

Adventure tourism witnesses strong growth in 2025

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From high-altitude treks and mountain biking in India to alpine kayaking in Switzerland or husky safaris and Northern Lights excursions, travellers are increasingly opting for unique experiences. Travel operators have seen a rise in adventure tourism across several age groups in 2025, from high single digits to double-digit growth compared to last year.

Adventure-based travel bookings on EaseMyTrip have seen moderate double-digit growth in 2025 compared to 2024.

Thomas Cook India is witnessing rising interest among Indian travellers for adventure tourism, while its subsidiary SOTC Travel has observed that adventure-led holidays continue to gather momentum in 2025, with travellers increasingly choosing destinations built around outdoor experiences.

“While around 50 per cent of Indian travellers overall show a preference for adventure experiences, interest is significantly higher among Gen Z, where around 60 to 65 per cent plan to include adventure sports in their next trip,” said Rikant Pittie, chief executive officer (CEO) and co-founder, EaseMyTrip.

“Millennials continue to contribute strongly as well, particularly in international travel, where activity-driven itineraries shape booking decisions. The segment is seeing steady participation from older travellers too. This indicates that adventure travel is no longer age-specific but is evolving into a broader category that appeals across generations,” Pittie said.

The growing YOLO (You Only Live Once) mindset, coupled with a desire for immersive outdoor experiences, is driving demand, primarily across age groups from 20 to 45 years, according to Thomas Cook India.

Rajeev Kale, president and country head, holidays, MICE, visa, Thomas Cook India, noted that in India, regions such as Ladakh, Spiti Valley, Bir, Dharamshala and Solang continue to attract travellers for high-altitude treks, paragliding and mountain biking, while Auli and parts of Uttarakhand are seeing steady demand for skiing and winter activities. Wildlife circuits including Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh, Pench and Tadoba are also popular for safari-led adventures.

Additionally, Indians are also increas-

India’s adventures

- EaseMyTrip saw moderate double-digit growth in 2025
- IATO members saw demand uptick, particularly for domestic adventure destinations, shorter getaways, and curated outdoor experiences



ingly opting for adventure activities during international holidays, Kale added.

Switzerland’s Interlaken is preferred for skydiving, jet boating and alpine kayaking, while Croatia’s islands like Hvar, Split and the Blue Grotto are being chosen for sailing and yacht-based itineraries.

Scandinavia is generating interest for snowmobiling, ice fishing, husky safaris and Northern Lights excursions, and South Africa remains a preferred choice for marine-life safaris and cage-diving experiences. Other international destinations include Antarctica, Iceland, Bali and Singapore, while Kazakhstan is gaining momentum from younger travellers seeking affordable mountain and outdoor activities.

Currently, EaseMyTrip offers dedicated adventure-tourism products, with the company planning to expand specialised, theme-based and experiential adventure packages to meet rising demand. Thomas Cook India has a ‘Pilgrimage Plus’ portfolio which blends darshans with adventure activities like rafting in Rishikesh, treks in Uttarakhand, paragliding in Bir and ziplining over the Ganges. For such trips within India, for five to seven days, budget trips generally range from ₹12,000 to ₹20,000 per person and focus on simple accommodation alongside core experiences such as trekking or rafting, as per EaseMyTrip. Mid-range itineraries typically fall between ₹21,000 and ₹35,000, offering better stays and a broader mix of guided activities, while premium journeys often start around ₹45,000 and go

up to ₹70,000 or more, particularly for island destinations or schedules packed with water sports and specialised adventures.

Pittie added that travel costs for international adventure travel follow a similar pattern. “Coastal adventure is also accelerating, with the Andamans drawing divers for vibrant coral reefs, and Goa and Pondicherry popular for kayaking, snorkelling and water-based soft-adventure. Destinations like Yercaud and Coorg are witnessing uptake for soft-adventure, including ziplining, cycling routes and guided nature walks, appealing to families and first-time adventure seekers,” said SD Nandakumar, president and country head, holidays and corporate tours, SOTC Travel.

He said that short-haul international destinations are also contributing significantly to adventure demand, highlighting that it anticipates this enthusiasm to continue shaping travel choices next year.

Apart from high-impact adventures, senior citizens in India are looking to adopt safe adventure activities as part of their leisure getaways, said Ajeet Bajaj, vice chairman of the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality.

These could be treks, sports-driven or biking routes and camping.

Gosain emphasised that overall, travel operators are actively responding by curating specialised adventure packages for Indian travellers, including fixed departures, graded activity levels, women-friendly and family-orientated batches, and experiences designed around safety, trained guides and quality infrastructure.

Premium screens, better content flow may lift movie ticket prices

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Multiplex chains expect average ticket prices (ATP) to rise up to 6 per cent in 2026, buoyed by a better flow of films throughout the year and growing preference for premium format screens like IMAX and 4DX.

In 2025, ATP growth remained moderate and largely in line with inflation for India’s largest cinema exhibitor, PVR INOX.

In the first half of FY26, PVR INOX reported a year-on-year (Y-o-Y) increase of about 5 per cent in ATP. At Cinepolis India, ATP rose around 3 per cent in 2025, marginally below inflation of about 4 per cent. Premium pricing there was driven largely by tentpole releases in special formats, including *Kantara: A Legend Chapter 1*, *Chhaava*, *Dhurandhar*, and *Avatar: Fire and Ash*, amid on the back of IMAX and large format demand.

Miraj Entertainment said its ATP remained largely flat in the first half of the year, with no major growth over the previous financial year until the second quarter. For the next year, cinema exhibitors expect ticket prices to rise gradually rather than spike sharply, in the range of 4-6 per cent.

“ATP in 2026 is expected to grow in the range of 4 to 5 per cent, driven by a stronger content pipeline and rising audience preference for premium and immersive cinema experiences,” said Gautam Dutta, chief executive officer (CEO), revenue and operations, PVR INOX.

He added that a better spread of fran-

chise titles, event films and high-quality regional cinema across the calendar should reduce seasonality and help sustain footfalls. “Content will remain the primary driver, with well-crafted stories across languages encouraging audiences to return to theatres.” Dutta said 2026 is likely to be a step-up year in terms of film flow, footfalls, and overall box-office performance. On a full-year basis in 2025, Miraj Entertainment expects ATP to close marginally higher than last year, at around 5 per cent.

“As more viewers choose experience-led formats, the blended average ticket price will naturally move upward (in the range of 4-6 per cent),” said Sameer Munshi, vice-president, operations and food and beverage, Miraj Entertainment.

“However, affordability will remain critical, and growth will continue to be more volume-driven than price-driven,” Munshi said, adding that growth is also visible in spend per head, with food and beverage recording 10 per cent Y-o-Y growth.

This follows December, which already saw several releases across genres, led by Ranveer Singh-starrer *Dhurandhar*. The film has collected around ₹619.30 crore in 19 days, with its second part slated for an Eid 2026 release in five languages. From January 1, films such as *Ikkis*, *Border 2* featuring Sunny Deol around Republic Day, *O Romeo* starring Shahid Kapoor and Tripti Dimri in February, followed by Yash Raj Films’ *Mardaani 3* and the comedy *Dhamaal 4* in March, are lined up for 2026. Major Hollywood releases, including Michael Jackson’s biopic

Michael and *The Devil Wears Prada 2*, are also expected in the first half of the year.

In comparison, *Chhaava* was the only major Hindi-language release that drew audiences to theatres in early 2025. Momentum slowly picked up only in May following Hollywood releases such as Tom Cruise’s *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning*.

Amid this, multiplex chains such as PVR INOX, Miraj Entertainment and Mukta A2 Cinemas have managed to sustain weekday footfalls through special ticket offers. Devang Sampat, managing director at Cinepolis India, said Tuesday admissions have increased from about 9-10 per cent to 15-16 per cent of weekly footfalls. At Mukta A2 Cinemas, weekday offers have encouraged repeat viewing and helped rebuild footfalls beyond weekends, said Satwik Lele, its chief operating officer. This comes at a time when multiplex chains like PVR INOX are sharpening their focus on experience-led offerings like better menus and recreational activities. Munshi said that during *Dhurandhar*’s current theatrical run, spend per head rose by 20 per cent and emphasised that food and beverage accounted for 30 per cent of Cinepolis India’s revenue in 2025.

“The industry is looking at a robust film pipeline across languages and genres, which should translate into stronger footfalls and sustained box office momentum,” said Lele. “With audiences clearly demonstrating their willingness to step out for quality cinema, we expect the coming year to further consolidate theatres as the preferred destination for collective, immersive entertainment.”

‘VERY SPECIAL’: PREZ AFTER INS VAGHSHEER SORTIE



President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday undertook an over two-hour sortie onboard the indigenously-built submarine INS Vaghsheer on the Western seaboard, signalling India’s focus on boosting undersea warfare capabilities. Murmu became the second President to experience a submarine sortie, after APJ Abdul Kalam in 2006. Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi accompanied President Murmu during the over two-hour sortie in the Kalvari class “silent sentinel” from the Karwar naval base in Karnataka. Murmu, writing in the visitor’s book, said it was a “very special experience” for her to “sail, dive and spend time” with the sailors and officers onboard the submarine

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For TVS Holdings Limited
R Raja Prakash
Company Secretary

Place : Chennai
Date : 29.12.2025

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For The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited

Place : Mumbai
Date : 28th December, 2025

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For TVS Motor Company Limited
K S Srinivasan
Company Secretary

Place : Chennai
Date : 29.12.2025