

Arunachal features on Lonely Planet hotspot



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After winning the coveted 2nd runners up position in Lonely Planet magazine's Emerging Destinations In India recently, Arunachal Pradesh, the nature's favourite play spot on earth makes its foray into the world tourism scenario and earns a rare distinction for itself by making it to the BBC's Lonely Planet Traveller magazine's "Top 21 under-the-radar destinations of the world". The list which exclusively featured the less explored and unconventional tourist destinations of the world was released on 9th May, is being compiled by Rory Goulding, editorial assistant at Lonely Planet Traveller magazine. It is to be noted that Kiso Valley in Japan and Southeastern Anatolia in Turkey are the only two other tourist spots from Asia that has been featured in the list.

According to Rory Goulding, “Arunachal Pradesh, the ‘land of the dawn-lit mountains’, is surely high on any list of candidates for the mythical realm of Shangri-La. It has historically been inaccessible from any, an unknown place so remote that few of its thunderous Himalayan peaks have been named, let alone climbed. Now, however, easing travel restrictions and improved infrastructure ensure that this extraordinary place is ripe for exploring. Here, nature reserves teem with a diversity of wildlife unmatched in India, forests host delicately tattooed tribal peoples, and mountain valleys are dotted with majestic Buddhist monasteries, such as 400-year-old Tawang Gompa, one of the world’s largest.” He also urged the travellers to visit the Mechuka Valley, a hitherto unexplored Buddhist realm amongst the towering, snow-draped mountains of the region’s remote west.

The other destinations that had find a place in the list were Fermanagh Lakelands in Northern Ireland, Yukon in Canada, Inchcolm Island in Firth of Forth, Scotland, Sequoia and King’s Canyon National Park in California, Providence in Rhode Island, USA, Northwestern Tasmania in Australia, Kosrae in Micronesia, Ávila in Spain, Sylt in Germany, Meknès in Morocco, Byblos in Lebanon, Toruń in Poland, Jambiani Beach in Tanzania, Arras in France, Richmond in North Yorkshire, England, Ikaria in Greece, Trieste in Italy and Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe.

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