

Ahmedabad added to World's 50 Greatest Places of 2022" by Time Magazine

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In news—Ahmedabad city and the state of Kerala have been listed by TIME magazine among the “50 extraordinary destinations to explore” in its list of the world’s greatest places of 2022.

Key updates-

- **TIME described Kerala as ‘one of India’s most beautiful states.’**
- It said that with spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, temples, and palaces, it’s known as “God’s own country” for good reason.
- It also added that Kerala is boosting motor-home tourism in India to inspire a new pas de deux of exploration and accommodation. The state’s first caravan park, Karavan Meadows, opened in Vagamon, a scenic hill station.
- **It described Ahmedabad as India’s first UNESCO World Heritage City, and a city which boasts both ancient landmarks and contemporary innovations** that make it a mecca for cultural tourism, from the serene Gandhi Ashram that sits on 36 acres on the banks of the **Sabarmati River to Navratri, a vibrant nine-day celebration (this year from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5) billed as the longest dance festival in the world.**
- It added that **Ahmedabad’s Gujarat Science City**, a “sprawling entertainment center and theme park”, unveiled three major attractions last year, including a 20-acre nature park to educate the public on local flora as well as provide new spaces for playing chess and practicing yoga.

- And **Science City's new aquarium**, which showcases aquatic species from around the globe, is now **India's largest**.
- The publication said that to compile this list of the World's Greatest Places, the top spots to visit this year, **TIME solicited nominations of places from its international network of correspondents and contributors**, "with an eye toward those offering new and exciting experiences."
- **The list also includes Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia;** The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul and Kigali, Rwanda.

Time Magazine-

- It is an American news magazine and news website published and based in New York City. For nearly a century, it was published weekly, but starting in March 2020 it transitioned to every other week.
- It was first published in New York City on March 3, 1923, and for many years it was run by its influential co-founder, Henry Luce.
- Since 2018, Time has been published by Time USA, LLC, owned by Marc Benioff, who acquired it from Meredith Corporation.