

Amazing destinations that turn you into a storyteller

Shores, skylines, scents, and sceneries all tell a story. From snorkelling in the ocean to exploring iconic landmarks, some destinations can spark your mind to create interesting stories to share for years to come.

So, dive in and read on as we discover some incredible locations that will inspire you to become a storyteller and help you make memories that will last a lifetime!

Barcelona, Spain

A raconteur's heart will undoubtedly be tempted by the soul-caring atmosphere in Barcelona. As diverse as it is entertaining, Barcelona's list of attractions includes hidden labyrinths and hilltop fairs.

Make sure to see the Catedral de Barcelona and La Sagrada Família, two marvellous locations thanks to their exquisite Gothic architecture. You should also explore La Boqueria, one of the oldest and liveliest markets in Barcelona, filled with cheerful greetings of "Hola!"

You may also explore the Picasso Museum and shop, eat, and drink at Las Ramblas and the Gothic Quarter. Among the jaw-dropping architecture and the leather, jewellery, and food stores, you are bound to become a dark academia storyteller.

Additionally, you may like to sample some Spanish dishes. While fried fish (morralla) may be the most iconic meal in Barcelona, the city's famous stews, soups, and seafood are always a hit.

Casablanca, Morocco

Romance and intrigue immediately spring to mind when one thinks of Casablanca. Embracing remnants of French colonisation, the architectures here bring together Moorish and European Art Deco styles.

Standing partially above the sea and pointing its lasers towards Mecca, the Hassan II Mosque is a must-see in this city. You can also go to the Sidi Abderrahman shrine, which has a fascinating past that feels like something from *One Thousand and One Nights*.

Although Casablanca beaches are popular among surfers, the violent waves make



them unsuitable for swimming; instead, take advantage of the numerous saltwater pools found along the coastal strip. If you are in the mood for a dip, the beautiful Tamaris beach is just south of the city.

Traditional Casablanca specialties like maakouda, Khli', and zaazaa combine the tantalising tastes of Arabic, Berber, and Mediterranean cuisines.

Needless to say, Casablanca's beauty has inspired artists for decades, which is why it remains in movies, novels, and popular culture, as a hallmark of tales.

Miami, USA

Miami's boldness and energy may overwhelm most tourists. Despite this, you would be enticed by the vibrant city's music-filled streets, palm-fringed seaside paradise, and the irresistible combination of cultures, cuisines, and nightlife.

Miami tours may take you to the buildings of South Beach and the vibrant Wynwood neighbourhood, or you can go off the beaten path on an ATV or out on the water in a boat.

In the iconic neighbourhood of Little Havana,



you can try Cuban food like guava sweets, chicken plantain cups, and flan ice cream. Moreover, meeting local artisans, listening to traditional Cuban music, etc. are all part of the experience.

Going a step further, you may experience nature's tales while taking an airboat trip through the Everglades ecosystem in Florida, transporting you to a wilderness setting. It will be teeming with exotic snakes, birds, fish, crocodiles, alligators, and many other species of animals.

Mexico City, Mexico

Mexico City is a marvel — a pulsating capital full of museums, eateries, archaeological sites, and festivities. From early birds to night owls, or even those who want to burn the candle at both ends of the spectrum, there are lots of options to suit your travel style and pace.

An exciting once-in-a-lifetime experience of a hot air balloon ride can be found a few miles outside of the vast pre-Hispanic city of Teotihuacán. With its pyramids, courtyards, and excavation spots, this picturesque ride in the Central Mexican Mountains before sunrise is perfect!

A free and open-to-the-public architecture located east of the Zócalo has some of the most breath-taking paintings by Diego

Rivera, perfect for satisfying your creative storytelling spirit. Also, do not miss the Monumento a la Revolución, the world's biggest triumphal arch and a memorial to the Mexican Revolution!

As the sun goes down in Mexico City, it is time for churros at churrería. The flavours range from choco mocha to unique semi-sweet chocolate with cinnamon, from light milk and no sugar to Swiss chocolate with whipped cream — all to satisfy your sweet tooth and sweeter stories.

Dubai, UAE

With its spiky buildings separating the UAE desert from the Persian Gulf, Dubai aspires to be the world's most futuristic city. To top it all off, its capacity to link the globe is just remarkable. Your layover is likely to be in Dubai when travelling from Bangladesh and you are sure to enjoy the moments with the comfortable lounge rooms, Wi-Fi, refreshments, drinks, and a diverse group of people surrounding you while you wait for your flights.

On the other hand, if you spend your holiday in Dubai, you can also see the renowned Burj Khalifa, Burj Al Arab, and the Palm, and enjoy water parks, theme parks, and the beach. For a more authentic Middle Eastern experience, be sure to take camel rides in the Arabian Desert!

Plus, you will never be short of time to relax on Jumeirah Beach, peruse the aisles of the Dubai Mall, or check into one of the city's many five-star hotels. You can also visit the old Bur Dubai neighbourhood, Dubai Museums, and the city's shaded souks to go back in time.

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