

Travelling tails

Want to take your furry friends along on your vacation? These Instagrammers show you how it is done

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Planning summer vacations can be stressful, and if you have a pet, it is doubly so. Zeroing down on a good kennel (if there is no family to take care of them while you are away), multiple vet visits, the stress you experience when you are on holiday and wondering what they are up to... Admittedly, all of this seems a lot easier than actually taking them along. Or is it? Why not take inspiration from those who do. These intrepid travellers, who would not dream of going anywhere without their four-legged companions, share their journeys on Instagram – and now with us.



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When this freelance journalist and television producer lost her pet, Pondi, she and her partner decided to travel across the country with their two other dogs, Tigress and Marco Polo. They wanted to heal from the loss, bond as a family, and spread awareness about rescuing and adopting Indian breeds. "Taking them along has completely changed my perception of travel," she says. "They taught us to slow down. Our trips are not about visiting monuments or the top sights, but to chart our own route with our furry travellers."

Dugar's family travels by First Class coupes in trains, which allow pets. "We were a bit hesitant and worried in the beginning, but both of them loved the train. We prepare well in advance, with all the necessary meals, medicines and a list of stops for toilet breaks." She hopes her posts will encourage more people to travel with their pets. "Some people think we are mad to travel with our dogs. But we have had great experiences where people went out of their way to help us and make friends with us," she recalls.

