

# BUDGET TRAVEL: REMARKABLE FREE EVENTS AND LANDMARKS



More often than not, the so-called "free attractions" can be costly, but discover some of the more phenomenal places, all throughout the globe, that you can truly enjoy without making your wallet cry.

## **Smithsonian Museums, Washington, D.C.**

These eleven museums serve as the frame of the Washington DC's mall which could be defined as an epitome of the diffusion of knowledge. The Smithsonian Museums' maxim had been established way back in mid-1800's, but each of them are guaranteed to be world class. The most famous of these are the National Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of Natural History.

## **The New York Public Library**

The Big Apple is an attraction by itself, with a host of places you can visit, but if you're that kind of person who loves the tranquil silence while indulging on the vastness of books, the New York Public Library will certainly entertain you, since it also serves as a museum of sorts and gives two free tours daily!

## **Carnival, Brazil**

The Rio is the best place to go, with its gaudy Carnival, which never fails to impress anyone no matter how many times they go. On the eve of Lent, the streets of Salvador de Bahia will be full of people on the lookout for merriment, which could even reach an astonishing number of 800,000 and beyond!

## **Holy Festivals, India**

If 800,000 people are astonishing, just wait until you see the number of people going to these festivals, which make this number a block party in comparison. In January 2007, more than 5 million Hindu Pilgrims went to the Sabarimala and Western Ghats of Kerala alone. A similar number is achieved by Hindu festivals in other parts of India, like the Diwali, Ganesh Chathurthi, Holi, Dussehra, Sikh Festival, Jair Festival and Buddha Purnima to name some. If you stay in one place any time during these festivals, you'll surely get swept into this massed procession at no cost at all!

## **The Louvre, Paris**

This stunning museum, located in the City of Lights, is shockingly free! Louvre is famous for its enormous area of more than 60,000 square meters, which could engross everyone for the whole day with its gigantic collection of various artworks.

## **British Museum, London**

There are so many landmarks in London, but nothing can ever match the grandeur of the British Museum, since nothing else could have possibly innovated a series published in several media like 2010's "A History of the World in 100 Objects".

## **Sydney Festival**

The Sydney Festival is undeniably the most important festival honoring the arts. This event is one of the best ways of learning different art disciplines and at the same time to communicate with locals. The average number of people going to the Sydney Festival could reach up to half a million.

## **Hanami, Japan**

In late March and April, Japan is coated with the pink blooms of cherry blossoms, preparing itself for Hanami. Hanami is the sheer pleasure from floral beauty, and is one of the best ever Japanese customs.

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