

Countries Visited by Nomad Shubham — Year by Year

Shubham Kumar | Bihar → 197 Countries | An 8-Year Odyssey on an Indian Passport

 **197** Total Countries

 **8** Years of Travel

 **50,000+** km Hitchhiked

 **Brazil** Final Country

All Years

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026 

2017



The Beginning — India

Age 15–16 | Domestic Travel | Inspired by a TEDx Talk

1 Countries

Cumulative total: 1/197

After watching Tomislav Perko's TEDx talk 'How to Travel the World with Almost No Money' more than 10 times in his coaching hostel room in Kota, Shubham began his first solo trips across India. He explored Rajasthan (Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Pushkar), then headed north to Shimla, Spiti Valley, and Leh-Ladakh — all while telling his parents he was 'researching colleges'. This was the year that changed everything.



India (Domestic Routes)
South Asia —
Rajasthan, Himachal,
Ladakh

2018



First International Steps — Russia, Central Asia & SE Asia

Age 16–17 | First Foreign Trips | 7,000 km Hitchhike

10 Countries

Cumulative total: 11/197

In August 2018, Shubham took his first-ever international trip — to Russia and Kazakhstan — at the age of 16. It cost him ₹16,000 for the flight and ₹2,000 for the visa, with only ₹5,000 in total daily expenses across 4 weeks. He hitchhiked 7,000 km through Russia and Kazakhstan, visited Moscow's Red Square, the Barents Sea, and crossed into Kazakhstan's steppes. He also embarked on his 7-month overland Southeast Asia journey through Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and China — all on just ₹400/day.

Russia

Kazakhstan

Malaysia

Thailand



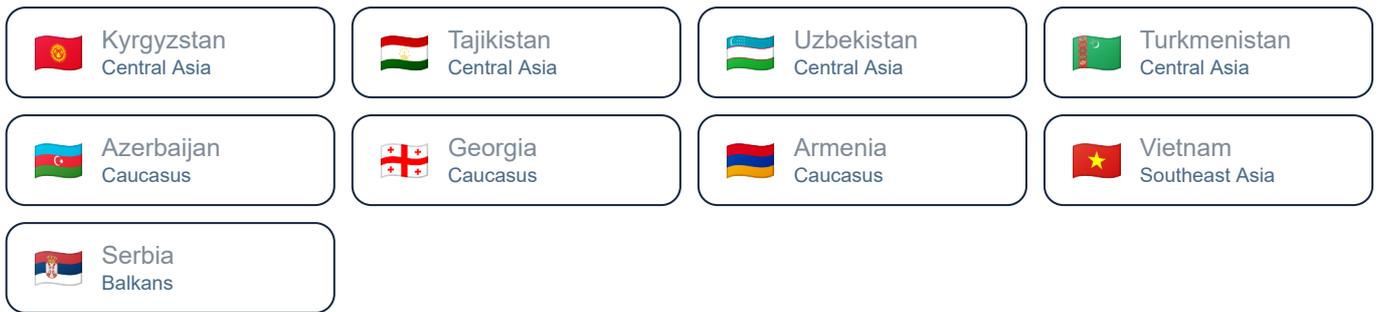
2019

YouTube Launches & Central Asia Deep Dive

9 Countries
Cumulative total: 20/197

Age 16–17 | YouTube Channel Starts | Trans-Siberian Journey

In July 2019, Shubham launched his YouTube channel 'Nomad Shubham' — the name inspired by the nomadic tribes of Mongolia. His first vlog was filmed in China and uploaded from Mongolia. He pushed deeper into Central Asia, completing his legendary Trans-Siberian Railway journey of 20,000 km. He crossed through Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan, and reached Vietnam for the first time.



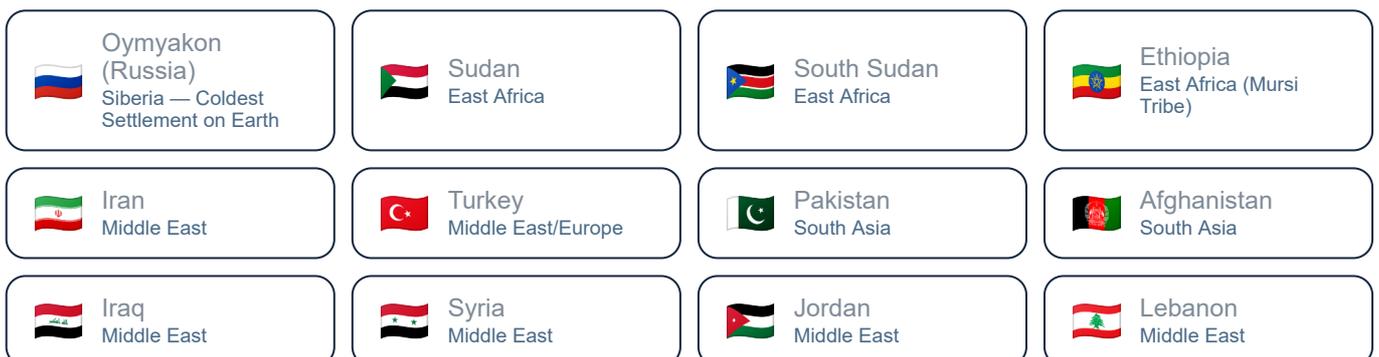
2020

Viral — Oymyakon, Siberia & Africa Begins

12 Countries
Cumulative total: 32/197

Age 17–18 | Coldest Place on Earth | Channel Hits 1 Lakh

January 2020 brought Shubham's most famous adventure: travelling to Oymyakon, Siberia — one of the coldest permanently inhabited places on Earth, where temperatures dropped to -60°C. He was dropped by a truck at 2 AM with no accommodation, his eyelashes frozen and limbs numb. The resulting viral video catapulted his channel from 10K to 1 lakh subscribers. Despite global COVID restrictions, he also began his Africa journey, entering Sudan, South Sudan and Ethiopia.



2021



East Africa & Europe Exploration

Age 18–19 | 40+ Countries Milestone | Channel Hits 1M

15 Countries

Cumulative total: 55/197

By 2021, Shubham had visited over 40 countries and his YouTube channel crossed 1 million subscribers. He continued through East Africa — spending time in Kenya and Tanzania and meeting with the Mursi tribe in Ethiopia. He pushed into Europe for the first time, travelling through the Balkan countries and moving further west. He also began documenting in the UK and Norway.

Kenya
East AfricaTanzania
East AfricaUganda
East AfricaRwanda
East AfricaEgypt
North AfricaNorway
ScandinaviaSweden
ScandinaviaFinland
ScandinaviaUnited Kingdom
Western EuropeGermany
Western EuropeSwitzerland
Western EuropeAlbania
BalkansKosovo
BalkansNorth Macedonia
BalkansBosnia &
Herzegovina
Balkans

2022



West & Central Africa + More Europe

Age 19–20 | Budget: ₹500/day | Channel at 2M+

15 Countries

Cumulative total: 85/197

2022 saw Shubham push into West and Central Africa — one of the hardest regions to navigate as an Indian passport holder. He crossed through Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Congo and beyond. He also continued deeper into Europe, covering France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Eastern European nations. His channel crossed 2 million subscribers.

Nigeria
West AfricaGhana
West AfricaCôte d'Ivoire
West AfricaSenegal
West AfricaCameroon
Central AfricaCongo
Central AfricaDem. Rep. Congo
Central AfricaGabon
Central AfricaAngola
Southern AfricaSouth Africa
Southern AfricaFrance
Western EuropeSpain
Western EuropePortugal
Western EuropeItaly
Western EuropePoland
Eastern Europe

2023



Middle East, East Europe & Island Nations

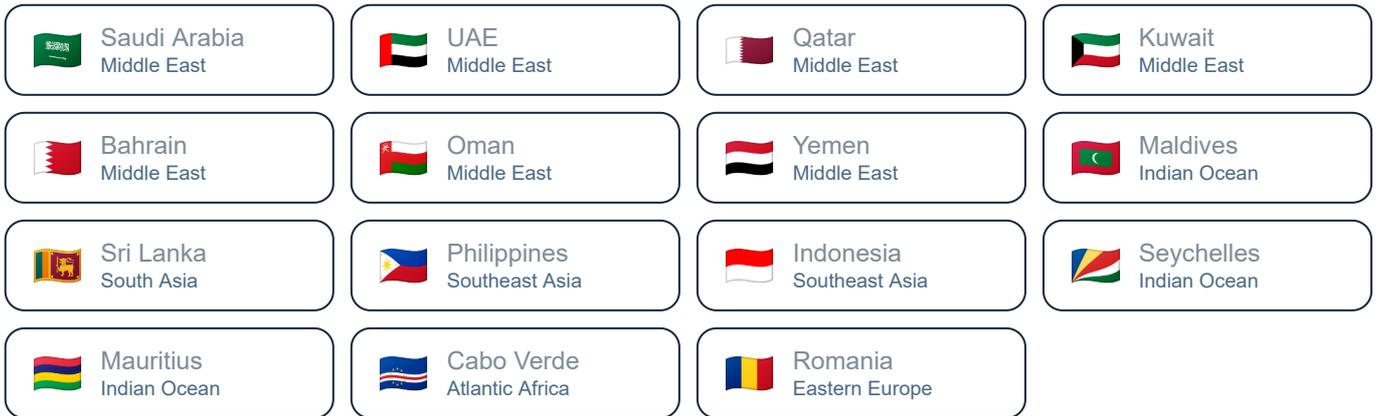
Age 20–21 | Channel at 2.8M | VisaFu Idea Born

15 Countries

Cumulative total: 120/197

In 2023, Shubham focused on completing the Middle East, the remaining Eastern European and Balkan nations, and island countries in the Indian Ocean and Caribbean. He visited Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar

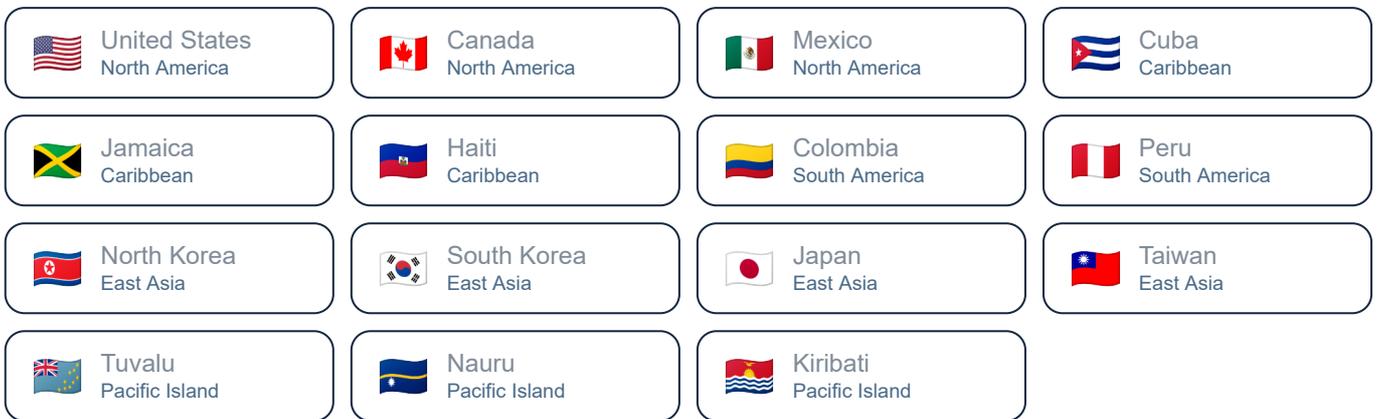
and Kuwait. He ventured to Maldives, Sri Lanka, and several smaller African island nations. His channel hit 2.8 million subscribers, and he gave interviews to major Indian media including Vice, Hindustan Times, and Aaj Tak.



2024 **Pacific Islands, Americas & North Korea**
Age 21–22 | 165 Countries Milestone | 3M YouTube Subs

15 Countries
Cumulative total: 165/197

2024 was Shubham's most ambitious year. His viral India vs China train comparison video gained millions of views. He pushed into the Pacific — visiting tiny island nations like Tuvalu, Nauru, Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Micronesia. He also made his way through Central America and the Caribbean, completing much of North and South America. A reported visit to North Korea made headlines. His channel crossed 3 million subscribers.



2025 **Final 30 — Completing the World Map**
Age 22–23 | VisaFu Launched | 197-Country Finish in Sight

20 Countries
Cumulative total: 196/197

In January 2026, Shubham announced he had 165 countries down and planned to complete the remaining 32 in five months. Through 2025 he powered through the remaining South American nations, Pacific island micro-states, remaining Caribbean islands, and the few African island nations still on his list. He also co-founded VisaFu, a visa assistance startup, alongside Nomadic Indian's Deepanshu Sangwan. His Instagram and YouTube documented these final legs in real time.

 Argentina South America	 Chile South America	 Bolivia South America	 Paraguay South America
 Uruguay South America	 Venezuela South America	 Suriname South America	 Guyana South America
 Trinidad & Tobago Caribbean	 Barbados Caribbean	 Grenada Caribbean	 Saint Lucia Caribbean
 Dominica Caribbean	 Papua New Guinea Pacific	 Solomon Islands Pacific	 Vanuatu Pacific
 Samoa Pacific	 Tonga Pacific	 Palau Pacific	 Comoros Indian Ocean Africa

2026

 **Mission Complete — Brazil** 

Age 23 | 197/197 Countries | Historic Record | Rio Carnival

1 Country 
Cumulative total: 197/197

In early 2026, Nomad Shubham completed the final leg of his eight-year global journey, arriving in Brazil to celebrate at the Rio Carnival — his chosen final destination. He became one of the very few people in human history, and almost certainly the youngest Indian, to visit all 197 sovereign nations on Earth. His Instagram post marking the milestone read: 'From my first hitchhike to my last one. 10 years. 197 countries. I don't know whether to smile, cry or just stay silent and feel it.'

 BRAZIL —
197th & Final
Country FINAL
South America | Rio
Carnival |
February/March 2026

Data compiled from Nomad Shubham's YouTube channel, Instagram, Couchsurfing profile, StarsUnfolded, Touristan, SigmaStory & The Reel Stars. Country groupings per year are based on documented video uploads, interviews, and public announcements. Some countries in later years (2023–2025) are estimated based on regional travel patterns and disclosed country counts. Brazil confirmed as 197th & final country — Feb/March 2026.