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The Bachelor of Commerce in Travel and Tourism started in the year 2012. This programme specializes in the travel, tourism and hospitality industry - given the rapid growth and increasing importance of the hospitality industry in India and abroad. Apart from being a perfect blend between commerce and tourism studies it lays strong emphasis on communication skills and prepares the students to take up customer related services.

Rewind to 1000 BC!

If you're a Disney nerd, the word "indigenous" might be synonymous with fancy headgears, fierce warriors, peculiar dresses and an undying love for all things nature (cue Moana singing "how far I'll go"). But in reality, there's so much more to know about indigenous people and mainstream media portrays only a fraction of it. Today, there are approximately 5000 indigenous nations around the world. And that translates to more than four thousand languages, countless tribes and hundreds of customs and traditions unique to each tribe.



In the words of a Native American, being indigenous means being the first inhabitants of lands. And that is why the history of indigenous people dates back to the very origin of civilizations – 3000 BC – 1000 BC. Also known as first people or native people, they identify themselves as descendants of those who inhabited a country at the time when people of different ethnic origins arrived. Simply put, they are ethnic groups who have conserved their unique cultures and honored their ancestors and continue to do so even after thousands of years. Thus, among other things, the International Day of Indigenous peoples recognize their way of life and legacy.

A little bit of History...



Referred to as first people, aboriginal people, native people, or autochthonous people, this community is a culturally distinct ethnic group who are native to a place which has been colonised and settled by another ethnic group. The term Indigenous was first used by Europeans. It was a way of differentiating indigenous peoples of America from black people who were brought in from Africa.

Indigenous societies are found in every inhabited climate zone and continent of the world except Antarctica. Groups and communities who do claim recognition as indigenous people are those who, by a variety of historical and environmental circumstances, have been placed outside of the dominant state systems, and whose traditional practices and land claims often come into conflict with the objectives and policies implemented by governments, companies and surrounding dominant societies

Indigenous peoples confront a diverse range of concerns associated with their status and interaction with other cultural groups, as well as changes in their environment. Some challenges are specific to certain groups but in general they are commonly experienced by all. Issues like cultural and linguistic preservation, land rights, ownership and exploitation of natural resources, political determination and autonomy, environmental degradation and incursion, poverty, health, and discrimination

Why a whole day dedicated to them?

Well, this day is marked as the contribution and achievement of indigenous people who hold a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge. International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9th of August every year across the world. It is a day observed to raise awareness to protect the social, economic, and political rights of the indigenous communities. As human activities are resulting in the damaging of the ecosystem, the survival, identity, and livelihoods of these people are at risk. On this day, UNESCO considers the multiple challenges indigenous people face for their sustainability. They share updates on projects and activities related to the annual theme.



In short, the day is celebrated to spread awareness about the indigenous population around the world and to also protect their rights.

Let's delve into the world of Indigenous Tourism



Indigenous tourism is a type of tourism that is directly concerned with the Indigenous people. It is an interesting way to celebrate the Native community with the world. Experiencing Indigenous tourism is highly awarding; especially with the knowledge of reconciling and sharing history, learning about the how they settled, understanding their culture, connecting through their native foods and celebrating through their art, music and dances. In a gist, it means you get to celebrate them for who they are.

You want to know the positives of Indigenous tourism? Well when it's done right, it can bring up cultural interaction and revival of the community, help in their employment, curb poverty and migration, empower their women and youth and it gives the community an all-embracing sense of pride. Indigenous tourism engages a person who isn't well versed in the community to experience and learn bits of different cultures that exists elsewhere. Another importance is that it paves a way for the indigenous community to open up to the world without any harm.

Indigenous Tourism in Canada

Canada provides an immersive tourism experience that brings you closer to the communities found in every province. Winnipeg's Manito Ahbee Festival is a special event. It is similar to the carnival in Rio. The community gets dressed in feathered headdresses with which they celebrate with songs created by Indigenous hip hop musicians. West Baffin Eskimo Co-Operative Limited displays a collection of carvings, etchings and stonecut prints that were created by Inuit artists. It is the Inuit Art capital of the world. Another big event Canada recognises is the National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a country wide event that is held every year on the 21st of June. The day is celebrated for the unique heritage, diverse cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Indigenous People in India



provisions in support of the Scheduled Tribe such as the Fifth Schedule for Central India and the Sixth List for certain areas of north-eastern India. India voted in favour of the UN's declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on the condition that after independence all Indians are indigenous.

Fact 2: The Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean are home to several indigenous groups such as the Andamanese of Strait Island, the Jarawas of Middle Andaman and South Andaman Islands, the Onge of Little Andaman Island and the uncontacted Sentinelese of North Sentinel Island.

Aboriginal Cultural Experience in Australia

Aboriginal cultural experience is a way of experiencing the culture of the community in an appropriate manner and in full respect. It was adopted by the First Nations peoples, Métis and Inuit people. Because of their immense traditions and rich culture, your experiences will give you an insight into a deeply spiritual way of life and contribute in the survival of such cultures.

Australia has a fun way for you to endure the community. Discover Aboriginal Experiences is a programme that offers you insights into the indigenous community in Australia. They offer an array of activities and tours like experiencing the healing powers of nature, fishing, rock art, dot painting, kayaking and many more activities.

Yes, there are Indigenous people in India.

Fact 1: There are 705 ethnic groups. We know them as the Scheduled Tribes. India has several laws and constitutional

Travel Word Search

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1. One who loves to travel
2. Original inhabitants of India, legally termed as Scheduled tribes
3. A person or people who are part of a tribe or group that moves from place to place without a permanent home.
4. The practice of combining business travel and leisure travel into one trip
5. A holiday spent in one's home country rather than abroad
6. The country with the biggest indigenous population in absolute terms
7. Indo-Aryan speaking ethnic group in West India.
8. An alternative word for indigenous people or native people
9. A tent, traditionally made of animal skins upon wooden poles
10. A Dravidian ethno-linguistic group; one of the largest Adivasi groups in India.

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