular destination for tourists.

These 30 lighthouses, among others, have played a significant role in India's maritime history and continue to be important navigational aids and tourist attractions today. It may be noted that the accessibility and conditions of many of these lighthouses may have changed over time, especially so after the pandemic. Some lighthouses may allow tourists to climb to the top for panoramic views, while others may offer guided tours or exhibitions about maritime history, while some may have totally restricted entry. So, before planning a visit, it's recommended to check with local authorities about the accessibility, availability of tours, opening hours, and any entry requirements.

As lighthouse tourism continues to gain popularity, more lighthouses in India might also open up for visitors in the future. As already stated earlier, this is an alphabetical list of the most popular lighthouses in India. In the February 2016 issue of Touriosity, also themed on lighthouses, an article was published on the state-wise list of important lighthouses of India (pages 8 - 14). For more about many other prominent lighthouses in India, readers may refer to the same issue available in our archives.



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Women have many roles to play in various arenas. Her place in society is punctuated with many tasks. While accomplishing such tasks she compromises with her love to explore the unknown. Kayaking through seas, relishing exquisite delicacies of various countries, experiencing deep water snorkelling or just seeing the world can be any woman's dream waiting to be fulfilled. Making such dreams come true for many women are the new era all-women travel services.

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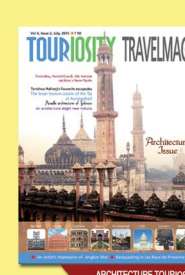
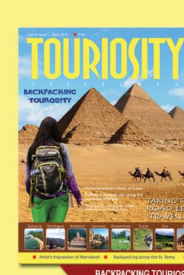
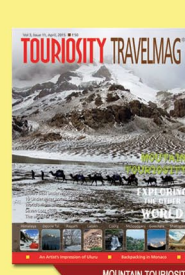
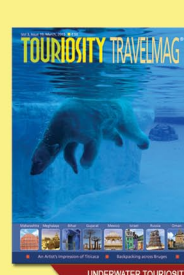
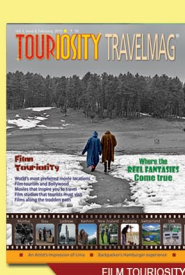
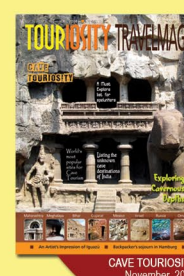
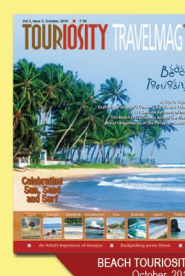
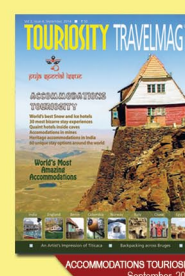
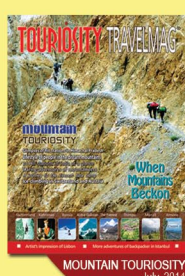
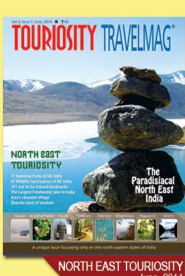
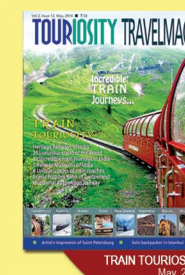
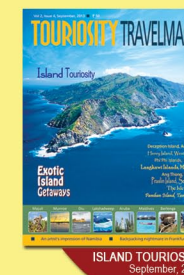
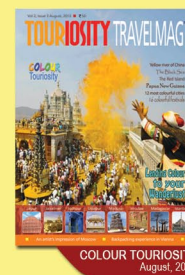
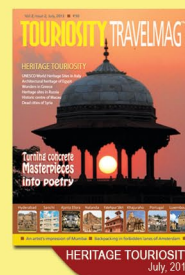
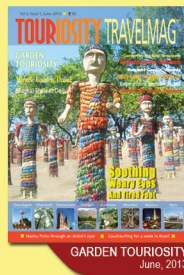
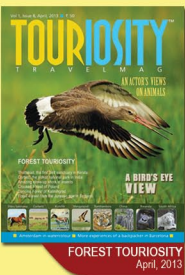
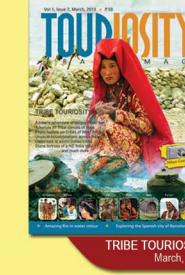
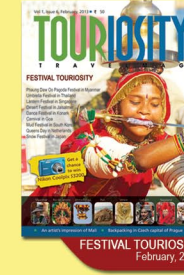
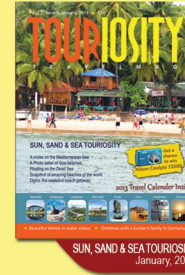
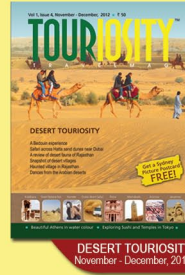
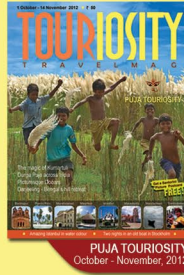
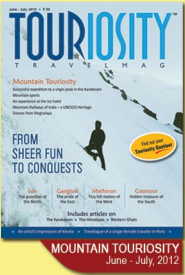
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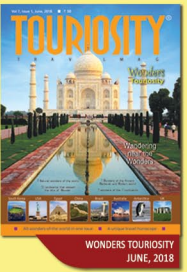
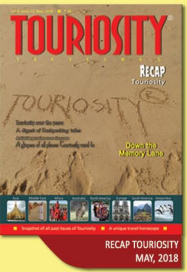
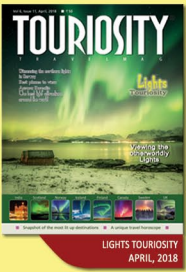
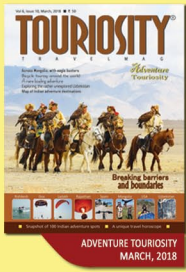
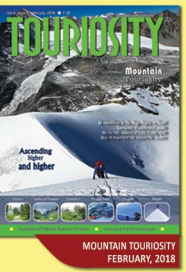
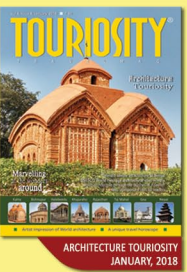
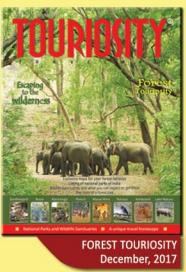
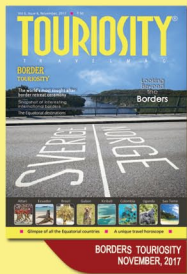
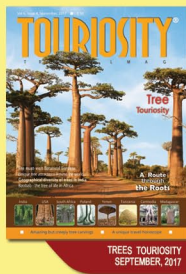
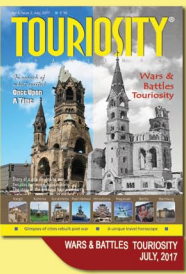
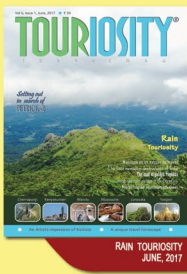
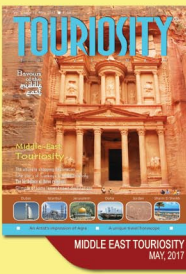
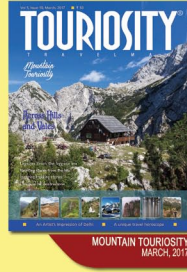
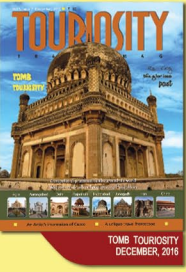
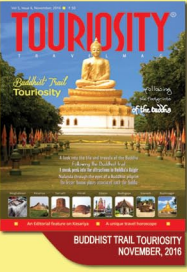
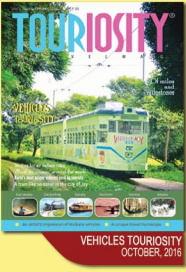
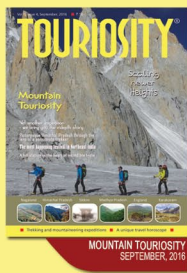
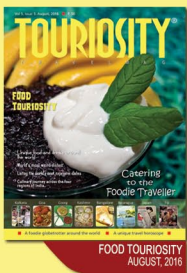
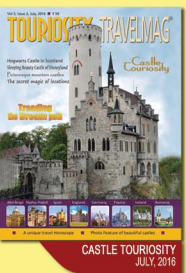
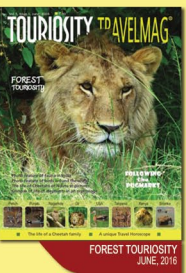
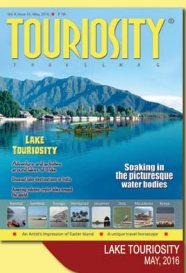
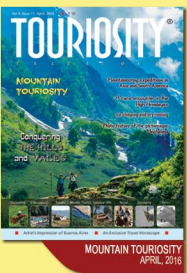
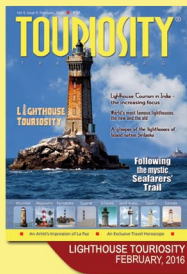
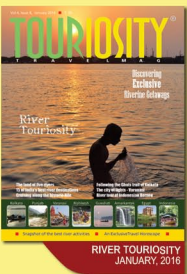
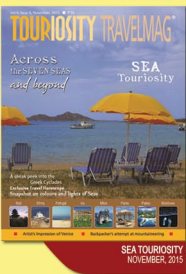
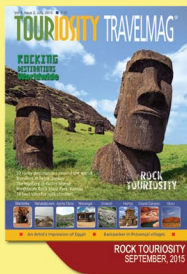
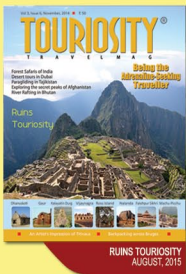
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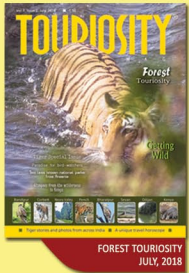


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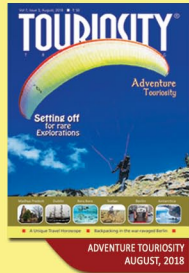
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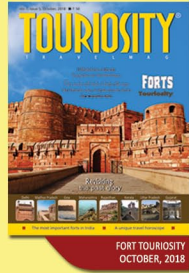
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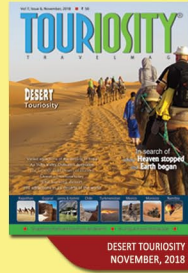
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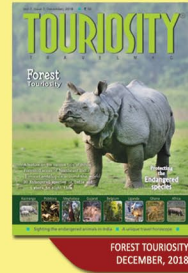
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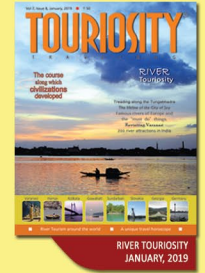
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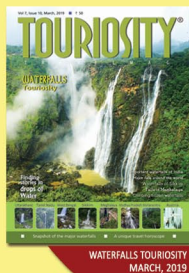
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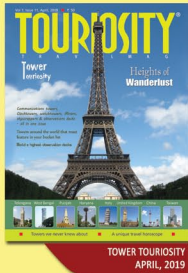
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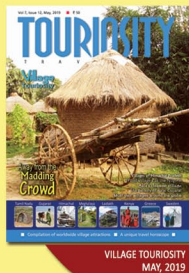
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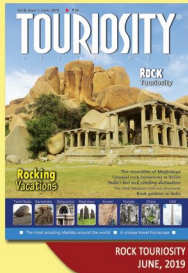
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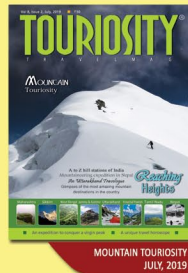
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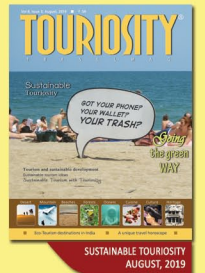
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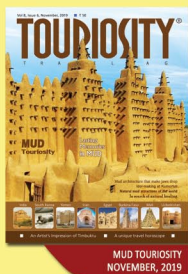
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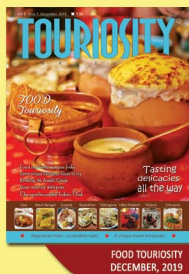
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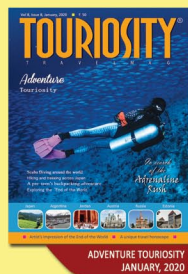
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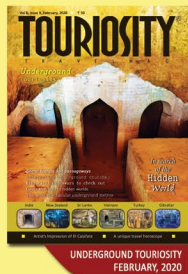
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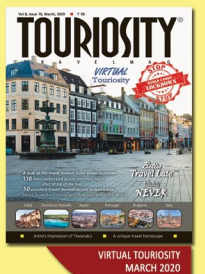
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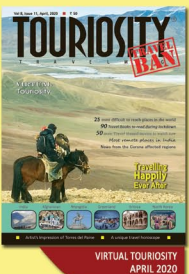
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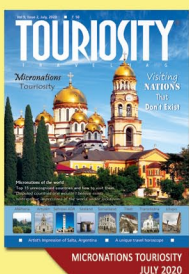
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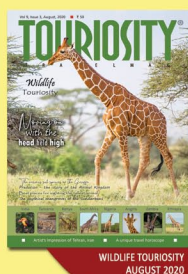
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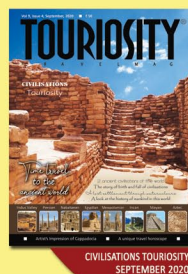
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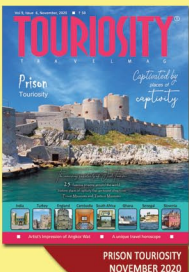
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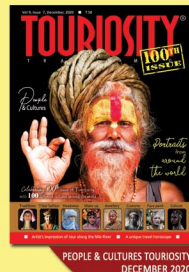
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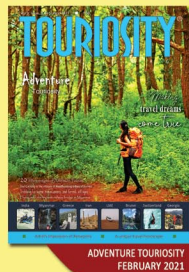
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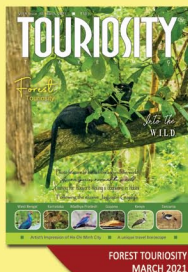
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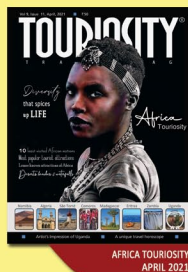
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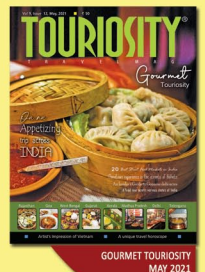
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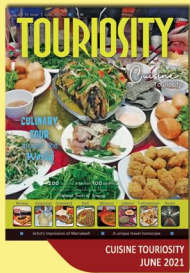


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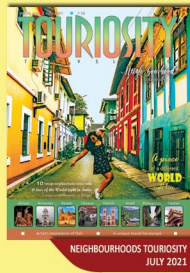


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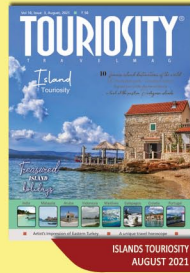
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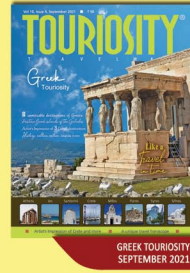
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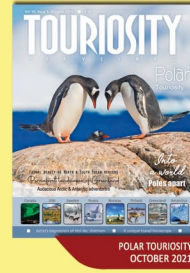
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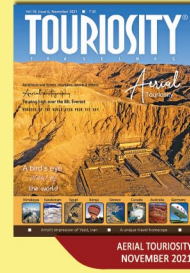
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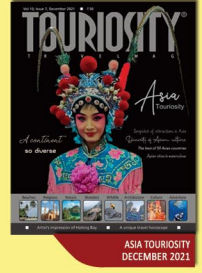
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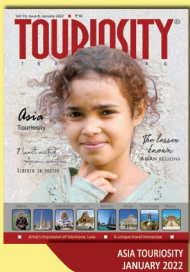
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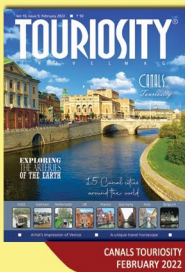
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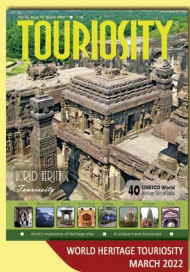
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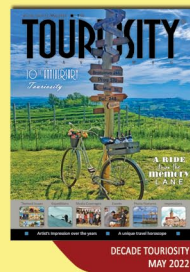
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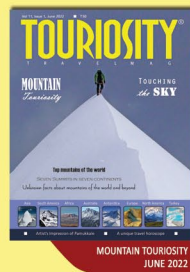
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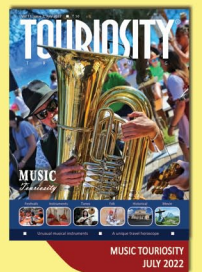
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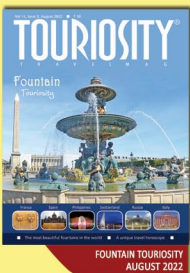
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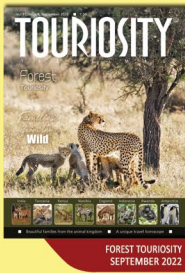
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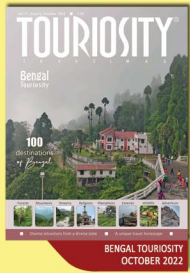
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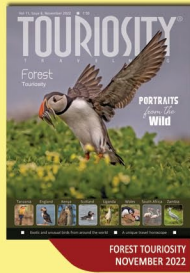
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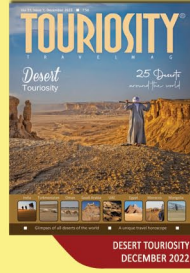
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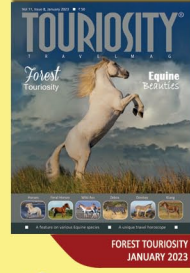
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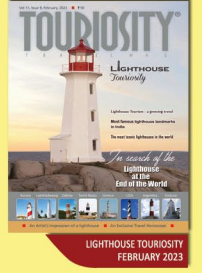
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FAMOUS BEACONS AROUND THE WORLD





PEGGY'S POINT LIGHTHOUSE, CANADA



Beauty is subjective, and people's opinions on the most beautiful lighthouses in the world can vary widely. However, there are several lighthouses around the world that are often considered to be among the most picturesque and iconic due to their stunning locations, unique designs, and historical significance. This article lists some of the lighthouses that are often mentioned as being among the most beautiful ones in the world. However, these are just a few examples, and there are many more beautiful lighthouses around the world, each with its own unique charm and allure.

Pharos of Alexandria, Egypt: Often regarded as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Pharos of Alexandria was a massive lighthouse that stood on the island of Pharos in the ancient city of Alexandria in Egypt. Built around 280 BC, it was a marvel of engineering, standing around 100-130 meters tall. The lighthouse featured an open flame at its top to guide ships into the busy port of Alexandria. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by several earthquakes between the 10th and 14th centuries.

Peggy's Point Lighthouse, Canada: Located in the quaint fishing village of Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, Canada, this lighthouse is perched on a rugged granite shoreline, offering breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. The lighthouse is also known as Peggy's Cove Lighthouse and is often said to be the most beautiful lighthouse in the world. It has earned itself the singular title of being the 'most photographed lighthouse in the world'. The octagonal lighthouse is one of the most famous tourist attractions of Canada and definitely the most famous one in Nova Scotia region. The rugged and scenic surroundings contribute to the beauty of the lighthouse. The lighthouse was built in 1915 and continues to serve as an active aid to navigation. The lighthouse and its surroundings attract numerous visitors each year.

Eddystone Lighthouse, United Kingdom: The Eddystone Light-

house is located on the treacherous Eddystone Rocks off the coast of Cornwall, England. The original lighthouse, built in 1698, was the world's first offshore lighthouse and was constructed of timber and was frequently destroyed by storms and rebuilt multiple times. It was replaced by a series of more durable structures, with the current one being built in 1882. The lighthouse is famous for its engineering innovation and the challenges of construction in a hostile marine environment.

Heceta Head Lighthouse, USA: Situated on the Oregon coast, this lighthouse is known for its striking Victorian architecture and its dramatic cliffside setting. The lighthouse overlooks the Pacific Ocean. Built in 1894, it's a popular tourist destination today.

Hook Head Lighthouse, Ireland: Dating back to the 13th century, Hook Head Lighthouse is one of the oldest operational lighthouses in the world. It stands on the Hook Peninsula in Ireland and has undergone numerous renovations and improvements over the centuries. The lighthouse and its surroundings offer stunning views of the Irish coastline. The lighthouse has guarded the entrance to Waterford Harbour in Ireland for over 800 years. The well-preserved lighthouse is an example of medieval lighthouse architecture.

Fanad Head Lighthouse, Ireland: This lighthouse stands on the northern tip of Ireland and offers panoramic views of the rugged coastline, the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding cliffs. Its white and red stripes make it visually striking.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, USA: Located on North Carolina's Outer Banks, Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is known for its distinctive black and white spiral stripes. It has a rich history of guiding ships through the dangerous waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Originally built in 1803, it was moved inland in 1999 due to erosion threatening its location. At a height of 208 feet, this lighthouse is the world's tallest



Les Eclaireurs lighthouse, Argentina

Tuhu Point Lighthouse, New Zealand: Found on New Zealand's North Island, this lighthouse overlooks stunning coastal landscapes and is a popular spot for photographers.

Les Eclaireurs Lighthouse, Argentina: Situated in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, this lighthouse is also known as the 'Lighthouse at the End of the World' after the novel by Jules Verne of the same name in the belief that it was this lighthouse that the eminent wrote about in the novel. In reality, however, the subject of Jules Verne's novel lies further east in the coast of the Isla de los Estados Island. But there is an element of appropriateness in the name, even though it is wrongfully identified with the book. This lighthouse is in fact the last point of reference in the mainland that most sailors see on their way to Antarctica. It was built in 1920 to mark the entrance to the dangerous waters of the Magellan Strait. The lighthouse is a popular tourist attraction, often visited by boat tours.



Kõpu Lighthouse, Estonia

Kõpu Lighthouse, Estonia: The Kõpu Lighthouse, located on the island of Hiiumaa in Estonia, is one of the oldest continuously operating lighthouses in the world. It has guided ships since the 16th century and is known for its unique octagonal shape. Built almost 500 years back, this lighthouse is not only the oldest in Estonia, but also so in the entire Baltic Sea and the Baltic States. It acted as a navigational guide to ships in the Hanseatic League in the Middle Ages. In the Hanseatic Trade Route the most important route from east to west in the Baltic Sea passed by the Hiiumaa Island. Merchants in those days often complained of ships being lost on the Baltic Sea. This led to the construction of the Kõpu Lighthouse in the island in 1531 AD to warn ships about the low waters off the island

Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, USA: Located in Maine, USA, this lighthouse is perched atop a rocky outcrop and is surrounded by picturesque views of the sea.

Cape Byron Lighthouse, Australia: Situated on Australia's easternmost point, this lighthouse offers breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean and the surrounding coastline.

Lindau Lighthouse, Germany: This Bavarian lighthouse is situated on Lake Constance and features a unique Bavarian lion sculpture on its base. It stands on a breakwater and the combination of the beautiful architecture and its captivating surroundings makes it particularly charming.

West Quoddy Head Lighthouse, USA: Located in Maine, USA, this lighthouse is known for its distinctive red-and-white stripes and its picturesque coastal location.

brick lighthouse. Inside it are 257 steps in a spiral staircase which visitors are allowed to climb to go to the top. From atop the lighthouse visitors can have a breathtaking view of the island and the ocean. While there are almost million visitors to the island every year, who also make a beeline for the lighthouse, the permanent population of the island is only about 4,000 making it an idyllic getaway for the wearied urban soul.

Häädemeeste Lighthouse, Estonia: Found on the Estonian coast of the Baltic Sea, this lighthouse features a charming, traditional design and overlooks the picturesque shoreline.

Fastnet Rock Lighthouse, Ireland: Perched on a rocky islet off the coast of Ireland, this lighthouse is known for its



Lighthouse at the end of the world, at Devinuwada, Srilanka

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isolated and stunning location. This lighthouse is often referred to as the 'Teardrop of Ireland' due to its isolated and exposed location. It has helped guide ships safely through the treacherous waters of the Celtic Sea since 1904.

Rubjerg Knude Lighthouse, Denmark: This lighthouse is known for its dramatic location on top of a shifting sand dune on the Danish coast. It has become a popular tourist attraction due to its precarious position.

Split Point Lighthouse, Australia: Situated along the Great Ocean Road, this lighthouse overlooks the Southern Ocean and offers breathtaking coastal views. Its white and red colour scheme adds to its appeal.

Cape Point Lighthouse, South Africa: Located at the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula, this lighthouse boasts stunning views of the surrounding cliffs and ocean. The rugged landscape and historical significance make it attractive.

Yaquina Head Lighthouse, USA: Found on the Oregon coast, this lighthouse is known for its striking black and white colour scheme. Its location on a rocky promontory adds to its visual appeal.

Barra Head Lighthouse, Scotland: Situated on a remote island in the Outer Hebrides, this lighthouse offers breathtaking views of the rugged Scottish coastline and the Atlantic Ocean.

Treviño Lighthouse, Spain: Perched on a cliff top overlooking the Bay of Biscay, this Spanish lighthouse is known for its stunning coastal views and unique architecture.

La Corbière Lighthouse, Jersey, Channel Islands: This lighthouse stands on a rocky outcrop on the island of Jersey in the English Channel. Built in 1874, it's known for its red and white stripes and its exposure to dramatic coastal weather.

Point Reyes Lighthouse, USA: Situated on the California coast, the Point Reyes Lighthouse offers stunning views of the Pacific Ocean. Built in 1870, it has guided ships navigating the dangerous waters around Point Reyes for decades.

Kilauea Lighthouse, USA: Found on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, the Kilauea Lighthouse was built in 1913 and is known for its scenic location atop a rugged cliff. It offers panoramic views of the surrounding coastline and the Pacific Ocean.

The 25 iconic lighthouses are just a few examples of the many beautiful and historically significant structures that have helped sailors navigate the seas and oceans. Each lighthouse has its own story and charm, attracting visitors and serving as important symbols of maritime history and heritage. In our Lighthouse themed issue of February 2016, there are detailed articles on some of the most famous lighthouses in the world from pages 24 to 39. For a more detailed reading readers may refer to the same from our archived issues.



Aries

(21 March – 19 April)

You may develop new attributes, adding them to your operating style by giving form and method to latent abilities. There may be romance that comes through friendships or social contacts. Refresh and reinvigorate your relationship with loved ones.

Places to visit: From wildlife photographers to travel enthusiasts, Kaziranga National Park is the lifetime aim to witness, to capture the different poses of one-horned rhinoceros

Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia - The beautiful skyline, adorned by Menara KL Tower and Petronas Tower, is a must-see. The Perdana Lake Gardens is another great sight.

Favourable Dates: Mar 1, 4, 10, 13, 19, 22

Favourable Colours: Blue & Yellow

You can get ahead with your projects and ambitions on the condition that you get involved, struggle and fight. New knowledge combined with a good orderly approach and effective health routines will see you flourish.

Places to visit – Shillong - It is famous for its spectacular beauty. Popularly known as the ‘Scotland of the East’ as it resembles the Scottish lands, Shillong’s landscape has to be seen to be believed

Edinburgh Castle: It is a true icon of Scotland and has dominated the skyline of the capital for centuries. Unusually, it’s set atop of an extinct volcano.

Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 5, 10, 14, 19, 23

Favourable Colours: Blue & White



Taurus

(20 April – 20 May)



Gemini

(21 May – 20 June)

Your wishes will be very intense and will demand immediate fulfilment. If you are in a relationship, work out what you are going to do and how you are going to do the same. If you’re single, you may have to put romance aside while you work towards something important.

Places to visit: Nettukuppam beach in Tamil Nadu – It is the perfect spot for you where you can spend some time close to nature.

Moscow - Home to the mighty Kremlin, legendary Red Square and iconic St Basil’s Cathedral, Moscow is the political and cultural heart of the country.

Favourable Dates: Mar 4, 8, 13, 17, 22, 26

Favourable Colours: Red & Grey

You may discover new things about who you are through realization or revelation. You may take up new forms of creative expression while others may find that psychic or intuitive skills develop.

Places to visit: Tezpur literally means “The Town of Blood” is the “Cultural Capital of Assam” provides loads of magnificent tourist attractions and Chitrallekha Udyan is one of these stunning tourist destinations

Black Sea Coast - Warm climate, miles of sand beaches, ancient monuments, vineyards and modern resorts invite travelers to seriously consider Romania’s Black Sea Coast as their vacation destination.

Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 5, 11, 14, 20, 23

Favourable Colours: White & Green



Cancer

(21 June – 22 July)



Leo

(23 July – 22 August)

You will be able to advance your situation through good planning and the cooperation of others. The development of a close knit community or family group may contribute. Your powers of concentration may slip for a time as you focus on your inner state.

Places to visit: Hampi - Famous for its massive, beautifully carved temples, especially the Virupaksha Temple, dedicated to the patron deity of the empire

Munich - Explore the Romantic Road Running 400km from Wurzburg to Fussen in the south, this scenic road trip route is lined with some of the best places to visit in Germany

Favourable Dates: Mar 4, 7, 13, 16, 22, 25

Favourable Colours: Yellow & Red

You may need to make a new start, either emotionally or with how you see or present yourself. The need for this may come from unexpected developments or plans that have gone astray.

Places to visit: Daranghati Sanctuary - Located 150 kms from Shimla, it, is one of the most important tourist attractions. It was a hunting reserve in the past for Rampur Bushahr royal family

The Matterhorn – Switzerland’s iconic pointed peak. At the foot of this mighty peak, lies the charming village of Zermatt, a top international resort with horse-drawn carriage rides, quaint chalets, and world-class restaurants and hotels.

Favourable Dates: Mar 4, 5, 11, 16, 20, 24

Favourable Colours: Green & Red



Virgo

(23 August – 22 Sept)

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New ideas will come for some and there will be new ways of communicating and thinking. Education may play a role for some, taking you in new and different directions. You'll go through a period in which keeping your health will depend a lot on your emotional status and a balanced lifestyle.

Places to visit: Summer hills in Simla offers spectacular views of the valley and the greenery around. The hill is a part of a cluster of seven hills, which form Shimla and hence you are sure to have breathtaking sights from the top.

Burj Khalifa in Dubai: The glorious tower is one of the most prominent attractions in all of the Middle-East. It displays exceptional work of art and it is not without reason that it has .

Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 3, 11, 12, 20, 21 Favourable Colours: Blue & Red

You may go through a period of revision with regard to your hopes and wishes. You may need to freshen up your ideas and someone with an unusual perspective may be of assistance.

Places to visit: The Gateway of India is the most popular tourist attraction in Mumbai and also the most visited places in the city.

Rila National Park in Romania - This is a wonderful sanctuary in Romania to visit. It contains mountains and a variety of interesting animals and plants. You'll find eagles, deer, goats, bats, and owls and other species of wildlife.

Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 5, 11, 14, 20, 23 Favourable Colours: Grey & Red



New people and opportunities will open the doors that you've been knocking at for some time and you could really sail ahead. Good fortune may come from proper attention to domestic matters

Places to visit: Chitrakoot Udyan Tezpur -- With various exciting and amusement activities tourists can enjoy rowing and paddling opportunity with many more water sports

Jungfrauoch: The Top of Europe -One of the most popular experiences in the beautiful Bernese Oberland is the train journey to Jungfrauoch, the "Top of Europe," with an observation terrace and scientific observatory perched at 3,454 meters.

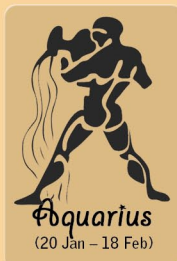
Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 6, 11, 15, 20, 24 Favourable Colours: Blue & Yellow

The important issue with career development is to keep a clear sense of method and sequence in what you do. There may be opportunities all of a sudden or unexpected nature. There may be a split or separation affecting business matters or connections.

Places to visit: Sambalpur, the land rich in culture and natural beauty in Odisha, it has some of the best gifts of nature thanks to the lush forests and picturesque waterfalls

Nagarkot: It is known for offering mesmerizing Himalayan views. Visiting this place to enjoy the magnificent views of the sunrise is loved by tourists.

Favourable Dates: Mar 4, 8, 13, 17, 22, 26 Favourable Colours: Red & Yellow



This would be a prosperous month and it will bring all your financial worries to an end. You will discover new potentials, skills and experiences that reveal different sides of you. The month end will bring peace with former adversaries.

Places to visit: Nagarhole National Park - It belongs to the Kodagu district of Karnataka. It is a home for great wilderness, the most popular attraction in this national park is spotting the elephants and other animals.

Lourdes in France – It draws people worldwide for the "healing" waters that have made Lourdes an enthusiastic place for believers and tourists alike.

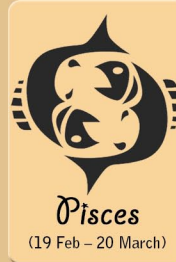
Favourable Dates: Mar 2, 8, 11, 17, 20, 26 Favourable Colours: Blue & White

This is a time to open to wider horizons and study or learn whatever it is you need to set you on the upward road. Some may find a new sense of partnership on the career road. New relationship could change your life's direction. Whether single or committed, you may have to leave a lot behind in order to pursue something new.

Places to visit: Mussoorie-Its green hills and varied fauna and flora make it a colourful and picturesque hill station, commanding a wonderful view of extensive Himalayan snow ranges

Tiger's Nest Monastery in Bhutan - It is one of the most revered pilgrimage place in the Himalayan province. It is also one of the most visited tourists destination in Bhutan.

Favourable Dates: Mar 4, 8, 16, 17, 22, 26 Favourable Colours: Yellow & Purple



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