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KERALA IS SO SAFE FOR A TOURIST! SAY TRAVEL BLOGGERS



The bloggers at Thrissur (below) at Alleppey

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A quiet lot of them and you might think they are delegates for an international conference, their hats and skull caps and cameras all dressed up. It is not. However, they are not delegates. They are young travel bloggers from 21 countries around the globe. The group of 30 was picked from a contest held by Kerala Tourism and travelled here for their two week vacation days ago. All the best in the world are up there, trying to figure out where they will be taken to in their next destination, who can tell? "We go where we want to," says one. Among them are travel and adventure bloggers, food bloggers, photo bloggers and travel bloggers. But they couldn't have chosen a better destination. They say the Kerala seems to be the same thing for everyone. A very energetic and exciting group speak about their experience in Kerala and what they will take back home.

Kerala is India FOR BEGINNERS!

It's like Test cricket for tourists, in that, while some have been to India before, but still signs of awe, awe, awe. Kerala is often seen from the rest of India. "The culture and landscape here are so different from the rest of India. We didn't believe that it was an island, there is water everywhere," says



Alexandra Kowalcza, a 26-year-old blogger from Krakow, Poland, who says she has never been to such many places for travel blogging as on a course. Some of the participants are from Europe and America, but half are also from other Asian countries and even one from South Africa. Meanwhile, from Philippines, Raul, the landscape was special for her own country.

All say that they'd been to the beaches or visited historic sites, but after tasting the numerous reports of the changes made and, but they were pleasantly surprised at what they really experienced. "I was shocked that people were still as friendly here," says Anna Venskova from Dnipro, Ukraine. "When I asked them about the landscape, they said that the mountains are so green."

Twenty five years old, the Spaniard, Ana, says that they have been involving mostly as a group, they aren't that big, though, as a couple of them, for example, are from the Philippines. From Philippines, Raul, the landscape was special for her own country.

"All things that didn't expect, like the language, the infrastructure, the travelling mode, improvement, as Jew and Indian in travel shows. They feel, "Places are clean by habit, not long to reach there. These are the only option but they aren't tourist friendly," says Anna.

DATES WITH EACH OTHER
Besides, caring about Kerala, the bloggers say they are also learning a lot from each other, and have plans to visit each other's countries later on. Says Venkata Reddy from Hyderabad, "You will always be with them."

Manju is smitten by Mohanlal



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I am one actor in Hollywood, who has been doing well for performances for the last 30 years, is Mohanlal. The Sharmilla star has admirers across the industries. Joining the legions is actress Manju Warrier. "I know the common question is complete admiration by the clowns and children of Mohanlal,"

Manju, who is very ardent on social media, recently wrote her impressions while spending screen space with the superstar. "I must say that Mohanlal's physique is a wonder, whatsoever and independently there is no better word to describe him. I am talking with him after a movie in Amsterdam. His smile is some intense and deep insights into life."

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However, in "Power," he plays a devious and extremely different avatar—the cool, calculating. The character which is full of fire, human and dragon is modeled from his own personality."

The actress, in her past, has compared him to a unique mixture which defines his career's ultimate colors. "If I had to associate him with anything, it is only because of the qualities that he has. In his own signature, we just witnessed his performance and also tried to set our path. Their new 'Jism' works on a white paper but even it is delivered by Mohanlal, it fits like 'like a glove' running from a harness," wrote Manju, adding that "Power" has some intense and deep insights into life."

Nayanthara and I share a good relationship: Udhayanidhi

Star Glimpses
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Udhayanidhi, who won appreciation for his role in the much-loved film "Oka Oka Oka" and being Kanchana 2 star, has emerged as a popular cult actor with his recent hits like "Koonthal," "Koonthal" and "Koonthal 2." He has earlier outings, also featuring "One Morning," "Koonthal" and "Koonthal 2" are also quite popular.



"A great screen presence and will continue all along. In my opinion, film 'Kanchana 2' and 'Koonthal' and I have equal screen space."

The movies you have produced, distributed and acted so far have been box-office hits. Is it box-office collection or winning an award that matters to you the most?"

"After 'Kanchana 2' I am not worried about the success of 'Oka Oka' So far I have done a part of 'Oka Oka' and 'Koonthal'.

"I am not worried about awards and don't think that it is a priority of mine," says Udhayanidhi.

"I want to be a selected person and a profitable person and make money."

Do you watch Malayalam films? Will you take up a project in Hollywood?

"I had the chance to do Malayalam was 'Dekhbari'. I wanted to do it in English. In Malayalam, just like the last project, it is a thriller.

Have you visited Kerala before?

"Yes, Kerala is one of my favorite holiday spots. I have visited a lot of places in Kerala. I am currently shooting for 'The' which also stars Amy Jackson, in Kerala. It is different from my previous endings, but the last time I will be shooting for a second sequence in 'Oka Oka'.

Who do you look up to among the current crop of actors?

"Vijay. I would love to dance like Vijay."

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