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Selfie with Mickey and a bright sunshiny vibe - holidays are beautiful with family by my side!



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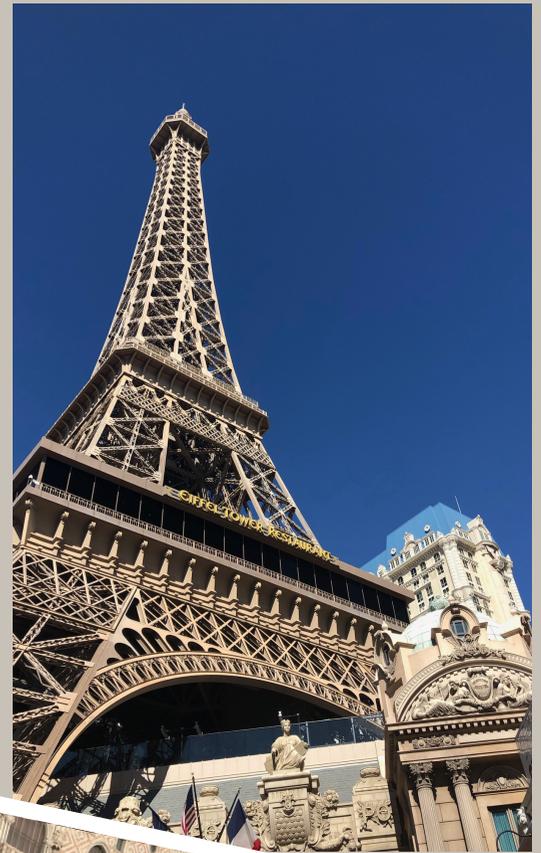
STORY

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Seeing your parents become young again while travelling with you is one of the best feelings that a child can ever have. To the generation that has only taken care of their several responsibilities and worked hard and provided for their children, I really wanted my parents to see something that's new and exciting and give them a touch of what it's like to be carefree, even if it's just for a couple of days. And that's what kickstarted our Solo Sojourn in America - be it Vegas with its sparkle and glamour, San Francisco - the cool grey city of love, Disneyland, Orlando - the happiest place in the world and many more postcard perfect destinations.

It was a sheer delight seeing Mom and Dad feeling like new honeymooners enjoying the glitz and glam in Vegas, trying to get that perfect camouflage picture in Grand Canyon or enjoying the cool summer, chilly wind lashing against their faces atop a cruise to Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco or becoming kids again and wanting to try each ride in Disneyland and marvel at each man made wonder in that wonderland! And in the middle of witnessing all this, nostalgia struck me that for someone who started as a solo traveller, all she wanted was to bring her loved ones to each place and relive each moment that was breathtaking for her. Today, when I've travelled more than half the world, taking my parents along, I can't be more nostalgic or filled with gratitude to count my blessings seeing my deepest desires turn into reality on a canvas larger than life!



HELLO Vegas HERE I COME AGAIN

I'd been in America for 3 weeks by now & my sister made me experience it in a way that I felt every bit of a localite who's stayed and travelled across this country for ages. Mom & dad had arrived too it was time we flew away from our base and cocoon to explore this mammoth of a nation by ourselves! And we chose to kickstart from the city that's iconic of the Free spirited American vibe- LAS VEGAS - it was! Venetian was home and Vegas our canvas. I just love coming to Vegas. There is always a good energy here; the minute you get off the plane, it is happy. Every experience I have had here is fun, and everyone is in a good mood; they are happy, and they let it go- I like that, It is refreshing to me!

Forever Fabulous, the city of lights, smiles & memories ...
Vegas, here I come!

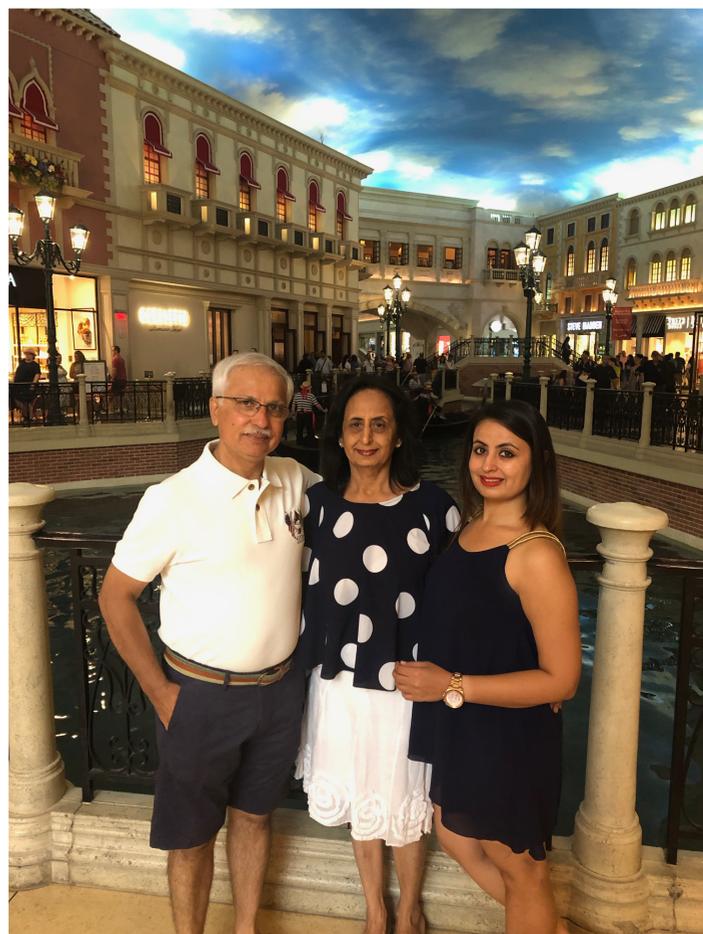
We see you, home sweet home Venetian...loving this view! Staying at The Venetian was like living in an Italian poem. We had the biggest suite ever and while we'd been to Venice two years back, reliving this experience the American way was another kind of fabulous! You sometimes have to pinch yourself to believe it's real. Not only is The Venetian grand and luxurious and one of the more sober and family-friendly hotels in Vegas, it is also another world in itself. No matter what time of the day it is, the hotel is alive with gondoliers in the grand canal, performances in the piazza, and best shopping arenas. The ceiling sky is painted and lit up in a way you always feel as if it's dusk and you are walking along one the most beautiful evenings in Venice.

They say your wildest dreams have access in reality when in Vegas and my wild love for all exquisitely beautiful resorts surpassed when I called this place my home while in Vegas! The three days we spent at the hotel was nothing short of a bliss fest - walking around the Grand Canal at midnight, Dad listening to his favourite serenades at the piazza in the beautiful evening strolls under the tinted ceiling, walking past the exotic chocolatiers and gelaterias and the exquisite fashion houses, it hit us all like a wave of inspiration. Inspiration to chase our dreams. Inspiration to find our place and purpose in the world. And while I enjoyed my La dolce vita time endorsing "The only correct way of eating gelato in Vegas is with a gorgeous view", Mom and dad indulged in an all Italian photo spree against many a gorgeous backdrops that Venetian stood beautifully wide spread for!

I know life is about the journey and not the destination but when the destination is so gorgeous, it's a little bit important too.

VENETIAN

— CAN I CALL YOU HOME FOREVER? —





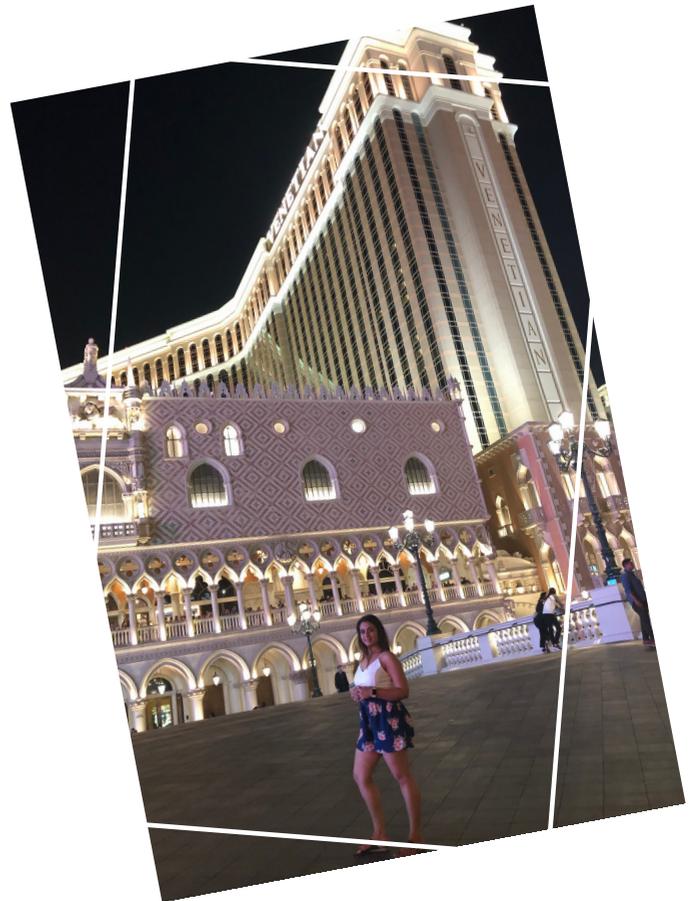
It's a grand, arid world out there! Go Explore! Everyone who goes to Vegas and is a bit touristy and manages to wake up early in the morning, ready to explore a day in an Arid expanse, definitely goes to the Grand Canyon! So Yes, we Canyoners, it's rare to wake up in Vegas at 5 a.m. to catch a bus to Grand Canyon at 6 a.m. but being the aggressive tourists that we are, we did catch the bus. It was a quiet ride, watching the makings behind this arid wonder to actually witness the Hoover dam along the way! And trust me, this place makes one feel really tiny amidst that red mammoth expanse. We felt tiny as well as powerful, all at the same time, sitting on some of these massive Arizonian Boulders! For a few months back, I was an Indian tucked away in a cubicle somewhere, appreciating the desktop with such Arizonian wallpapers and today when I am actually here in this mighty rock expanse, perched like a Hualapai queen of the bygone native American tribal times, I realise - we travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us and it's in these sublime moments that you find yourself all over again! Sometimes you just have to buy that ticket - that one ticket that'll take your breath away and surely change you like never before! My serious advice to everyone would surely be - that the postcard perfect Skywalk is over surely hyped, but still, if you are a selfie junkie, go have fun!

A DAY IN **ARIZONA**

*Grand Canyon, what a bare
beauty you were!*

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

let your senses overflow!



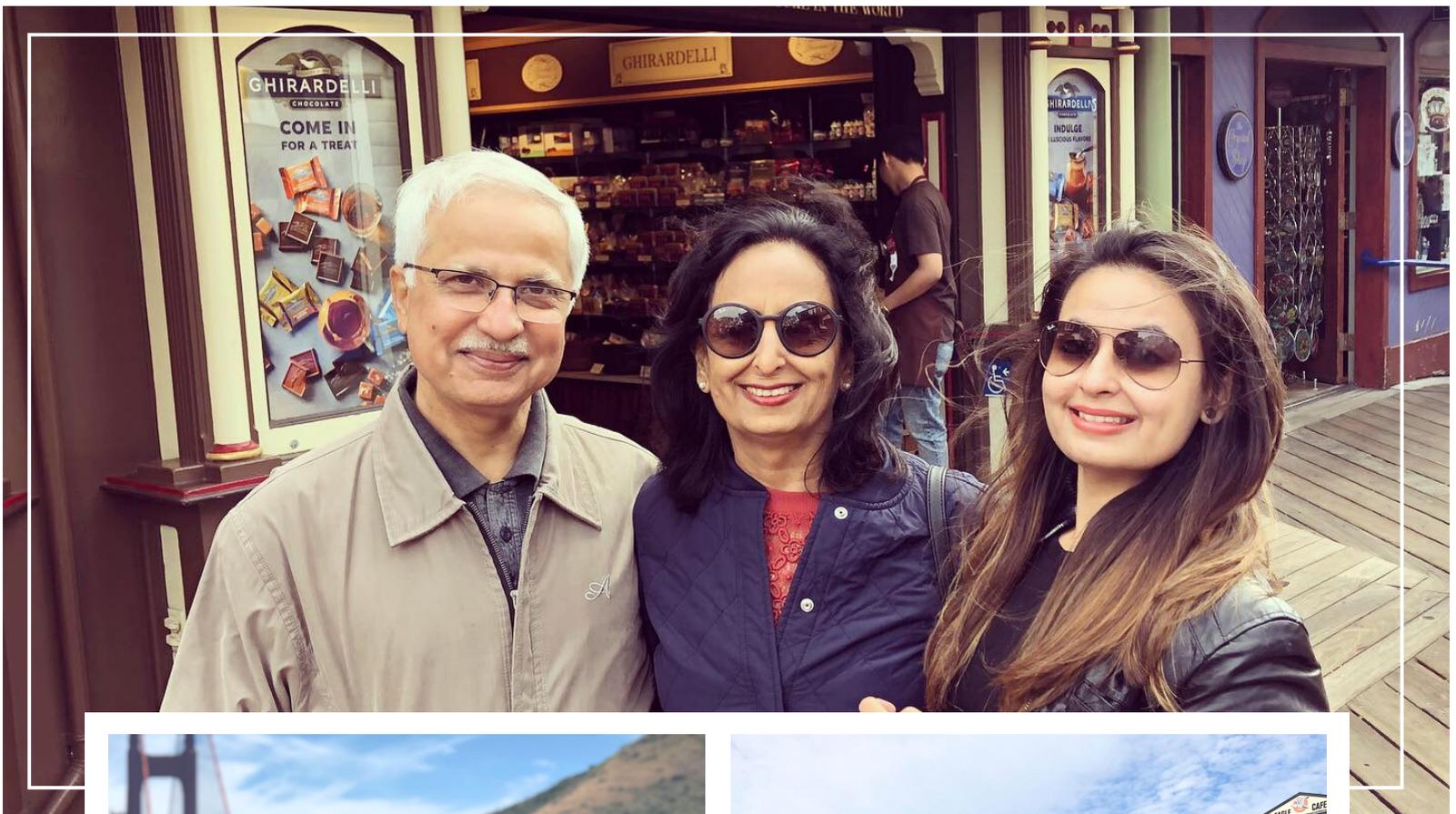
“ *Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. I'm happy I did Vegas with my parents like the way no one would ever get to do!* ”

I knew Vegas isn't exactly a city you'd choose to go with parents but me being me and always choosing the path never chosen, we aspired to do Vegas the family way and what a fun getaway it turned out to be! With the first day being blown away from the very beginning by the scale and extravaganza of The Venetian to taking the hop on hop off bus tour. It was the fastest way to navigate the old and new strips of the Vegas casino stretch. Magnitude right from Luxor, the Egyptian wonder to Stratosphere and Fremont Street in Old Vegas, it was like soaking up all your Vegas vibe. Squeezing in one day to explore the arid Grand Canyon and finally spending the last day back in Vegas being awestruck by the Cirque du Soleil with its phenomenal sensory performances in the show. Dad and Mom were so moved, they felt that missing this experience would be like missing the soul of the city! Next was marvelling the Bellagio fountains where the water makes your heart dance and you feel if there was ever the most surreal moment where life felt perfect, it was now! And while we walked back to Venetian across the Vegas strip, making it the most enchanting walk with the twinkling landmark strip casinos making its periphery and stopping at almost Fontana Di Trevi at Caesars Palace almost made me feel, making a wish and flinging a coin, you never know Vegas might grant even the wildest of them true!



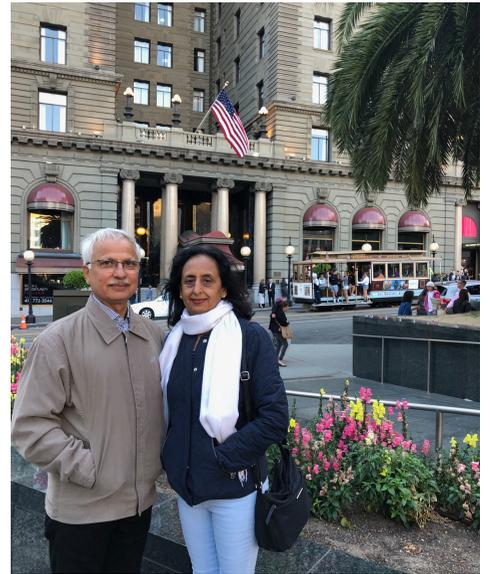
AND WE WERE OFF TO **SAN FRANCISCO**

And from the glitzy Sin city we flew into and were welcomed into San Francisco - a mesmerizing city which is like a bridge between vintage and futuristic vibes! It would be the coldest summer we'd ever experience but it would be the brightest too! It was our first day in SFO and by now, I'd reach that stage of being touristy where each moment I'd say - been there done that and here I was ready to sail and remark the same for one of the most iconic jewels of SFO - The Golden Gate Bridge! I've always wanted to go there since the time I saw Saif Ali Khan serenading it in Love Aaj Kal and finally, here I was on a smaller cruise like an old world charm ride across the city in 60 minutes. The pleasure of this ride is in getting brushed against the chilly winds in your face with your eyelashes battling hard to stay wide-eyed and excited for the approaching of the iconic bridge and all those landmarks that are a pride to this city with a mammoth history begins its modern day stature.





It's just in that brief moment when the chill freezes you that gets you closest to the bridge and it melts you away - and those are the moments which become your memory and make you their storyteller for a lifetime ahead! After a glimpse of the view, it was time for Pier 39. Almost like a small European Piazza filled with creperies, coffee shops, jugglers, sea lions, fruit shops, soup places, just about everything bundled in a fun pier. We loved this place more than the cruise, more than the city itself, because it was almost like a happy home away from home! Dad calls it our Manek Chowk abroad and I'm sure whoever knows the two shall feel the same! So that's how our day one in SFO ended with a supper of Boudin Soup bread bowl in international Manek Chowk and an Uber Ride back to the hotel with a chatty Iranian driver, exchanging entertaining tales of his city and our cultural exchanges of Indianness to it.



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San Francisco is perhaps the most European of all American cities - this city in itself is art, every block a short story, every hill a novel, every home a poem, every dweller within immortal. And so, we decided to navigate this city on an open roof bus tour the hop on hop off way! It was fun briskly driving across many a San Francisco landmarks - be it the Financial District called Union square, Japanese gardens or the quaint little streets with beautiful houses called the Painted Ladies featuring in many Hollywood flicks. And amidst all such modernity and futurism, SFO gets its little bit of the old world charm through its old wooden cable cars which transcend you to that once upon a time vintage dream-like San Francisco before it was the Big Apple SFO. We loved these wooden carts with exquisite Victorian graffiti on it. I wish I could hop on it every now and then and make it my favourite ride around each city I visit - how amusing a ride it would make to tour the city and experience varied neighbourhoods each unique with the spin of its architectural city line.

FINDING FORTUNE COOKIES

FOR LIFE IN CHINATOWN VIBE



A must visit for all Fortune Cookie enthusiasts !!
*The oldest Fortune cookie factory
even Today u can write your own message and make ur own
surprise fortune cookie*

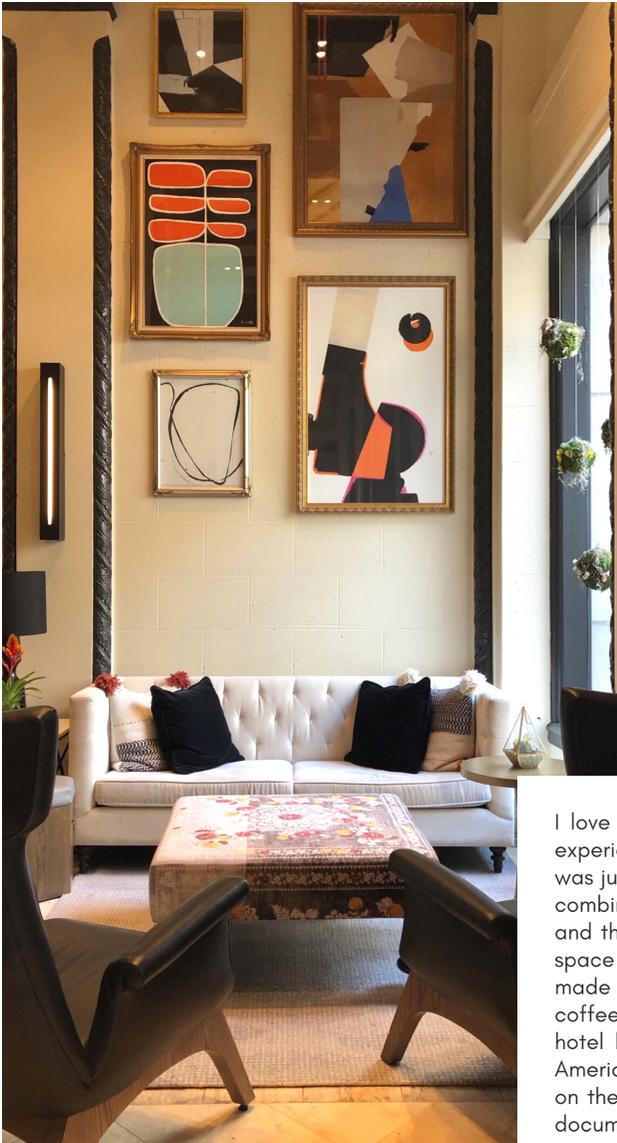


Amidst all the modernity and futurism, SFO is home to the oldest Chinatown. We decided to join a walking tour across this ancient canvas in a millennial cityscape. It was the most culturally enriching adventure navigating Asian flavoured street with quaint craft shops and all sorts of people dressed up for the parade to welcome the Chinese New Year, fortune cookie makers which let you customize your own secret message inside the cookie and happy oldies playing Chinese Checkers at every square on makeshift carton boxes. Sometimes, it's in the simple pleasures of life that you find great satisfaction that all the glam wrap around you misses to strike the soulful connect - a slice of this Chinatown was just that and more! I enjoyed having my Starbucks accompanied by my fortune cookie the vintage Starbucks store way!

Spero

MY BEAUTIFUL HOME AWAY FROM HOME

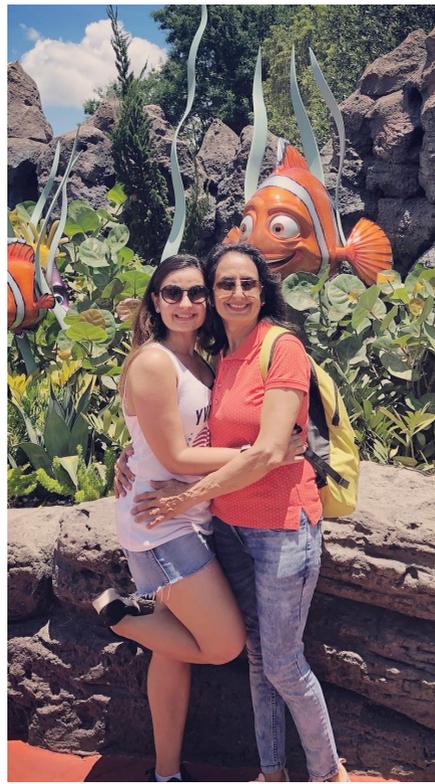




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Fun Fact:
Jarvis' Corner
is named after
Jarvis the cat,
who was
rescued by a
Spero team
member from
Jarvis Street
after a minor
car accident
left him with
only 3 legs.

I love everything boutique. And the one at the SFO Hotel Spero was the best boutique experience one can ever have. A 236 rooms state-of-art, beautifully crafted, Hotel Spero was just two blocks away from world famous Union Square. Renovated in 2018, this property combined contemporary spatial quality with cross culture furniture, chic art, modern facilities and the most intimate luxury experience. I remember how I loved Jarvis' Corner co-working space - a quiet environment that's perfect for solo projects and brainstorming big ideas and made it my travel blogging secret getaway. Oh, how Dad enjoyed his morning unlimited coffee access in the historical lobby and how mom along with me gushed over the entire hotel being photo crazy, making it our most desirable backdrop for each picture in our American travel postcard gallery - Mom wanting to click her best profile picture change click on the American journey and Me, just in love with the whole vibe of the space, wanting to document it by each nook and corner with a hope that someday when I make a studio of my own - that's how I'd want it to be made!

The only place in the world where we can all be children! And I think that's why I haven't yet grown up, because as a kid, my most cherished dream was to have a Disney vacation with Mom and Dad. I think I just did the growing up and solo travel marathons to finally fulfill this dream now just with a twist. A trip to Orlando is every bit as magical and exciting as one can hope it will be. Whether you're 6 years old, 66 or a 106, you're going to love it! From the time you shout "I'm going to Walt Disney World", until the day you stop reminiscing it after you get home from your trip, it's completely enriching, our excitement was so high that even our hotel was a Disney hotel. I've never seen Mom so thrilled, just like a kid before!



HAPPIEST AT THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH- EMBRACING THE

WALT
DISNEY
WORLD



A moment where I can truly remark - Can't keep calm, I'm in Disneyland!





How lovely it would be if we all could live in our fantasy! Epcot is just that fantasy and you can't help but exclaim "Can't keep calm, i'm on a trip around the world in Disneyland!" At the Epcot Centre, you travel around the globe, under the sea, into outer space and beyond - all in one day. With the crazy realistic rides and the overall futuristic vibe, the Epcot Centre really blew our minds. It's like a single ticket taking you around the world in less than 8 hours. Where else can you tour 11 countries in a single day?

11 COUNTRIES - 1 DESTINATION

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The centre consists essentially of two parks in one. On the one hand - Future World offers attractions dedicated to space, fantasy and life on the water. We had the most unbelievable time taking the "Soarin' around the world" 5D ride where you fly into a virtual world 5D experience. We felt as if it was almost real - flying over the Taj Mahal and then diving into the Persian sands atop a flying carpet and gliding over all the wonders of the world - it totally took our breath away. If there has to be a barometer of experiential design genius, it has to be Soarin! On the other hand, the Epcot World showcase offers 11 "pavilions" inclusive of recreations of authentic glimpses of Germany, China, France, Italy, Morocco, Norway, Canada and Mexico surrounded by world cuisine restaurants, entertainment and a centric beautiful coastal lagoon. How like little kids Mom and Dad were thrilled to click a picture with Elsa from Frozen and how we went to the most iconic area of each pavilion be it the San Marco square of Italy or the Peruan temple of INCA in Mexico. It was literally making memories around the world passport free, ticket free! That day, we surely were the happiest in the happiest place on earth - Disneyland.

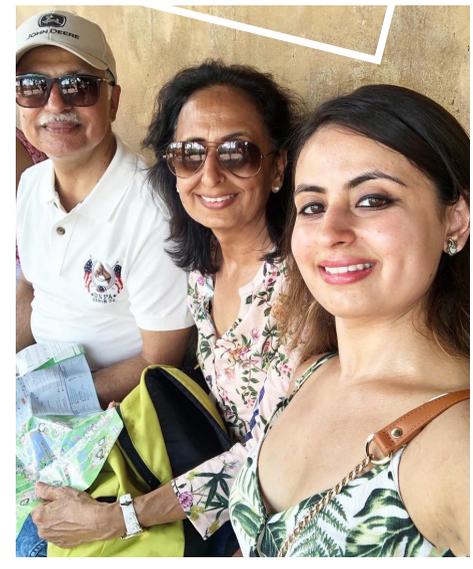
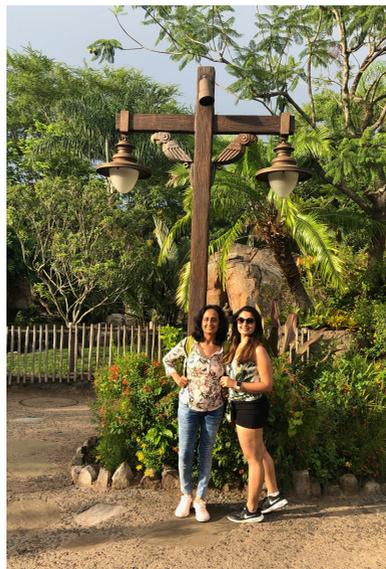


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Lucky are those who can share their adventures and laughter with their parents unfiltered as partners in fun and crime. And this vacation was my treasure trove of a lucky time with Mom and Dad by my side in a place which is made up of unprecedented dreams and magic!

ANIMAL KINGDOM — Hakuna Matata DAY

Hakuna Matata, it means no worries for the rest of your day, because everything is backwards now, out there is the true world and in here is the dream! We had a wild time at Disney's Animal Kingdom. We explored so many adventures starting from 'It's tough to be a bug!' A fantastic 3D experience in a tree that's breathtaking - The tree of life theatre, moving onto behold the most celebrated Broadway called "Festival of the Lion King" - a musical extravaganza that brings the African savanna to life through pageantry and puppetry of the Lion King series to taking a thrilling ride down Mt. Everest over broken tracks with Mom ending the ride, indulging in a jungle soft swirl with gummy bear worm sprinkles - flavouring it as a dessert soaked in the jungle vibe! We even took the safari across the recreated real jungles of Kilimanjaro uptilt the ride across the unbelievable world of Pandora from Avatar - we waited 180 mins to take the ride, but the wait was worth it when we were transformed to this sensorial ride called 'Avatar Flight of Passage' perched upon back of a mountain banshee during a virtual fly thrilling ride over the vast land of mystical pandora. If there is one experience that can match the magnanimous marvel of the show in Vegas, it'll surely be this one! Like they say "Growing old is mandatory but growing up is optional" - So did we explore this fascinating world of adventure just as a curious child would. That's why maybe they say that dreams do come true here in Disneyland!





DISNEY SPRINGS

When you explore a couple of Disney parks in a row, all you'll wish to do afterwards is relax, refresh, revive! Because to savour each fond experience sometimes, it's all about finding the calm amidst the chaos. And we chose Disney Springs as our relaxing getaway. Disney Springs is an outdoor shopping, dining, and entertainment complex at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista. I couldn't have asked for a more special, fun getaway than this. We loved indulging as shopaholics, basking in sun over a Palm Tree Dotted plaza, trying the sinful chocolate lovers delight at Ghirardelli, enjoying varied performances in the marketplace, hopping through 61 dining experiences and having the best 4th of July madness around us! They say it's a 'You're in the moment, stay up late, can't help but smile' kind of a place to be! One should not miss this one on their visit to Disneyland - because Disney Spring is like a hidden Disney gem at each detour, be adventurous enough to bask in as many of them as you can while you are there!

Selfie with Mickey and a bright sunny vibe - holidays are beautiful with family by my side!





WE KEEP THIS LOVE IN A PHOTOGRAPH

In an era where a family can be apart due to distances, it is these memories that hold it all together. Photographs have a deeper meaning to their existence. They capture moments in a still that stay forever, we just cannot delete any pictures from our phones. It reminds us of the happy times, the fun we had and the laughter we shared. The feeling of happiness when gaining new experiences, insights and challenging boundaries are unmatched. Travel was our perfect catalyst for such happiness. Everyone thinks I was a crazy traveller covering intense itineraries each day but they haven't met my parents who are clearly a hundred times more active and enthusiastic than I am. Now they know where it comes from! For traveling reacquaints us with the joy of learning, exploring for the sake of exploring, and knowing. When traveling, we see corners of the world that are entirely different from our own. These differences can be social, cultural, or economic, but regardless, they often let us view our own lives through a new lens. This does not always mean that we see what others lack in life, but in turn, we realize how lucky and blessed we are to have all that we do. Those 50 days of summer in the USA became our trunkful of memories, for everywhere we went, every person we met, every experience, left a precious impression on our hearts and minds.





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