

HOW INDIA IS TRAVELLING THIS REPUBLIC DAY LONG WEEKEND

Insights based on bookings for travel between January 23–26, 2026, compared with January 23–26, 2025

MONDAY HOLIDAY DRIVES A SURGE IN LONG-WEEKEND TRAVEL

The Republic Day holiday falling on a Monday, acted as a catalyst for travel, compared to last year when the January 26 holiday fell on a Sunday. The **spike starts on January 23 (Friday) and peaks on January 24 (Saturday)**, as travellers start their trips early to make the most of the extended weekend.

TOP 5 DOMESTIC LEISURE DESTINATIONS

2025

- 1 GOA
- 2 UDAIPUR
- 3 JAIPUR
- 4 MANALI
- 5 MUNNAR



2026

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- 4 MANALI
- 5 PONDICHERRY

SPIRITUAL TRAVEL IS SEEING STRONG DEMAND

In terms of spiritual travel, destinations such as Puri, Varanasi, Amritsar, Ayodhya, Ujjain, Dwarka, Udupi and Tirupati are seeing strong demand.

TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

2025

1. UAE
2. THAILAND
3. SINGAPORE
4. MALAYSIA
5. SAUDI ARABIA

Vietnam stood out this year, rising from 10th place in 2025 to become the 3rd most booked destination for the long-weekend.

2026

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5. SINGAPORE





TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS FROM KEY METRO CITIES

	DELHI	MUMBAI	BENGALURU	CHENNAI	KOLKATA
1.	Dubai	Dubai	Bangkok	Bangkok	Bangkok
2.	Bangkok	Bangkok	Dubai	Dubai	Kuala Lumpur
3.	Phuket	Phuket	Phuket	Singapore	Phuket
4.	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore	Colombo	Kuala Lumpur	Dubai
5.	Bali	Colombo	Singapore	Colombo	Singapore



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1.	Goa	Goa	Goa	Goa	Mandarmani
2.	Jaipur	Lonavala	Mysore	Auroville	Digha
3.	Rishikesh	Alibag	Coorg	Yelagiri	Darjeeling
4.	Mussoorie	Mahabaleshwar	Pondicherry	Yercaud	Goa
5.	Udaipur	Karjat	Wayanad	Ooty	Shantiniketan

TOP 5 DOMESTIC HOLIDAY PACKAGE DESTINATIONS

1. KERALA
2. ANDAMAN
3. GOA
4. RAJASTHAN
5. TAMIL NADU



TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY PACKAGE DESTINATIONS

1. THAILAND
2. VIETNAM & CAMBODIA
3. UAE
4. MALDIVES
5. INDONESIA



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The appetite for weekend travel remains strong, with the extended Republic Day weekend presenting an opportunity for travel.

There is a preference for nearby destinations, evident in the top travel choices from each metro. That said, Goa remains the favourite leisure destination within India.

Internationally, the skew towards easy-visa destinations continues to gain traction. Countries with direct connectivity to multiple cities are leading demand, with Thailand at the forefront and Vietnam also performing strongly.

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