



## Dark Tourism

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- The war in **Ukraine** has sparked the rise of "**dark tourism**," where visitors travel to conflict **zones to witness the aftermath of war and its effects** on local communities. This type of tourism, also known as **thanatourism or grief tourism**, involves visiting sites tied to death and tragedy.
- Ukrainian officials and residents have mixed reactions, viewing it as either a source of income or "**blood money.**"
- **Dark Tourism India:**
  - **Kuldhara Village, Jaisalmer:** An abandoned village with numerous myths and eerie(strange and frightening) stories, now a historical site managed by the [Archaeological Survey of India](#).
  - **Cellular Jail, Port Blair (Kala Pani):** A colonial-era prison where freedom fighters endured severe torture; now a **national museum** showcasing India's dark history under British rule.
  - **Roopkund Lake, Uttarakhand (Skeleton Lake):** A mysterious lake with skeletal remains of hundreds, whose origins remain unsolved.
  - **Lothal, Gujarat:** A significant site of the [Indus Valley Civilization](#). [Lothal](#) is an ancient city offering a glimpse into one of the oldest urban settlements in the world.
  - **Dumas Beach, Surat:** Known for its haunted reputation and eerie folklore, attracts paranormal enthusiasts.

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