

## HOW TO ENJOY AN OFFBEAT DESTINATION ?

Start early , keep minimum two hours margin and plan to reach before dark. Going up for the first time you could face difficulties finding your way. Take proper guidance from the resort's city office before departing. Do not be misguided by locals, stick to the path suggested by the resort unless a road block is reported due to some reason.

Do not expect very professional services. Most of the these places employ local staff, trained on the job. Employing locals is a commitment to help the community.

Food at such places is simple, homelike, and choice could be limited. City chefs are not very willing to work at such offbeat resorts. They have to avail the services of regional cooks.

Since business is very seasonal, they cannot afford two shift employees and as such service hours are limited and have to be abided by strictly.

At most of the resorts water could be sufficient only for your basic needs, not for washing clothes and cars.

Electrical/Telecommunication services could be momentarily disrupted. Bear till alternate arrangements are made. Most of the better ones have good backups.

Restaurant/Room service might seem slow, as compared to town hotels. Do not push after all you are there to unwind and relax.

Furniture/Fixture in rooms should be sufficient to meet all your basic requirements. Do not expect contemporary craftsmanship and frills.

Offbeat / Hill Resorts seem to be over priced. Consider such places generally have a meager 25-30 % annual occupancy and have to provide for recurring expenses for the entire year. Do not look for a direct Value-For-Money deal. It is the experience you are paying for and not the hardware.

Staff being local, are not used to rude and harsh city attitudes. Put in some extra effort to be kind and polite to them. You will find them all out to serve you.

Probe the property's brochures, websites, thoroughly and satisfy all possible queries before booking. Do not depend entirely on your agent. It is quite possible he might not have visited the resort at all.

Be ready for a quieter/cooler place than expected.

Taking along children/youngsters, prepare them well. Tell them what is available and what is not. They too should have the same inclination as yours  
Convey special needs for infants and aged before hand and get a confirmation.

Many offer optional soft adventure activities. If interested, check price and availability specifically during the period of your stay.

**YES DO NOT COMPROMISE ON HYGIENE, CLEANLINESS AND SAFE DRINKING WATER.**

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