



## THE WEEKEND: WHERE TO GO?

It's that regular debate. Come weekend, and most of us have nothing to do apart from making ourselves comfortable before television and scan through the channels.

But, behold!

There's an even more interesting thing to do, which would not only be more fascinating and entertaining, but would reward you with loads of knowledge and excitement!

Yes, we're talking about weekend getaways. You probably might have a copy of Outlook Traveler's Weekend Destinations, but there's much more to do. Start preparing by talking to your colleagues at work. Did they visit any place over the last few weekends? If yes, Where? What did they do? Where did they stay? The list goes on.

There's a second option too. Just type in the place where you stay on a search engine and press enter. In the links displayed, follow Wikipedia, or another similar trivia based website. Scroll down, and you are sure to find something of the sort, "Places Nearby", which you might not have heard about.

Then there's this third and most foolproof (& most exciting) option. Open the map. Spot your place of stay, and note down the places and towns names' nearby your place. Later, search those places up on the Internet and learn more about them. **In a wonderful country like ours, where the culture and heritage is so ancient that there's probably no single village in our county that's not special in its own real way.** Might be the town you searched has a very ancient temple. Might be it has a palace or a fort, with its associated legends. Might be it has a wonderful picnic spot you always wanted to visit!

So, once you're done with the place, you have accomplished the mission, nearly!

Now, pack up some basic items, food, clothing, etc. Remember to keep them to a minimum. We tend to carry a lot then we actually use, which causes unnecessary space consumption and misery. And don't forget the most important thing--your camera. Use it to "shoot", whatever interesting comes your way. You'll need the pictures the next weekend, to convince another bored and tired friend of yours, to explore the place on your advice! He may be in the same shoes as you were a week ago, isn't it?

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