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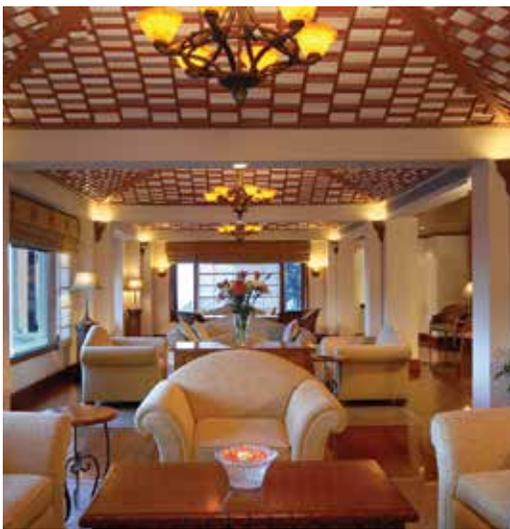
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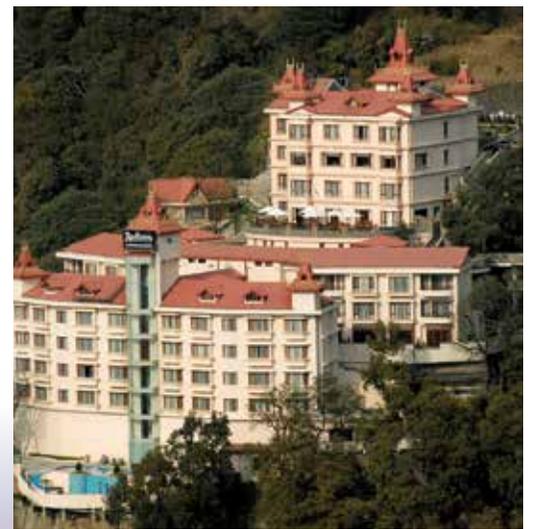
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

Greetings!

When you bring the October issue of T3FS you will see all about Honeymoon. A honeymoon is the most important holiday of your life, a once in a lifetime trip, where expert knowledge, first-hand advice and a friendly helping hand is what you need.

“Safety,” “excellent quality of accommodation,” and “reasonable travel cost” are the three most important attributes that determine the attractiveness of a honeymoon destination and the key to bringing all this together is the tour operators.

Inspired by luxurious, once-in-a-lifetime trip opportunities, couples are willing to spend significantly more for their weddings and honeymoons than for ordinary holidays.

In hospitality, we focused on the role of hotel for honeymoon. A honeymoon trip has to be a perfect blend of rejuvenation and fun activities to enjoy with your loved one, accompanied by a luxurious and comfortable stay.

Cuddle by the fire at a mountain

retreat, enjoy grand sunsets together, savor a gourmet meal and pamper yourselves with a massage at these hotels that will surely make you and your partner swoon!

The hotel industry is so vast that many hotels do not fit into a single well-defined category. Industry can be classified in various ways, based on location, size of property etc. Honeymooners as a consumer could choose the type of hotel for them to stay in their honeymoon. They can choose to stay whether in a city hotel, resort, large hotel, small hotel, upscale, midscale, budget hotel, theme hotel, and many more.

In lifestyle, T3FS cover The Predator film. The Predator sees writer/director Shane Black returning to a world he first experienced back in 1987 as an actor. In this new film, he's expanding and exploring the story of the alien hunters and the human beings that must face the threat. With the government attempting to cover up the extent of Predator incursions on Earth, a rag-tag group of military veterans must figure out what is going on and how to save the world – or at least themselves – as the battle spreads from the depths of outer space to once-safe suburbia.

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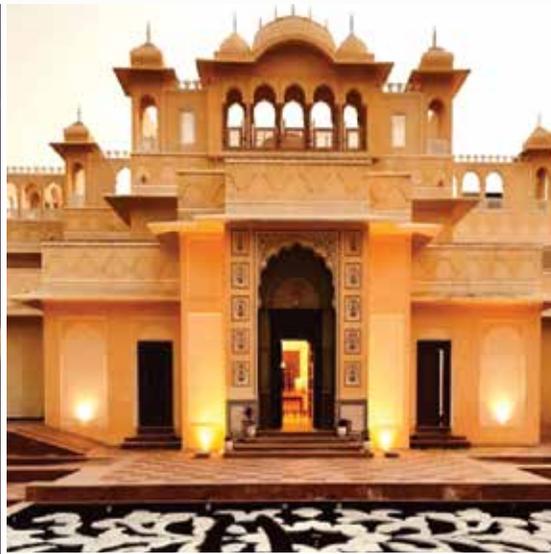
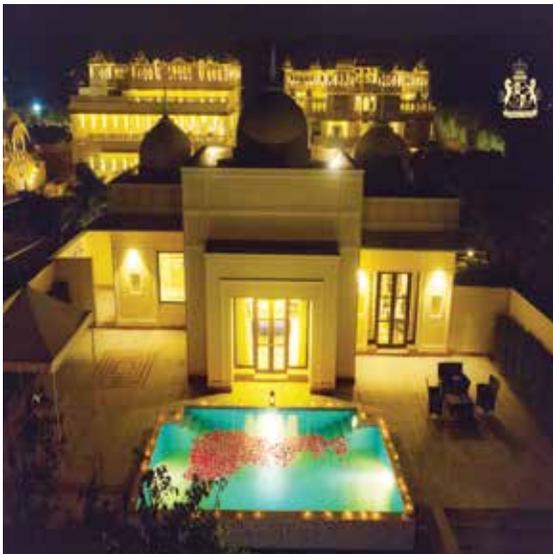


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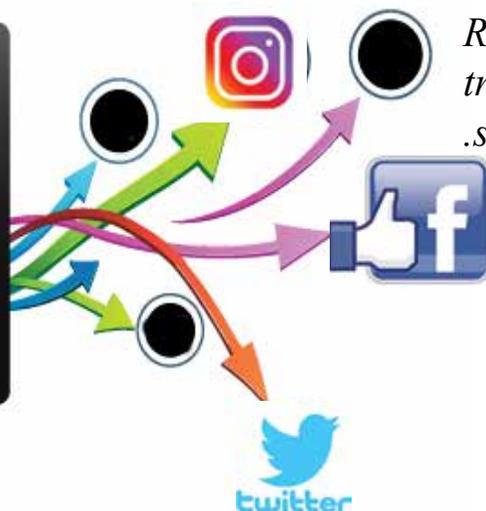
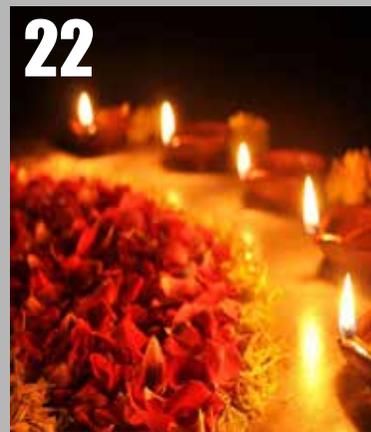
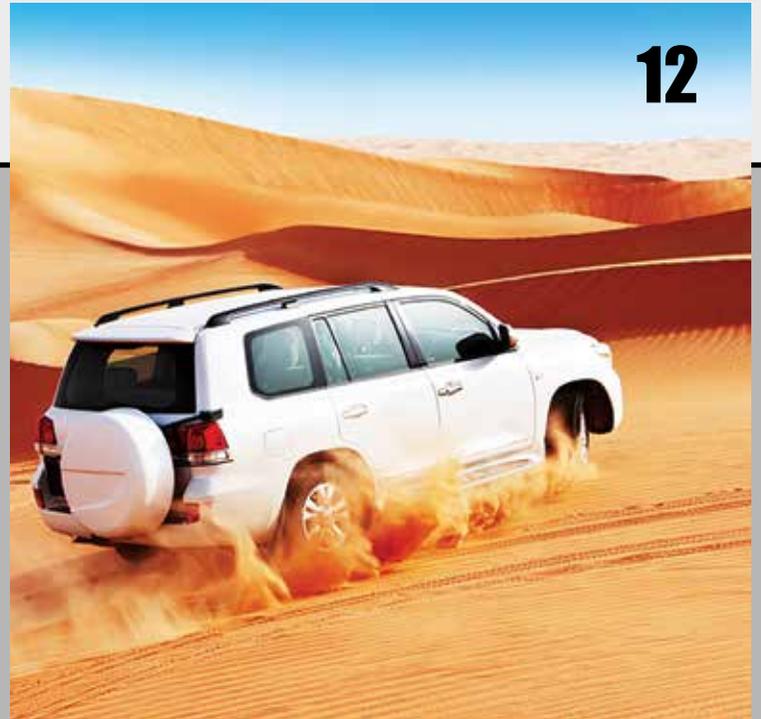
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Amadeus towards Digitalisation

The travel industry is moving towards increased personalization, as merchandising techniques drive new revenues, business opportunities and as travelers expect brands to know them and adapt offers accordingly.

It was against this backdrop that Amadeus announced the creation of a dedicated program to drive the industrialisation of NDC and ensure its success for all travel players. New Distribution Capability (NDC), is a new XML-based interface that enables travel companies – from airlines to travel agencies

– to evolve travel distribution and merchandising. With this in mind the Amadeus NDC-X program brings together experts from Amadeus' businesses and focuses on practical use cases of the standard, adopting a test and learn approach to deliver improved capabilities for the industry. The NDC-X program is a continuation of Amadeus' previous work towards the digitalisation of the industry and the creation of commercial possibilities to build on NDC.

Amadeus held an event in Roseate House New Delhi that began with a session on 'the

Impact of NDC On Air Content Distribution' by MsChampaMagesh, Vice President, Asia-Pacific, Retail Travel Channels. Ms. Magesh shared "At Amadeus, we recognize that we have a responsibility to make NDC work for all travel players, and that's what we will be doing through our NDC-X program. The NDC-X program is a strategic priority for Amadeus. Our aim is to create better journeys for travelers through the best use of technology, and this transversal program will work with our travel seller and airline customers to deliver just that".

First Tribal Circuit Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Shri. K.J Alphans, the Minister of State for Tourism (IC), Government of India inaugurated the project "Development of Tribal Circuit: Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Kamleshpur- Maheshpur- Kurdar- Sarodadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiya Nawagaon- Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh" implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism, in Gangrel, Chhattisgarh on 14th September 2018. This is the second project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme being inaugurated in the country.

This project was sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in February 2016 for Rs. 99.21 Crores. The project covers thirteen sites in Chhattisgarh i.e. Jashpur, Kunkuri, Mainpat, Kamleshpur, Maheshpur, Kurdar, Sarodadadar, Gangrel, Kondagaon, Nathiya Nawagaon, Jagdalpur, Chitrakoot, Tirthgarh.

Swadesh Darshan scheme is one of the flagship schemes of the Ministry of tourism, for development of thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritised manner. The scheme was launched in 2014 -15 and as on date the Ministry has sanctioned 74

projects worth Rs. 5997.47 Crore to 31 States and UTs. 30 projects / major components of these projects are expected to be completed this year.

Development of Tribes and Tribal Culture is one of the prime area of focus for the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry is carrying out an array of activities for development and promotion of tourism in the tribal region. Under the tribal circuit theme of the scheme the Ministry has sanctioned 4 projects to Nagaland, Telangana and Chhattisgarh for Rs. 381.37 Crores.

The Ashok Hotel Bags Two Awards

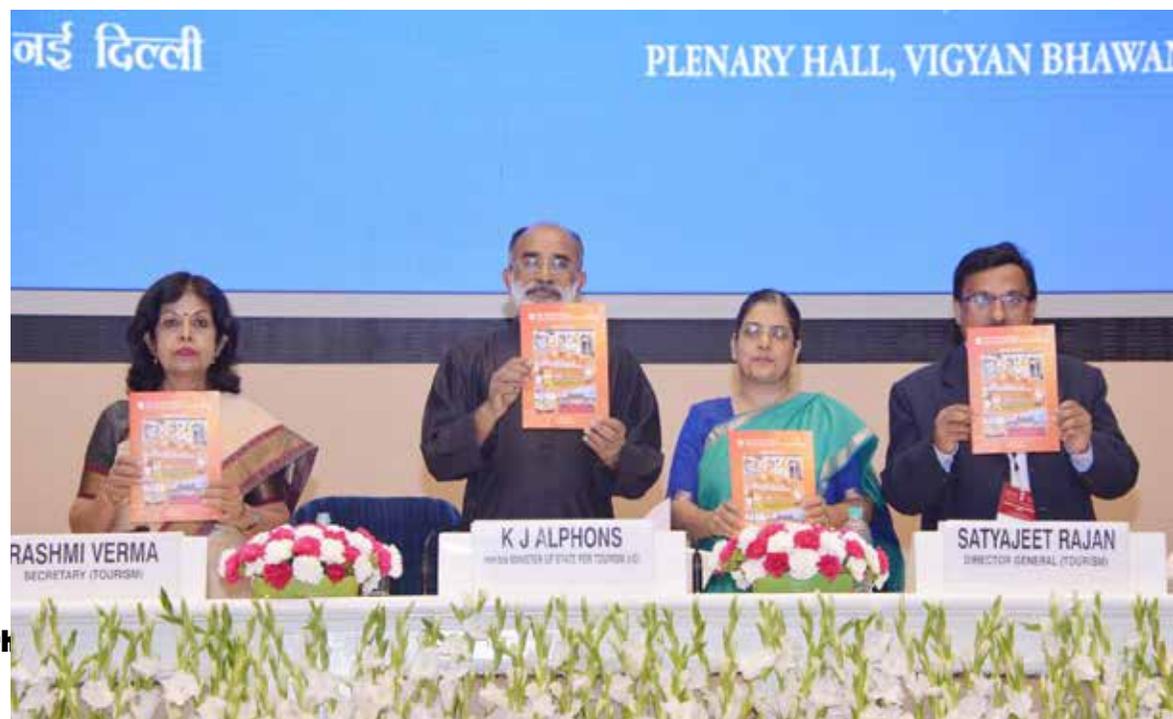
The Ashok, New Delhi, a flagship property of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), a PSU under administrative control of Ministry of Tourism was conferred two National Tourism Awards for the year 2016-17 in a function held today at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Ashok, city's foremost Luxurious Heritage property won the title under the category of "Best Hotel Based Meeting Venue." The Ashok has received this award for the 3rd time in a row creating a new benchmark in the hospitality industry.

Another glory that was added for the first time to the brand ITDC and The Ashok was in the form of second National Tourism award under the category "Hotel providing best facilities for differently abled guests". Since inception, The Ashok has been serving guests with care, providing the best facilities for differently- abled guests. Indeed, 2% of hotel inventory is dedicated for differently-abled guests, with 11 rooms (including 3 suites) furnished with special fittings, that is

the largest in the entire hospitality industry.

Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism Shri Alphans Kannanthanam presented the "National Tourism Awards, 2016-17" to various segments of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry at the function organized by the Ministry of Tourism on the occasion of "World Tourism Day". Tourism Ministers

of States, Central and State Government Officials, Members from the Travel and Hospitality Industries, including leading Hoteliers, Travel Agents and Tour Operators, Students from Tourism and Hospitality Institutes, Mainstream and Travel Media attended the function.





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Couples want to celebrate their marriage with once-in-a-lifetime, unique experiences. Destinations need to offer authentic travel experiences that draw from local culture while also catering to honeymooners’ desire for luxury. Tour operators tie the two together by offering rides on exotic and romantic locations. Some couples are even opting to experience a variety of activities by visiting more than one location, fueling a recent trend towards multi-stop holidays. Two-stop honeymoons allow couples to experience more than one type of vacation, and are ideal for couples whose preferences differ from their partners. By keeping this in mind T3FS bring destination experts cum DMC’s of few of the destination for your honeymoon planning.

DUBAI

Why Dubai?

Dubai is a major aviation hub that makes a great stopover en route to other destinations whether in Europe or Asia. Not only this, accommodation options in Dubai are diverse and fit all budgets from Burj Al Arab's (billed as the only 7-star hotel in the world) to 5-star beach properties to boutique city hotels. Another factor to choose Dubai is its never-ending sunshine that is paradise to sun worshippers and beach lovers.

Dubai houses the largest shopping malls to the tallest tower in the world to multicultural cuisines, the honeymooners will never run out of things to indulge in from romance, luxury, adventure, and food.



In conversation with Kulwant Singh, Founder & MD, Lama Group LLC on the theme honeymoon packages of Dubai he said "We offer tailore-made packages based on the couples' preference and budget. The typical request would include: 3-4 nights accommodation in 5-star beach property hotel, Daily breakfast, Couple massage in the hotel spa, Hummer Desert Safari with romantic champagne sunset set up, Shopping and City Tour.

One client hired the entire safari campsite to arrange an overnight stay for the honeymooners in the heart of the desert. The entire camp was converted to a very private and romantic oasis with sumptuous 5 star BBQ dinner, alcohol, fruits and chocolates. For accommodation, we set up an air-conditioned white tent with 4 poster bed in white linen covers and pillow. Butler service all throughout the night for the guests' comfort also included.

Another couple, opted for adventure tours like skydive and shark dive.

Other more simple requests includes a night at the opera with / without dinner reservations in renowned restaurants."

While commenting on the fact



Kulwant Singh
Founder & MD, Lama Group L.L.C

what makes lama to be different from other he added" As we offer tailor-made packages based on clients preference, we listen and focus more on their wishlist as a couple and not just the traditional package that fits all. We recommend listing the activity they both want to do / sights they don't want to miss and come up with the itinerary. Because it's a honeymoon, both must be able to enjoy the activities together.

Additionally, as we are the largest destination management in UAE, we have the best deals in hotel and tour rates from the 3rd party suppliers that guarantees package prices according to the couple's budget."



MALDIVES

Why Maldives?

Maldives as a destination is a Honeymooner's paradise. It offers the best of resorts in all categories and each resort is known to pamper its guests in every possible way especially the Honeymooners who enjoy special discounted rates and several complimentary amenities to make their trip memorable. The One Island One Resort concept across Maldives and the white sandy beaches and beautiful clear blue waters create the right atmosphere and ambience for a perfect honeymoon destination.

While focusing on the honeymoon theme packages Pankaj Nagpal, Managing Director, Travstarz Global Group said "Yes we are one of the Pioneers in promoting Maldives in India in the B2B market and offer all types of Packages to Maldives which include family holidays as well as Honeymoons. Depending upon the duration of the trip and the resort was chosen, there are various options available for honeymooners. Almost all Resorts offer Discount of upto 70% on the Spouse for a Minimum of 3 or 4 Nights Stay which comes up to 35% discount for a full package for 2 people. The Packages that we sell normally include stay, meals. Beverages and special complimentary amenities like Spa Massage for the Couple etc."



Pankaj Nagpal
Managing Director, Travstarz Global Group

with them. Being one of the highest producers for Maldives from India, we enjoy special privileges and discounted rates which are not available to every wholesaler. In few resorts, we even have our Pre-Purchase deals which make the entire package more economical and value for money and also include some special additional amenities which are not available in the market normally and that is our main USP."

While justifying travstarz to be different from other he stated "Travstarz has been a Pioneer in promoting Maldives and we enjoy an excellent relationship with almost all the good resorts and are directly contracted





SRI LANKA

Why Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka with its pristine ecosystem and nature power is still a location where your investment can be inspired. The investment you will make will not be just somatic but of a nation that is of over 2,500 years history, a nation where people are possessed with a

beautiful smile, a population that is happy in altruistic joy and who give with joy and happiness with no bonds attached. To build all that in the early phase of honeymoon the couples need to build a foundation, and that is Mindfulness. We will guide young couples on how to build mindfulness the ultimate power to long-term happiness & prosperity.



Roshan Wijsekera
Vice President, Siddhartha International

Roshan Wijsekera, Vice President, Siddhartha International said “The word Honeymoon is important to newly married people. Honey and the Moon, what are they? Honey is made by Bees where the animals extract the nectar from flowers without harming the flowers and of no burden. Besides the process enables pollination at no cost. Moon is the serene cool and shining light in the night giving you illumination to life. So Honeymoon is about

getting the nectar of love and compassion of each other and be basking in the cool illumination of compassion for each other.

The short time a couple spends after the wedding is a long-term investment. Time spent above caring for each other will be the investment for future happiness.

“True, just as with other countries, we have 5 and 6-star hotels of international brands, boutique, eco or nature properties, local and foreign cuisine and a culture that too is of over 2000 years old traditions. So what better place than Sri Lanka to start your beautiful joint-march to the future of happiness!” he added.

TUNISIA

Why Tunisia?

When it comes to honeymoons, most couples think of popular destinations. Such destinations give honeymooners a lot to do. But they don't allow couples enough privacy to get to know each other better. That's why less frequented destinations are better options.

Spend your honeymoon in Tunisia: combining the magnificent atmosphere of North Africa to the sophistication of the Mediterranean Sea which will mesmerize you. Enjoy the pleasure offered by this country in an enchanting setting.

Tunisia, located in North Africa, is one such option. A 3.5 hour-long flight from Paris, this country is a marvellous combination of sandy beaches, sprawling deserts, nightlife, sports, and therapy for wellness.



Jay Kantawala
CEO, WIYO Travels

Jay Kantawala, CEO, WIYO Travels said that, "There are plenty of other beautiful places to visit in Tunisia. Like the well-preserved heritage town of Mahdia, the private city of Korba, UNESCO heritage sites like the medinas of Tunis, Sousse, and more. The traditional thalassotherapy is a wonderful treatment for rejuvenation, cosmetic detox, and cellulite. Tunisia doesn't get talked about in the same breath as Paris and Maldives. But the experiences you enjoy there are just as memorable, if not more, than the popular ones. A honeymoon after your marriage is the beginning of a new life. Make it memorable, not just because of the location, but also each other's company."

Places to visit in Tunisia

Sidi Bou Said

Perched atop a cliff offering a jaw-dropping view of the Mediterranean Sea, Sidi Bou Said is just 20 kilometres away from Tunis, the capital. This picturesque town is paved with cobbled streets and offers breathtaking views at every turn. You must visit Palace Dar Nejma Ezzahra, which now serves as a museum of historical artefacts.

If you want to enjoy Arabic and Mediterranean music, the Centre de Musiques Arabes e.t Mediterraneennes is a must visit. So is the D'Art Lella Salha & Des Metiers – the popular marketplace where you can buy authentic paintings or souvenirs for home.

Hammamet Beaches

Hammamet is a Tunisian town filled with beautiful beaches. This makes it a popular spot for swimming and watersports, and the destination most frequented by tourists. The beaches are peppered with resorts and hotels, each of which is surrounded by planted gardens and many trees.

The town is also packed with restaurants and shops that bring forth the true culture of this delightful Mediterranean destination. Evenings are like carnivals with the lighting, the music, and people who add more life to the place.

Sahara Desert

Tunisia boasts of over 40,000 square kilometres of sandy desert, part of the Grand Erg Oriental. It offers stunning panoramic views of dunes which owe their ever-changing shapes to the wind.

Though this territory of the Sahara is sparsely populated, it still is home to a few dozens of species of mammals and animals like antelopes, cheetahs, hyenas, jackals, donkey, mongooses, ravens, and even vipers and cobras. You can also find the one-humped camel, which became synonymous with this sprawling desert.

Tours of the desert generally start early in the morning or the afternoon and last for one to two days. Most locals propose you dress up in national clothes to protect yourself from the scathing sun, which also means you get to experience the flavour of the East during such trips. Jeep safaris are also immense fun.

While you're in the Tunisian Sahara, do visit the town of Matmata to meet the local Berber fold – the first settlers in the Saharan region – and have a look at their homes, which are essentially artificial underground caves.

Just so you know, a part of the historic motion picture Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope was filmed in this town way back in 1976.



NEPAL

Why Nepal?

Nepal is an amalgamation of multiple romantic features like mountain ranges, deep valleys, narrow walkways, and peaceful lakes. If you are recently married and you need a romantic place and scintillating destination to start your new life. Nepal

served you the spectrum of beauty, culture all together as one with the Himalayas, awesome lakes, and destinations, trekking places, the lovely monuments, the hills, villages, and all. In addition, the dreamland will offer you the best of romantic moods, aura and spirits and will make your love bloom with full glory.



While commenting on the theme honeymoon packages Ashish Narula, Director, Vision tour club said “Nepal add the romance of stunning mountain vistas, luxury accommodation, and atmospheric cultural sites to classic adventure activities like trekking and paragliding and you have the ideal honeymoon destination.

Pokhara – the city of lakes – is one of the superb and enthralling places to visit in Nepal for a honeymoon. For a newly married couple, Pokhara is a dreamland, with the picture-perfect setting of Himalayan Range, lakes, deep valleys, and winding trek paths. The luxurious accommodation options make the place a paradise for honeymooners. A view of the engrossing Annapurna Range, romantic boating at Phewa Tal (second largest lake of Nepal), marital bliss at the age-old Bhimsen Temple, Paragliding and Avia Flight

Nagarkot for the picture-perfect honeymoon with a scenic backdrop predominated by the world’s highest peak. View of the Mount Everest and Annapurna Range, view of the first rays of the Sun falling on the peaks of Himalayas at sunrise, and trekking along the winding tracks and thick woods .”



Ashish Narula
Director, Vision Tour Club

“Vision tour Club planned honeymoon can be more romantic Itinerary. We offer personalized and take care of all travel needs and making honeymooner a most memorable and unforgettable experience, like bird’s eye view of Mount Everest and Himalayan ranges in the mountain flight tour operated by local airlines, Avia flight provides the opportunity to explore the surrounding beauty of Pokhara valley by flying like birds in the sky. Romantic Sunrise with Nepali Special Tea in Nagarkot, Pashupatinath temple, Boudhanath temple, monasteries, wildness and beauty of National Park, and the alluring and glittering nightlife at Casino.” He added with respect to the offers which make them unique as compare to others.

ITDC brings Haryana history alive

India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) the public sector undertaking under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India executed the implementation of Multimedia show based on water screen projection at Tilyar Lake Rohtak, Haryana in collaboration with government of Haryana and Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India. The sound and light show has been created to project the rich and diverse history of the State of Haryana. The show was inaugurated by K J Alphons, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Govt. of India and Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Minister of Tourism, Govt. of Haryana in Rohtak last evening.

The show highlights the state as a land

of historic and cultural landmarks, affirming Haryana to be central to the story of human civilization, a fact that is corroborated by many archaeologists over time. The home of Kurukshetra, this is where the ancient mythological clash between the Kauravas and the Pandavas occurred.

The spell binding show has been created with impressive fountain works and projection on a state-of-the-art water screen measuring 27 metres by 9 metres. Exclusively created sound tracks, rhythmic hymns and Vedic chants add magic to the dancing fountains that encapsulate the journey of Haryana.

ITDC holds the honour of implementing first Sound and Light show of Asia at Red Fort

around 45 years ago. Since then, many shows have been installed in the country. During the last few years, many technology innovations have been adopted in implementing the Sound & Light Shows.



India Tourism Mart LUCKNOW



Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh, inaugurates ITM Lucknow, India Travel Mart, India's Prominent International Travel & Tourism Exhibition in the presence of Smt. Rita Bahuguna Joshi, Hon'ble Tourism Minister, Uttar Pradesh and other senior Dignitaries, Delegates, Exhibitors, Hoteliers, Travel Agents, Tour Organizers, Media from various parts of the country.

Many Tourism Departments like: Host State - Uttar Pradesh Tourism, Partner State - Gujarat Tourism & Rajasthan Tourism, Himachal Tourism, Jharkhand Tourism, Uttarkhand Tourism, Madhya Pradesh Tourism, West Bengal Tourism, Delhi Tourism, Spiceland Holiday, Globewel Holidays Dubai, LLC, Club Mahindra, Country Inn Group of Hotels & Resorts, Travel Mail, Hoteliers, Travel Agents & Tour Organizers participated.

Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle

The Embassy of Mexico in India marked the celebrations of Mexico's National Day in New Delhi with the conferment of the "Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle" on three distinguished Indian personalities.

At the 208th anniversary celebrations of Mexico's independence in New Delhi, the Embassy of Mexico in India conferred the highest distinction awarded by the Mexican government to foreigners in recognition of their outstanding services to Mexico or to humanity on three eminent Indians.

H.E. Melba Pría, Ambassador of Mexico to India, presented the Decoration of the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle to Dr. Raghupati Singhania, Chairman & Managing Director, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd,

President of JK Tornel S.A. De C.V., Mexico; Ambassador Chokilalyer, former Indian ambassador in Mexico; and Mrs. Ela Bhatt, social activist and founder of women's organization SEWA.

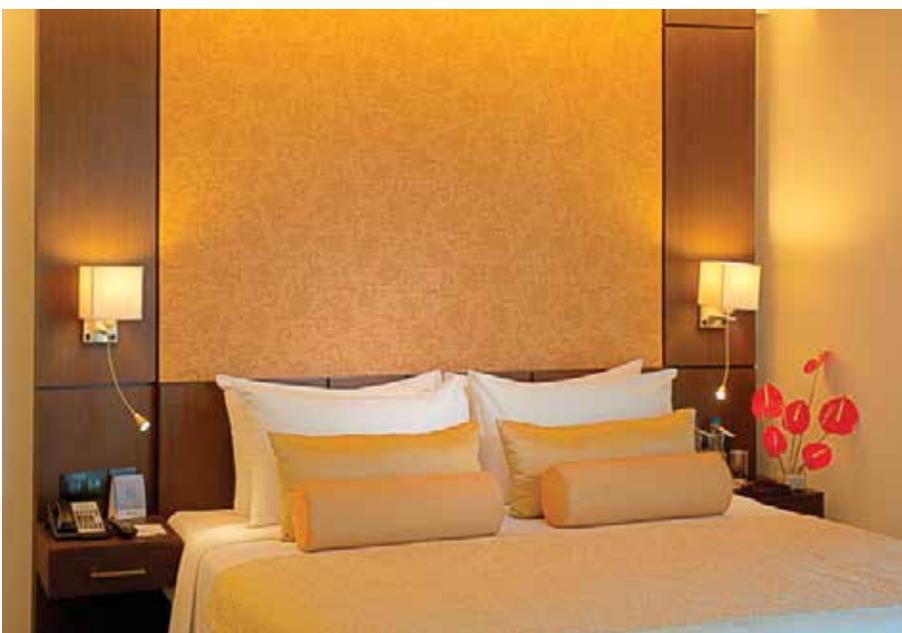
Dr. Raghupati Singhania has distinguished himself by his business leadership, affecting the commercial and investment relationship between Mexico and India, through the acquisition of Mexican tyre company Tornel, by JK Tyres in March 2008, for approximately 65.5 million dollars. Highlighting Dr. Singhania's contribution towards changing the dynamics of trade between Mexico and India, Ambassador Melba Pría commented, "Many came before him, but he was the one that turned it around."





Jaipur, popularly known as the 'Pink City' and the stunning capital of Rajasthan attracts tourists and visitors from all over the world, looking to explore and discover a history that is rich and vibrant even today, evident in the city's breathtaking forts and palaces.

Located in the heart of this historical city, where ancient traditions and rich culture blend perfectly with modern way of life is Fortune Select Metropolitan. Being just 10 km away from the airport and 2 km from the railway station, this 5-star hotel is the preferred destination for business and leisure travelers, providing first class facilities and efficient service with traditional Indian hospitality.



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Qatar: Most Open Countries

Qatar has become the most open country in the Middle East and the 8th most open in the world in terms of visa facilitation according to The World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) recently updated visa openness rankings.

The high ranking reflects a string of visa facilitation measures introduced by Qatar, including allowing nationals of 88 countries to enter Qatar visa-free and free-of-charge. As a result, Qatar's openness score has leapt by 71.3

points since 2014, when it ranked 177th.

Already, Qatar's increased openness is showing in the growing number of visitors from markets which can now access the country visa-free. Notable increases in arrival volumes in the first half of 2018 compared to the first half of 2017 came from India (18%), China (43%) and Russia, which grew most significantly with a 366% increase.

Hassan Al Ibrahim, Qatar Tourism Authority's A/Chairman, commented, "Openness and

ease of access are crucial elements of the visitor experience. That is why, in addition to the accelerated development of our tourism offerings, we have committed to providing a seamless experience to our visitors even as they are planning for their journey. We will continue to work with our partners on further facilitating entry to Qatar through additional streamlining of the immigration process at Qatar's ports of entry, as well as ensuring that all visitor visas and visa procedures are electronic."

Tourism Marketing Alliance impact in India's Western Region

Three B2B travel companies namely RezLive.com, BookonBlueStar.com & Pearl Tourism and Leisure Group who are part of Tourism Marketing Alliance (TMA), recently connected with the travel partners of Gujarat and created awareness about latest outbound travel trends, travel technology and diversification within the travel business. They also updated the local travel partners on the growing outbound business in India which has opened-up multiple opportunities for traditional travel agencies to expand their business from ticketing and inbound to outbound tourism.

TMA's Western roadshow touching three cities namely Surat, Vadodra and Ahmedabad from 4th – 6th September, 2018 concluded with an encouraging response from travel agents, which also reflects the keen interest of the travel partners in the outbound tourism business and



constant support for the three global brands i.e. RezLive.com, BookonBlueStar.com & Pearl Tourism and Leisure Group.

The Ahmedabad city roadshow which took

place on 6th September, 2018 witnessed a huge delegate count, with 270+ travel agents attending the event. This clearly reflects the interest that the region has, to know about new offerings and how to grow along with the three brands who presented their product and services.



The Best Travel Agent

APTA (Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority) awarded TraveliQ as the Best Travel Agent & Best Travel company promoting AP Tourism.

It is a proud moment for TraveliQ as it took approximately 8 years for them to reach this platform.

P Murali Krishna, Managing Director, Travel IQ

We are continuing thing legacy since last year, as we have bagged this award last year as well. I didn't walk alone; I was accompanied by all the valuable staff members and the dedicated employees who have worked day-in and day-out to make the company one of the most recognizable Travel Company in Visakhapatnam. Here, I would like to thank the customers too, who believed in us and gave us continuous business which motivated us to work harder to give them the best services in our capacity.

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Extravaganza of Festivals

Festivals are generally a great celebration either at home or at religious establishments in Tamil Nadu. The festival becomes a cause for Religious, Social and Family Gathering at different places on various occasions to worship, enjoy and have fun.

Pongal

The Pongal Holidays of the state start with Bhogi either on the 13th or 14th [based on Tamil Calendar] of January of every year and the next day is the start of the Tamil month THAI [Jan-Feb], 2nd day is celebrated as PONGAL, 3rd Day as Mattu Pongal and the 4th Day is popularly called by common man as Kaanum Pongal and government celebrates it as Thiruvalluvar Day. Festivals, though marked in individual name it is totally to be called as UZHAVAR THIRUNAL or the FARMERS FESTIVAL.

Pongal- It is also called as the Makara Sankranti and auspicious first day of the month THAI [makaram] and it is being celebrated as thanksgiving day dedicated to SUN GOD. It is because of its astronomical significance: that it marks the beginning of Uttarayana, the Sun's movement northward for a period of next six month and enters into zodiac sign of Makaram. Pongal is generally celebrated as the Uzhavar Thirunal or the Farmers Festival. All the people, especially in Villages, Cook Pongal with new and colorfully painted Earthen Pots, with New Rice from the harvest and Milk. The entire family joins in welcoming the day and the festival to mark a new beginning. Being the season for the

ripened Sugar cane it finds a prominent place in the festival throughout, when people especially children can be seen crushing bits of sugarcane in their mouth and relishing the Juice.

Mattu Pongal- This is a festival that is being celebrated to show the people's gratitude towards the Bulls who help the farmers to plough their lands and also the cows and buffalos for providing milk throughout the year. The cattle are thoroughly cleaned, their horns are painted with colours, adorn them with new and colourful clothes and take them around with the Jingling bells around their neck. Normally cattle trucks were and even now used in some villages to transport men and materials.

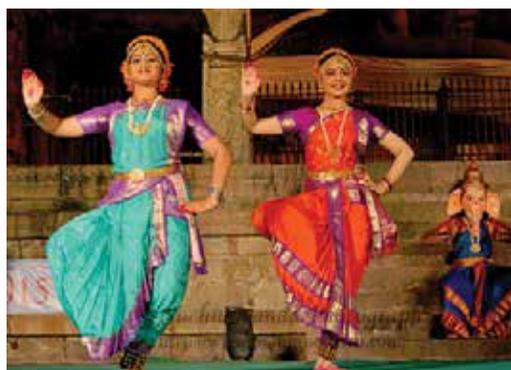
A festival event called Jalli Kathu or Manju Virattu is held on this day in Southern Districts popularly called as Alanganallur Jallikattu, where thoroughly bred fighter bulls are reared and brought to the arena for the fight of control between Men and the Bull. It is an event of prestige for the Owner of the bulls. Community Dining is very popular in which the food is made of the freshly harvested grain. This day is named and celebrated in a fitting manner throughout Tamil Nadu.

Natyanjali Festival – Chidam-

baram

It was started in 1981 as an annual event, to revive and consolidate the art of Bharatha Natyam and it takes place in front of the Sanctum Sanctorum of the temple. The Five Days event now features about 300 to 400 dancers performing Bharatha Natyam, Kuchipudi, Mohini Attam, Kathak, Odissi. 300 or more accompanying artistes also converge at Chidambaram. The festival organized by the Trust known as 'Natyanjali Trust' attracts International attention.

Music Festival





Chennai Celebrates the Great December Music season of Carnatic Music and Dance performances of Artistes of all Denominations. The Sabhas as they are popularly called will be buzzing with frenzy activity on all the days of the Music Season. Along with the Musical treat, the Sabhas make arrangements for the good culinary treat from excellent catering establishments with exclusive dishes. The Rasikas enjoy both music and food.

Mahamagam Festival Chennai & Thiruvaiyaru

It is a very colourful popular event that takes place once in 12 years in the month of Masi [9Feb-Mar] on Magam Star Day at the Divine Tank in the heart of the city called as the Mahamagam Kulam. Lakhs of pilgrims from all over Tamil Nadu assemble here to take a dip in the tank at the auspicious hour. All the deities of the temples in and around the Tank turnout here to have a dip at that time. Elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims are made by the Government of Tamil Nadu with the help of the Town



Committee. There is a legend: That Lord Siva Shot and spill the content for creation from the pot held by Brahma into this Mahamagam tank.

Deepavali Festival

It is called as Festival of Lamps celebrated in the month of Aipasi [Oct-Nov]. It is a festival of prayer to greet Goddess Lakshmi to bestow prosperity and wealth. Legend says: Lord Krishna destroyed Narakasura on the day before Deepavali and as wished by the demon, Lord Krishna ceded his request and blessed that this day will be celebrated by one and all in the country as Deepavali to remove the darkness. On this day the homes are lit with lamps that brings brightness. New dresses, Firing of Crackers and distribution of Sweets are the order of the day. Both young and Old firecrackers and enjoy the festival. Every one exchanges seasons greetings and varieties of Sweets and gifts.

Kanthuri Festival

It is a truly secular festival, where devotees flock to the shrine of saint Quadirwali. One of the descendants of the Saint is chosen as a Peer or spiritual leader and is honoured with offerings. On the tenth

day of the festival, the Saint's tomb is anointed with sandalwood, and later the holy sandal paste is distributed to everyone. This is popularly called as Santhana[sandal] Koodu Festival. The sandal paste is distributed to the devotees.

Kavadi Festival

Kavadi Attam is a ceremonial sacrifice and offering practiced by devotees during the worship of Lord Murugan. It is the special feature of the Thaipusam and emphasizes debt bondage [nerthi kadan]. The kavadi is two lightweight bamboo basket suspended on both the ends of a long Bamboo stick and carried on the shoulders by the devotee. Devotees dance to the tune of accompanying instruments along the pilgrimage route and also

at the Temple bearing these Kavadi. The baskets are normally filled with Flowers or anything else vowed by the devotee. This Kavadi concept is the result of the legend which says: Idumban carried two sacred hillocks suspending them on both the ends of a pole and carried it on his shoulders.

Velankanni Festival

The Portuguese Sailors in the 16th Century who passed the Nagapattinam coast is believed to have vowed to build this church as a gratitude to Virgin Mary who saved their ship from sinking during a storm. The Church is called locally as Arokiya Matha Church, The festival is held between 29th August to the 8th of September every year. Car Festival and cultural programs follow after the Car Procession. Pilgrims from all walks of life beyond the religious barriers gather here to witness the colorful festival. Miracles have earned this church the name Lourdes of the East. Velankanni is famous for its annual 'Feast of Our Lady' celebrated for 10 days during August-September, starting on 29th August.



Paryatan Parv - A great momentum to the Tourism Sector in India

The 'Paryatan Parv' by the Ministry of Tourism was inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister, in presence of Shri K.J. Alphons, Union Minister for Tourism, Smt. Rashmi Verma, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and other dignitaries from participating Central Ministries and State Governments at Rajpath Lawns, New Delhi. This is the second edition of "Paryatan Parv", a nation-wide celebration of Tourism, from the 16th to 27th September, 2018.

Inaugurating the Parv, Shri Rajnath Singh said that India is the only country where all major religions of the world, diverse culture, customs and cuisines are found and, we should see and experience this Incredible India. The Home Minister added that the Government has ensured 'ease of travel' through various steps like simplification of process of e-tourist visa application. The Minister also urged Indians to visit various places in the country and thereby understand its rich and varied culture & heritage, also enjoy its natural beauty.

Speaking at the event the Shri K J Alphons said that Indians have made 1.8 billion domestic trips in the last year and added that the Ministry is aiming for double these visits in next 3 years. The Tourism Minister also called upon everyone to see, experience and get transformed by travelling across India.

During the Inaugural function the Home Minister also released the Paryatan Parv event calendar. The Ministry of Tourism also signed the MoU with Apeejay Group of Hotels and V Resorts for adoption of Jantar Mantar, New Delhi and Surajkund, Haryana, respectively, under its Adopt-a-Heritage scheme. The Home Minister



handed over the MoUs and also 9 Letters of Intent for adoption of several other monuments, under the scheme, was also issued to nine companies.

The highlights of the event in Rajpath Lawns, New Delhi are the participation of a record number of 32 States / UT's who have put up their best foot forward, which include 18 Theme Pavilions, a Food Court with 54 Stalls, bringing in the cuisine from across India; a Kitchen Studio by Institute of Hotel Management, Delhi, Crafts Bazaar with 76 Handicraft & Handloom

Stalls, Yoga Demo & Training, Performances by Armed Forces Bands and an Exhibition on the theme "Saaf Niyat Sahi Vikas" by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

The 250 delegates from 60 countries, participating in the International Tourism Mart, organized by the Ministry of Tourism, also had an opportunity to savour the flavour of the Incredible India on showcase at the Rajpath Lawns.

Over 3150 activities and events are taking place across the country during the 12-day event.





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Abu Dhabi Roadshows in India

The Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) successfully concluded three-city roadshow in India, along with partners and stakeholders, to help promote the emirate and encourage even more Indian visitors to explore and discover Abu Dhabi.

The delegation, which includes the UAE's national carrier Etihad Airways, Yas Experiences, Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi, Royal Arabian, Air Travel Enterprise, Emirates Palace, Sofitel, Rotana, Celebrity Cruise and Premier Travel and Tourism were in India from 17th - 21st September 2018. The roadshow commenced in New Delhi in northern India, moved on to Chennai and ended in Bengaluru in the southern part of the country. The roadshow saw participation of around 350 travel agents who interacted with delegates and stakeholders from Abu Dhabi.

Mubarak Al Nuaimi, Director Promotions and

Overseas Offices, DCT Abu Dhabi, said: "India is a vital tier one source market for us, which is providing more and more hotel guests for us each year. In 2017 we recorded spectacular double-digit growth from India and we are already recording further progress from the Indian market since the turn of the year."

"We see great potential from Indian market and we are now running a series of roadshows to cities across the country highlighting the emirate and its attractions as we seek to capitalise on this uplift. We want to reinforce the messaging to lengthen their stay in Abu Dhabi, so visitors can explore the emirate in its entirety. We have

excellent air connectivity, with 270 flights a week to Abu Dhabi from 12 Indian destinations, meaning it has never been easier to come and visit us."

Bejan Dinshaw, Country Manager for India at DCT Abu Dhabi, said: "Our persistent efforts have managed to reinforce India as one of the leading overseas source markets for Abu Dhabi. Our year-on-year performance has witnessed stupendous growth and this has been possible because of the impressive work done by our trade partners. These roadshows have helped our stakeholders to connect with the regional trade partners, further boosting tourism to the Emirate."

Seychelles Tourism Board presence beyond metro cities

Seychelles Tourist Office, India organised a three city roadshow from 3rd to 7th September 2018 in Kolkata, Bangalore and Pune.

The cities have not only seen an increase in outbound tourism but have high exposure and interest in Seychelles. This potential made them an ideal choice for a targeted roadshow after Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai last year.

Following the success of 2017's format, the roadshow saw the same 'pre-fixed meeting' format in all three cities. This by-invite only format ensured quick 15 minute meetings between top agents from the cities and the private sector

partners from Seychelles. The event had Mrs. Elsie Sinon from the Seychelles Tourism Board in attendance who shared information about the destination with all agents.

Commenting on the roadshow Mrs. Sherin Francis, CEO Seychelles Tourism Board said, "We are happy to note the immense success of the three city road show in India. We have received only positive feedback about the format and execution by both our Seychelles partners and agents back in India. We believe that growth of

any destination relies heavily on its perception and knowledge among the travel trade of the country. We look forward to strengthen our bonds with the Indian travel trade by many more interactions with them in the form of roadshows, workshops and destination trainings in multiple cities of India."

The roadshow did not just introduce a new way of interaction but also saw the highest turn out of participants from Seychelles. The contingent had partners from various establishments.

Explore Tanzania Unmatched Cultural Treasures

Tanzania Tourist Board, with a vision to establish Tanzania as the most favorite travel destination globally, hosted a roadshow in New Delhi today to showcase the unmatched cultural richness of the land.

Tanzania was named "the best safari country in Africa in 2014 and 2015." This put Tanzania on the world map as one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in Africa.

Tanzania Tourist Board, a government organization is committed to boost travel and tourism in the sovereign state of eastern Africa.

"Tourism is the number one foreign currency earner in Tanzania. The total contribution of Travel and Tourism to GDP is 17.2% and is forecasted to rise by 6.6% in 2025. In 2017, tourism contribution to direct and indirect employment measured over one lakh jobs. This

is expected to rise by 2.7% in 2025" said Devota Mdachi, Tanzania Tourist Board.

As a tourist destination, Tanzania is endowed with some of Africa's world class tourism assets that encompass natural, cultural, historical and archaeological sites, which are in high demand by international tourism markets. The state of Tanzania is home to more than 20% of the African continent's large mammals. Tanzania has 16 National Parks, 31 Game Reserves, 44 Game Controlled Areas, 4 Ramsar Sites and 33 Wildlife Management Areas. It also tops the list as the best place for game viewing experiences in Africa.

"Tanzania offers a complete package of

adventure, exploration and relaxation to the tourists. This has significantly increased the number of travelers each year. From seven lakh travelers in 2007 it crossed 13 lakhs in 2017. We expect this number to reach over 2 million tourists by 2020" said Devota Mdachi, Tanzania Tourist Board.





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Teeming Wildlife of Telangana

• Tarsh Sharma

Explore and discover the teeming wildlife of Telangana in their indigenous habitat and get truly mesmerized by the rare exotic and native species of birds, mammals, snakes, amphibians and other flora and fauna.

Telangana, by virtue of its unique location in the heart of Deccan Plateau enjoys unique climatic conditions. This is considered conducive for the thriving flora and fauna. There are renowned wildlife sanctuaries all over the region. Kawal is a dense forest region, which is home to endangered tigers. It is also called as Jannaram wildlife sanctuary.

Some of the other prominent wildlife sanctuaries in Telangana are Mrugavani National Park, KBR Park, Pranahita wildlife sanctuary, Shivaram wildlife Sanctuary, Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary, Shamirpet Deer Park, Nehru Zoological Park, Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary etc. The Deccan plateau is a region of unique and great biodiversity, reflected in the various wildlife havens of the region. There are many facilities provided, for tourists to enjoy a glimpse of the wildlife habitat.

Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary

If you want to explore one of the oldest wildlife sanctuaries of Telangana, then you just can't miss the Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary is located at a distance of 110 kilometers from Warangal. The Eturnagaram Sanctuary was declared a wildlife sanctuary in the year 1953 by the former Hyderabad Government, thanks to its rich bio-diversity. One just can't stop observing and praising the sanctuary's unique feature in the face of climbers, which are found in great quantity across the length and breadth of this marvelous natural park. The area in this wildlife park is full of steeps and gentle slopes. On the top of it, the wildlife sanctuary area has some historical significance owing to the existence of tree fossils in this Sarvai area and caves.

Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary is also counted as those rare eco-regions around the globe that has various embryonic species of ephemeral elements. The natural park is spread over an area of 806 sq.kms in Warangal district. This very scenic place is a narrow band of forest formation and lose to three-fourths of this entire land is identified by rising and falling plain land surface while the remaining part of it is hilly with a superfluity of streams and springs. The perennial river Dayyam Vagu flows through this beautiful sanctuary. This Vagu separates the wildlife sanctuary into two parts. The region is covered completely with thick

natural vegetation. The plethora of water in the sanctuary attributes to the presence of reptiles like the famous Mugger crocodiles and snakes like the Cobra, Python and Krait. Best season to visit the sanctuary is from October to April.

Shivaram Wildlife Sanctuary

Located along the holy River Godavari which is the lifeline to the Sivaram wildlife Sanctuary in Karimnagar district of Telangana, the total area of this beautiful wildlife Sanctuary is approx. 36.29 sq kms. This wildlife sanctuary is well known for Marsh Crocodiles that are seen throughout the Indo Gangetic plain.

The marsh crocodiles are the fresh water crocodile which are also known as Mugger Crocodiles. These mugger crocodiles outnumber the salt water crocodiles, and can crawl for a considerable distances on land. These crocodiles that are equally mobile on land as well as in water, and this quality stands as the hot tourist attraction at Sivaram wildlife Sanctuary in Telangana.

The deciduous vegetation of this sanctuary consisting of Timan, Terminalias, Teak, Gumpena, Kodsha. It also has some Thorny Shrubs. The wildlife sanctuary attracts a lot of tourists with its wide collection of fauna which includes Sloth bear, Nilgai, Panther, Langaur, Rhesus Monkey, Cheetal, etc. The

most appropriate time for a visit to this wildlife Sanctuary is winter.

Nagarjunsagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve

The Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve, which is spread over Nalgonda and Mahabubnagar is the largest Tiger reserve in the country. This Tiger Reserve covers a total area of about 3,568 square kms. Srisailam's temples and reservoirs are the major attraction for thousands of tourists and pilgrims visiting the holy town.

The Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Sanctuary was declared officially in the year 1978 and has been recognized by the Project Tiger in the year 1983. This Reserve has been renamed as the Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary in the year 1992. The reserve is known for its breath taking scenic beauty. Situated in the deciduous Nallamala forests, the mystifying landscape of the lofty hills and echoing valleys, exciting winding roads, perennial rivers, is this most charismatic world of the wild cats. It is a true wild paradise. The mighty River Krishna which rising in Sahyadri Hills and makes its way through Maharashtra and Karnataka flows across Nallamala tiger reserve. The best time to visit the Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve between the months of October to June.





tourist places in Karimnagar. It is situated near the NTR statue, at the entrance of Karimnagar town for those coming from Hyderabad and for tourists coming from Warangal it is located after Alugunoor Bridge.

Deer Park, also called as Rajeev Gandhi Deer Park is located on the outskirts of Karimnagar town close to the Lower Manair Dam. It is at a short distance from Ujwala Park built on a 30-acre land. It is situated at the entrance of Karimnagar town for tourists coming from Hyderabad and while those coming from Warangal can locate it after the Alugunoor Bridge. These parks have become popular destinations on the tourist circuit of North Telangana and particularly Karimnagar region.

Jannaram Wildlife Sanctuary

Thousands of tourists make it to this secluded animal kingdom for experiencing the beauty of the dense forests that houses many varieties of trees. Winter is considered as an ideal season to visit this sanctuary. Cheetal, Sambar, Nilgai, Sloth Bear, Barking Deer, Indian Bison, Panther and Tiger are some of the animal species that are spotted here.

Tourists can even find reptiles such as Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Python, Star Tortoise and Cobra, in Kawal wildlife sanctuary. The sanctuary offers services like jeep safaris, and bird watching trips for tourists who can enjoy their stay, spotting rare animals in the wild habitat. Situated in the midst of scenic hillocks and greenery, this is an ideal destination for those who desire to be in unison with nature. Tourists can also take up trekking here in the forests.

Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary located at Jannaram, in Adilabad district of Telangana is listed among the important wildlife sanctuaries in the country. The Kawal sanctuary is home to several varieties of flora and fauna and is a must-see place for those planning to catch a glimpse of wild animals in their most natural habitat.



Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary

The Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Khammam district of Telangana, India. This exotic wildlife sanctuary is the natural habitat of some exotic wild life and tourists visiting the sanctuary can easily spot the wide range of animals taking shelter in their natural homes. With such a a sanctuary, the government gives these animals a scope to enjoy their life and regenerate.

The Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is located at a distance of 21kilometers away from the Paloncha town which is in the district of Khammam. The wildlife sanctuary covers an area of 635.4 square kilometers and this plentiful

land serves as the native land for several endangered species. This sanctuary got its name after the river Kinnerasani. This river divides the sanctuary and meets Godavari. The fauna found in this sanctuary are Panthers, Chinkara, Chousinghas, Sambar, Cheetal, Gaurs, Hyena, Jackals, Wild Boars, Tigers, Sloth Bear, and Black Bucks. Tourists can also spot a number of birds like Jungle Fowl, Quails, Partridges, Peafowl, Nuktas, Spoonbills, Teals, and Doves.

Ujwala and Deer Parks

Ujwala Park located in Karimnagar District was created in 2001 near the Lower Manair Dam close to the outskirts of Karimnagar town. Today it has emerged as one of the famous



TAFI Convention 2018

The 12th TAFI (Travel Agent Federation of India) convention held in Abu Dhabi from September 25th to September 27th 2018 in the iconic Emirates Palace hotel.

The theme of the Convention was “Innovation – Transform – Disrupt – Redefining the Offline Travel World”, around these key words all Business sessions were evolved. Eminent speakers from India and Abroad were invited to address the august gathering. Panel discussions, workshops and standalone sessions made the Business sessions interesting, interactive and meaningful.

Hosting an event of this calibre is testament to Abu Dhabi’s growing reputation as a world-class destination for high-profile conventions and meetings,” said HE Saif Saeed Ghobash, Undersecretary, at the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi, “As the UAE continues to further

boost its knowledge-based economy, tourism is singled out as one of the leading sectors that guide our vision and strategy for the future. Against this backdrop, we recognize India as one of Abu Dhabi’s top overseas source markets for guests, as it has recorded a remarkable upward trend over the last few years. As such, we are proud to host this prestigious event and invite all attendees to take the time to explore the Emirate’s rich offerings and enjoy unique experiences whilst they are here.

Apart from the Business sessions, sightseeing for all the delegates & entertainment programs were organized.





Feel the Luxury: Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, stretched out on a T-shaped island which projects on the Persian Gulf. Urbanisation and rapid development in its tourism sector have led to the transformation of this city into the top tourist destination.

• Tarsh Sharma

Abu Dhabi has turned into a bustling, modern city with broad boulevards, gleaming skyscrapers, high-rise buildings and busy shopping malls. Monuments such as The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, Qasr Al Hosn and the Heritage Village add to the city's historical charm whereas the Yas Island and Capital Gate are the recent developments. It also has spectacular

beaches that are well equipped and safe, numerous wildlife parks, theme parks and gardens to entertain locals and tourists.

Places to must visit in Abu Dhabi:-

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is a masterpiece of Islamic architecture and encourages international visitors and residents to visit

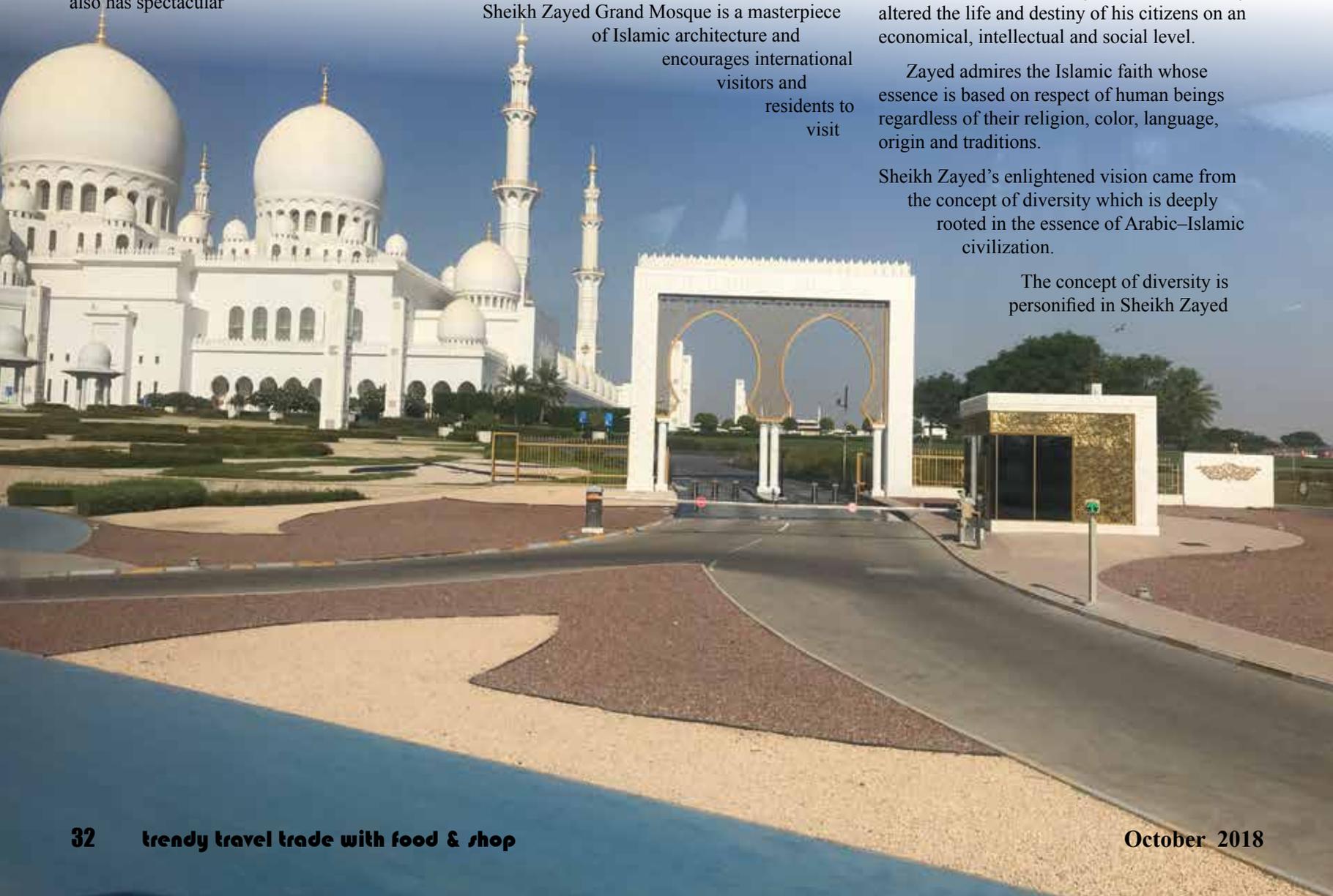
the mosque for educational and tourism purposes.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan was well known for his contributions as a leader of strong will, insight and vision. After achieving the foundation of the United Arab Emirates, Zayed was able to instigate and realize great contributions to his country which dramatically altered the life and destiny of his citizens on an economical, intellectual and social level.

Zayed admires the Islamic faith whose essence is based on respect of human beings regardless of their religion, color, language, origin and traditions.

Sheikh Zayed's enlightened vision came from the concept of diversity which is deeply rooted in the essence of Arabic-Islamic civilization.

The concept of diversity is personified in Sheikh Zayed



Grand Mosque, a majestic marvel that reveals a spectrum of architectural splendors formulating a harmonious unity between different Islamic architectural schools. The Mosque also includes a variety of post-modern architectural designs enriching its historical Islamic tastes.

The late Sheikh Zayed aimed to establish a historical Mosque, personifying the Islamic message of peace, tolerance and diversity. He intended to turn the Grand Mosque into a living reference in modern Islamic architecture linking the past with the present in a harmonious melody.

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque design and construction 'unites the world', using artisans, craftsmen and materials from many countries including Italy, Germany, Morocco, India, Turkey, China, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Greece and of course the United Arab Emirates. More than 3,000 workers and 38 contracting companies took part in the construction of the Mosque! Natural materials were chosen for much of its design and construction due to their long-lasting and beautiful qualities, including marble, stone, gold, semi-precious stones, crystals and ceramics.

Yas Island

Yas Island's destination offer entertainment and leisure, which includes iconic attractions such as Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Warner Bros, Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi, Yas Marina Circuit - home of the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Yas Mall, as well as a wide variety of world-class entertainment venues, restaurants and hotels.

Ferrari World

Imagination, Curiosity, Adventure, Thrill and Joy. That's what moments are made of at Ferrari World Abu Dhabi. And with 37 record-breaking rides & attractions for everyone in the family, your spark could be closer than you think.

Rides

Whether you crave the intense G-force of world-class roller coasters, want to go-kart race with your family or challenge the best lap times in a state-of-the-art simulator – we have endless fun for everyone.

Driving

Live the dream and experience the thrill around Yas Island behind the wheel of a Ferrari! Top down, buckle up and drive on with a trained instructor, or ride with a couple of friends or family, you'll receive a lesson into how to drive the car from one of the Ferrari trained instructors.



Shows

Be entertained and amazed by the shows featuring acrobats, optical illusions, gravity-defying stunts and more. Watch the drama unfold and enjoy the elegance, passion and beauty of the performances.

Dining

Enjoy the restaurants that serve you the best of Italian and international cuisines. Feast yourself happy. Dine in style at one of the six restaurants, and be transported to Ferrari's Italian homeland

with warm hospitality, delicious snacks and authentic cuisine! Whether you crave a quick bite on the go or a leisurely lunch in an Italian trattoria, there's a dining experience to delight every taste.

Shopping

Featuring the world's largest Ferrari retail space and an impressive collection of branded products and memorabilia - from fun toy cars to a wide range of sleek Italian fashion and accessories - everyone has a chance to take a piece of Ferrari history home.





Warner Bros

Warner Bros the 1.65 million sq ft park deliver guests with captivating experiences bringing together some of the world’s most iconic characters and stories under one roof. Featuring a total of 29 state-of-the-art rides, interactive family-friendly attractions and unique live entertainment, as well as a variety of authentically themed dining and shopping outlets, the park’s incredibly immersive environments, unique thrill rides and fan-favorite characters will create a truly unparalleled experience for all who visit.

When guests step through the iconic Warner Bros. shield, they will enter a world where Super Heroes like Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman fight for justice and animated stars like Bugs Bunny, Wile E. Coyote and Scooby-Doo come to life in the most brilliant and awe-inspiring ways.

The excitement begins at Warner Bros. Plaza, an Art-Deco inspired land that celebrates the Golden Age of Hollywood and all things Warner Bros. A portal to the rest of the park, this land is famed for its All-Star Spectacular, a majestic show that brings the Warner Bros. film library to life.



Al Ain Museums

The oldest museum in the UAE, Al Ain Museum was established under the leadership of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan in 1969 to chart the history of Al Ain from the Stone Age through to the foundation of the UAE.

the many archaeological sites scattered across the region, including flint tools and arrowheads dating to the sixth millennium BCE.

The Eastern or Sultan fort rests at the eastern edge of Al Ain Oasis and is one of the most important historic buildings in the region,

The museum houses artifacts recovered from





associated with the increased influence of the ruling Al Nahyan family in Al Ain from the end of the nineteenth century onwards. The fort is a well-preserved mud-brick structure with towers at three of the corners and a gate in the southern façade built by the son of Sheikh Zayed the First, Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed, in 1910.

Arabian Night Village

In the heart of the Abu Dhabi desert, nestled in the dunes, where a one-of-a-kind village will bring you the most authentic and memorable Emirati cultural experience is what Arabian Night Village is all about.

Arabian Nights Village is an integral part of any visit to Abu Dhabi and a must-see for intrepid travellers, family visitors and UAE residents.

Hospitality

In honour of Bedouin tradition, you will be welcomed to the village with warmth and kindness. You will be considered as a member of the family.

The traditional welcome of fresh cardamom-spiced Arabic coffee dates and the fragrance of Bakhoor is blended seamlessly with the modern

convenience of a concierge and hotel level service to make you feel at home.

Mirage

When you first peer over the dunes that surround Arabian Nights Village you will see what at first seems like a mirage is in fact a real oasis surrounded by palm trees.

The Oasis Pool has an epic desert view during the day and you can watch shooting stars on the clear crisp nights. The guests class the swimming pool as one-of-a-kind, one they will remember for a lifetime.

Lourve Abu Dhabi

Lourve Abu Dhabi is a new cultural beacon, bringing different cultures together to shine fresh light on the shared stories of humanity. The origins of Lourve Abu Dhabi date back to 2007, when France and United Arab Emirates came together to develop a new kind of cultural institution. The result is a museum rooted in universal human values, the first of its kind of cultural institution.

Lourve Abu Dhabi champions the cultural achievement of mankind, from prehistory to the present day.

Recommended Accommodation

Dusit Thani

Dusit Thani Dubai is an iconic 5-star luxury hotel that captures the essence of Thailand in the vibrant centre of this cosmopolitan city, the jewel of the UAE.

Enjoy jaw-dropping views of Dubai’s futuristic skyline while relaxing in the comfort of Thai elegance and grandeur in one of Dusit Thani Dubai fully-renovated luxurious rooms or suites. Sample thoughtfully prepared dishes inspired by flavours spanning the globe at one of the hotel’s six dining and entertainment outlets have a pampering and revitalizing spa treatment at Namm Spa or soak away your cares in the amazing rooftop pool.



IATO Annual Convention 2018

The 34th Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) Convention held in Vishakhapatnam Hotel Novotel from 6th -9th September.

34th IATO annual convention witnessed the presence of KJ Alphons, The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism; Minister of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bhuma Akhila Priya; Minister of Kerala, Kadakampally Surendran; Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary Tourism, Andhra Pradesh; Himanshu Shukla, CEO, Andhra Pradesh Tourism

Authority; IATO Members and journalists.

On the first day of the inauguration, The evening started with cultural performances local to Andhra Pradesh followed by welcome speeches from the IATO team and keynote addresses from the various state ministers.

The Tourism Minister of Kerala extended an

invitation to the association to hold their next convention in his state. During the evening, IATO along with FAITH, presented the state of Kerala with donations over of Rs 50 lakhs.

The three-day event whose theme aims at achieving 20 million foreign tourists by 2020, debated on pertinent issues that India currently faces in reaching this milestone.



KJ Alphons, The Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism; Minister of Tourism

I was in Kerala for 10 days during the floods and I was overwhelmed to see the kind of support that came from people of Kerala. I am very happy to say that today, Kerala is ready for business. It has bounced back!



Rashmi Verma, Secretary, Tourism, Government of India

In 2017, we had a growth of 15 percent in foreign tourist arrivals. We also saw a 20 percent in foreign exchange earnings. We have set ourselves a very tough target by our tourism minister – that of achieving 20 million tourists by 2020. Last year, for the first time we crossed the 10 million mark which was a doubling of the numbers in just three years. This was no easy task. I am sure that the new target we have set for ourselves will also be achieved if we all join hands.





India Tourism Mart 2018

The Union Minister for Railways and Coal, Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the ‘first ever’ India Tourism Mart (ITM 2018) in the presence of Union Tourism Minister, Shri K J Alphons and the Tourism Minister of Morocco, Mr. Mohamed Sajid, in New Delhi.

The India Tourism Mart is being organized by the Ministry of Tourism from 16th to 18th September 2018, in partnership with the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) and with support of State /UT Governments. The function was held in presence of the Secretary, other senior officials of Tourism Ministry and Chairman/members of FAITH and also delegates from India and across the world.

Inaugurating the event, Shri Piyush Goyal wished the best to the Tourism Ministry to reach the ambitious goal of US\$100 billion FTA receipts/year within 5 years. The Minister said that unless the infrastructure/fundamentals are set up, India can't come up as a well sought after destination and he said that the present government has been developing these like ensuring 24 hour power supply, promoting renewable energy forms, and improving connectivity by effectively connecting the remotest destinations. The Minister also added that the most important element that will help promote Tourism in a complete way is the Government's cleanliness drive, the Swachhta Abhiyan, which will ensure India becoming a preferred destination for all international tourists. Mentioning the income multiplier effect in the Tourism sector, the Minister said that Tourism generates a number of employment opportunities in formal and informal sectors and can change the destiny of the country. The Railway Minister

added that the youth of the country can be entrepreneurs, service providers, interpreters etc in the sector and ascertained that India with its varied features has tremendous potential and we just need to leverage from it.

Speaking at the event, the Tourism Minister announced that ITM will be an annual event hereafter in line with other International Tourism Marts and it will be held in the month of September. The Minister said that India is so vast that there will be something new for everyone to see and experience in this country with its varied geography, culture, traditions, architectural marvels, religions. Shri Alphons also added that visiting the country has become easier with the new e-visa regime which is now open to 166 countries.

India Tourism Mart (ITM) is being held for the first time and the Tourism industry stakeholders are coming together for such a large scale event with Ministry's support. FAITH is the apex organization of all the important trade and hospitality associations of the country with all the 10 major Tourist organizations like FHRAI, HAI, IATO being involved in this mega event and India Convention Promotion Board (ICPB) is coordinating the whole event. This is a Business to Business Event. The objective of the event is to create an annual Global Tourism Mart for India in line with major international travel marts being held in countries across the world. The Mart provides a platform for all

stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industries to interact and transact business opportunities.

The ITM 2018 has a participation of around 225 hosted international buyers and Media personnel across the world such as North America, West Europe, East Asia, Latin America, CIS countries etc. The international delegates from overseas markets will interact with Indian seller delegates and the buyers will include current buyers who are already marketing India as a tourist destination as well as potential buyers who are not marketing India as a tourist destination at present but have shown interest in the country. The event also provides an opportunity to the buyers to see the world class tourism facilities available in our country such as Airports, Hotels, Tourist destinations, upcoming facilities, MICE facilities, possibility in the field of adventure tourism and other niche products.

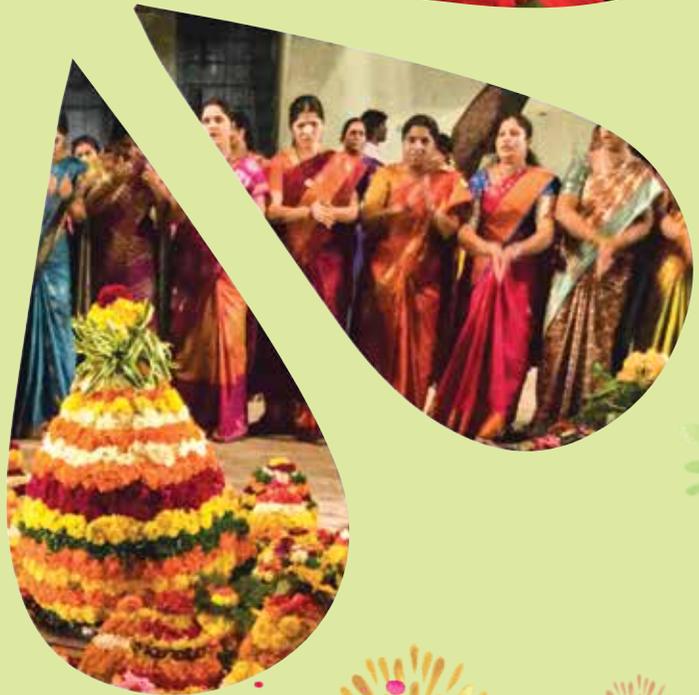
Around 225 stalls have been provided to the sellers to enable them to interact with the buyers. These include pavilion for States & Union Territories to showcase their unique tourism destinations and products. The B2B meetings between buyer and seller delegates are being held during these 3 days.

The FAITH and State Governments is also offering a pre and post event FAM trips (Familiarization trips) for the buyer delegates from overseas.





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Government of Telangana



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song and
laughter bloom.

Join us, as Telangana celebrates its most vibrant festival of flowers - Bathukamma. A tribute to feminine valour and benevolence, that is a 1000-year-old legacy. Celebrated with multi-hued Bathukammas, mesmerising songs, rhythmic dances and more; it's an experience that you have to see, to believe!

AAI bags India Green Energy Award 2018

Airports Authority of India (AAI) won the India Green Energy Award for the year 2018.

Shri Anil Kumar Sharma ED (PMQA & EMC) & Shri Rakesh Kalra ED (Engg. - NR) along with Shri N. B Goel Jt.GM (Engg. - NR) received the award on behalf of, Airports Authority of India during the panel discussion on “National Biofuel Policy 2018 & its impact on Energy Security” at New Maharashtra Sadan, New Delhi on 07 Sept. 2018. This award was presented by Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Hon`ble Minister for Commerce and Industry and Civil

Aviation for award category “Innovative initiative of outstanding Green Energy in transport sector-for infrastructure”.

The India Green Energy Awards (IGEA) event by Indian Federation of Green Energy (IGFE) is to recognise the initiatives of individuals, groups and corporates on Green Energy. IGFE is an umbrella organisation representing the interests of the national renewable energy sector – biomass, solar, wind, thermal etc. It also focuses on the area of green energy with the mission of promoting energy security in a sustainable manner in every sector of development.



PM inaugurates Pakyong Airport in Sikkim

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Pakyong Airport in Sikkim. This is the first airport in the Himalayan State, and the 100th airport in the country.

Addressing a large public gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister described the day as a historic one for Sikkim, and an important one for India. He said that with Pakyong Airport, the country has hit a century of airports. The Prime

Minister also mentioned the young cricketer from Sikkim, Nilesch Lamichanay, who recently became the first cricketer from the State to score a century in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

The Prime Minister said that Pakyong Airport would greatly ease connectivity to Sikkim. He said that in order to ensure that it is useful to the common man, this airport is part of the UDAN scheme.

The Prime Minister said that emphasis is being given to enhance both infrastructural and emotional connectivity in the entire North Eastern region, at a rapid rate. He said he has personally visited the North Eastern States several times to review development work. Besides this, he added, Union Ministers also regularly visit the region. He said the results of this are visible on the ground. He mentioned enhanced air and rail connectivity, better roads, big bridges etc.

Aviation and Transport Business Leader of the Year

Sir Tim Clark has been named “Aviation and Transport Business Leader of the Year” at the Gulf Business Awards 2018, held in Dubai. The regional accolade recognised Sir Tim for his contribution to the aviation sector over the past 12 months, as well as his dedication and sustained commitment to building an outstanding track record of financial performance, innovation and a superior customer experience.

Covering a wide range of sectors and industries, the Gulf Business Awards attracts leaders within the region’s business community. Awards are presented based on public votes as well as highly competitive

judging criteria.

Sir Tim was part of the airline’s founding team, and has played a vital role in the development and growth of Emirates to become the world’s largest international airline, recording 289 million passenger kilometres in 2017. Emirates grew its network in 2017, connecting people and goods to and through Dubai, and contributing to the development of economies around the world through vital air transport links essential to business, tourism and trade.

The airline has also been at the industry helm when it comes to driving a better customer experience, both onboard and on the ground. Sir Tim has also been a



strong advocate of leveraging innovative technologies to further differentiate the airline’s products and services.

SriLankan Airlines bags two Prestigious Award

SriLankan Airlines, the National Carrier of Sri Lanka and a member of the oneworld alliance was awarded two prestigious titles at the World Travel Awards 2018 Asia and Australasia Ceremony held at InterContinental Grand Stanford in Hong Kong.

Whilst the Airline’s launch campaign to Australia titled ‘Two Cities. One Spirit’ was awarded the ‘Asia’s Leading Marketing Campaign 2018’ accolade, SriLankan managed to defend the familiar title ‘Asia’s Leading Airline to the Indian Ocean 2018’ for the second consecutive year.

SriLankan Airlines, Group Chief Executive Officer, Mr. VipulaGunatilleka said, “SriLankan

Airlines’ emphasis has been on systematic and focused growth in certain markets to reposition the Airline as a leader in the region through product/frequency enhancements and induction of new destinations. Our consolidated strength in the Indian Sub-continent has allowed us to offer a wider choice of travel to customers across our global network. Impactful marketing communication activations, on the other hand, have been instrumental in cementing the Airline’s brand presence in our focus markets. These two awards bear testimony to the fact that our efforts have been holistically effective.”

SriLankan Airlines’ General Manager

Marketing, Mr. Saminda Perera said, “We, at SriLankan Airlines, are delighted to receive two coveted awards at the World Travel Awards Asia and Australasia Ceremony, this year. Whilst one award reinforces our stature as a leader in the ISC region, the other recognizes the innovativeness and universal appeal of our marketing communications endeavours.”



Jet Airways' Mumbai-Manchester new service

Jet Airways, India's premier international airline is all set to introduce the country's first non-stop service between Mumbai and Manchester effective 05th November, 2018.

The airline's latest service connecting India via its commercial capital, with Manchester - the 3rd largest city in the UK will further strengthen Jet Airways' connect with the United Kingdom (UK). Jet Airways will deploy a wide body A330-200 with 254 seating for the service, which will now operate five days a week including Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Manchester will become the 21st international addition to the Jet Airways network and with the introduction of this new flight - the carrier's 5th non-stop service to/from the UK, Jet Airways will also become the largest carrier between Mumbai and the UK.

Jet Airways and Marketing Manchester have

organised a series of roadshows in order to promote awareness about the new non-stop service among the industry and other travel/ trade bodies and partners. Marketing Manchester is the agency charged with promoting Greater Manchester on the national and international stage to visitors, investors, conference organisers and students.

Since announcing the new service in May this year, the airline has been working to strengthen additional connectivity choices for guests arriving in Manchester, who can now connect onwards to North America and Europe or even within the UK, via flights with Jet Airways' partner carriers including Virgin Atlantic, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Air France and other interline

partners. Jet Airways' guests and those of certain partner carriers will also be able to enjoy mutual earn and burn of miles on each other frequent flyer programmes as per agreement between the respective airlines.

The new service between Mumbai and Manchester is expected to be of special significance to business & leisure travelers, as also for a significant diaspora of people, including a growing Indian community residing in and around Manchester. The fast-expanding business and industrial hub also has one of the largest student communities in Europe, besides being extremely well connected to other major cities such as Liverpool, Leeds, Lake District and Sheffield, all within close proximity to Manchester.

Marnix Fruitema, Executive Vice President - Commercial, Jet Airways

Our new 5 days-a-week non-stop service brings Manchester into our global network, expanding our footprint as well as the choice of connectivity to and from the United Kingdom for our guests. The new service will enable Jet Airways to offer over 8,500 seats every week, making it increasingly convenient for business guests, leisure travelers as well as students, to travel between India and the UK, strengthening commerce as well as tourism ties between the two countries. Guests can also avail the advantages of various Jet Airways' programmes such as eduJetter and JetEscapes to make their journeys more enriching.

Sheona Southern, Managing Director of Marketing Manchester

Known throughout the world as the birthplace of the industrial revolution, Manchester has a proud history in science, politics, music, arts and sport. Today the city combines this heritage with a progressive vision to be a globally minded, open and collaborative world city. "Thanks to Jet Airways, now is a better time than ever for the Indian market to discover Manchester and the North of England's strengths as a culturally rich visitor destination, growing investment hub and diverse academic network.

Andrew Cowan – Chair of the Manchester India Partnership & CEO of Manchester Airport

Securing a direct service to one of India's major cities is the product of a lot of hard work over a long period of time to forge closer ties between Manchester and this globally significant economy. We have worked, along with a range of partners, to create a compelling case for why our city – and the wider North – is a great place to visit, invest in and do business with.

"I am delighted Jet Airways have recognised this by launching what I'm sure will be a hugely popular service, not least for the 500,000 people of Indian origin living across the North. Direct connectivity to the world's most important markets is key to creating a prosperous and internationally competitive Northern economy, and a balanced and outward facing UK.

Emirates launches exclusive Food and Wine channels

Emirates has launched its own Food and Wine Channels to give customers a behind-the-scenes look at how it creates its onboard menus and works with its global partners.

The channels give an inside look into Emirates' US \$700 million dollar investment in fine wines and its regional and seasonal food menus prepared by award-winning chefs. Both the Emirates Food and Wine Channels can now be viewed on all flights.

The Food Channel showcases the detail that goes into menu development by Emirates Chefs and ingredient sourcing for onboard meals. The airline serves about 110 million meals each year with the same attention to detail in First Class, Business Class and Economy Class. Each episode explores how the airline brings the finest products on board through long standing partnerships worldwide, including local suppliers and artisans. The first two episodes take the viewer to Umbria, Italy, where Emirates purchases its olive oil from

Monte Vibiano and to Sri Lanka to understand how the Dilmah tea is selected to be served on board.

The episodes also feature some recipes from its regionally inspired onboard menus so customers can recreate Emirates' signature Prawn Machbous, or learn how to make a classic crepe at home. The recipes can also be found on emirates.com. The Food Channel was launched with two episodes and more episodes will be added next year.

Joost Heymeijer, Emirates' Senior Vice President, Catering said: "We go to great lengths to present our customers in every class with a great dining experience. A lot of detail goes into preparing the meals and choosing the wines. The channels give viewers access to our food and

beverage philosophy, the catering strategy and how we work with our partners. In addition, our tutorials and recipes give our customers something interesting to 'take home' with them."

"So if you're enjoying a fine wine like Château Haut Brion 2004 on board, there is an accompanying wine tutorial to help you appreciate and understand its nuances and what makes it unique. Similarly, if you've just enjoyed the Braised Coconut Beef Short Ribs served on your flight and want to recreate it at home, we have that recipe on the Food Channel," he added.



Agreement signed between Cathay Pacific and Qantas



Cathay Pacific and Qantas customers are set to benefit from a new codeshare agreement that leverages the strengths of each carrier's regional networks and provides more options for customers travelling between Asia and Australia.

More destinations, more convenience

The codeshare agreement will see Cathay Pacific add its code to 13 routes on Qantas' domestic network in Australia.

In turn, Qantas will add its code to Cathay Pacific and Cathay Dragon's services within Asia from Hong Kong to 10 cities across India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, and on Cathay Pacific's services from Hong Kong to Perth and Cairns.

More rewards

Customers of both airlines will also have increased opportunities to earn frequent flyer points through their respective loyalty programmes.

Cathay Pacific Marco Polo Club members will earn more Club Points when travelling on a Cathay Pacific-coded flight. Similarly, Qantas Frequent Flyer members will be able to earn more Qantas Points and status credits when travelling on the Qantas-coded flights.

More collaboration

Cathay Pacific Chief Customer and Commercial Officer Paul Loo welcomed the agreement, saying a closer relationship between the two airlines was a win-win for the carriers' customers.

"As one of the founding members of the oneworld alliance, we are delighted to work with our oneworld partner, Qantas, to offer our customers with more travel options within Australia. This new cooperation enables us to strengthen our connectivity across our Southwest Pacific network as well as grow the oneworld alliance," he said.

"Australia has been a key destination for Cathay Pacific ever since we launched our first commercial operations to the country nearly half a century ago, and we look forward to welcoming guests from Qantas onto our flights soon."

Qantas International CEO Alison Webster said the new codeshare agreement was part of Qantas'

strategy of operating to key global hubs and providing customers with access to an expanded network with airline partners based in those ports.

"Building on the relationship we have with Cathay Pacific through oneworld, we'll offer customers travelling from Australia more connections across Asia via Hong Kong, with the added benefit of a codeshare service," said Alison.

"This new codeshare partnership also forms part of our growth strategy for the broader Asia region, with strong demand for travel between Australia and Asia. It's good news for Qantas customers who will have more travel options, greater opportunities to earn frequent flyer points, and a premium experience onboard both home carriers."

Tickets for the codeshare services will be available for sale from 22 October 2018, for travel from 28 October 2018.

A new Airport in Jharsuguda

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi yesterday inaugurated a new airport in Jharsuguda - also known as the powerhouse of Odisha.

Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister of the State, Shri Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and Civil Aviation, Shri. Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri. JualOram were among those

present on the occasion. The Prime Minister also flagged off the UDAN flight on Jharsuguda-Raipur sector.

Jharsuguda is the second airport of Odisha after Bhubaneswar to become operational and the first one to provide necessary connectivity to Bhubaneswar, Raipur and Ranchi under RCS UDAN. In Odisha, other than Jharsuguda,

three more airports, namely, Jeypore in Koraput District, Rourkela in Sundargarh District and Utkela in Kalahandi District are being developed to provide connectivity to remote and far flung areas of the coastal state. For revival and upgradation of these four airports within the state of Odisha, Rs. 370 Crores has been allocated under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.

SWISS launches stopover travel packages

SWISSnow offers its travellers the option of booking a variety of destination packages to explore Switzerland's iconic sights and cities within a couple of days. a

The new "Stopover Switzerland" programme is collaboration between SWISS, Switzerland Tourism and Switzerland Travel Centre, and offers an initial range of eight different tourist packages covering all Swiss regions and with all accommodation and public transport included.

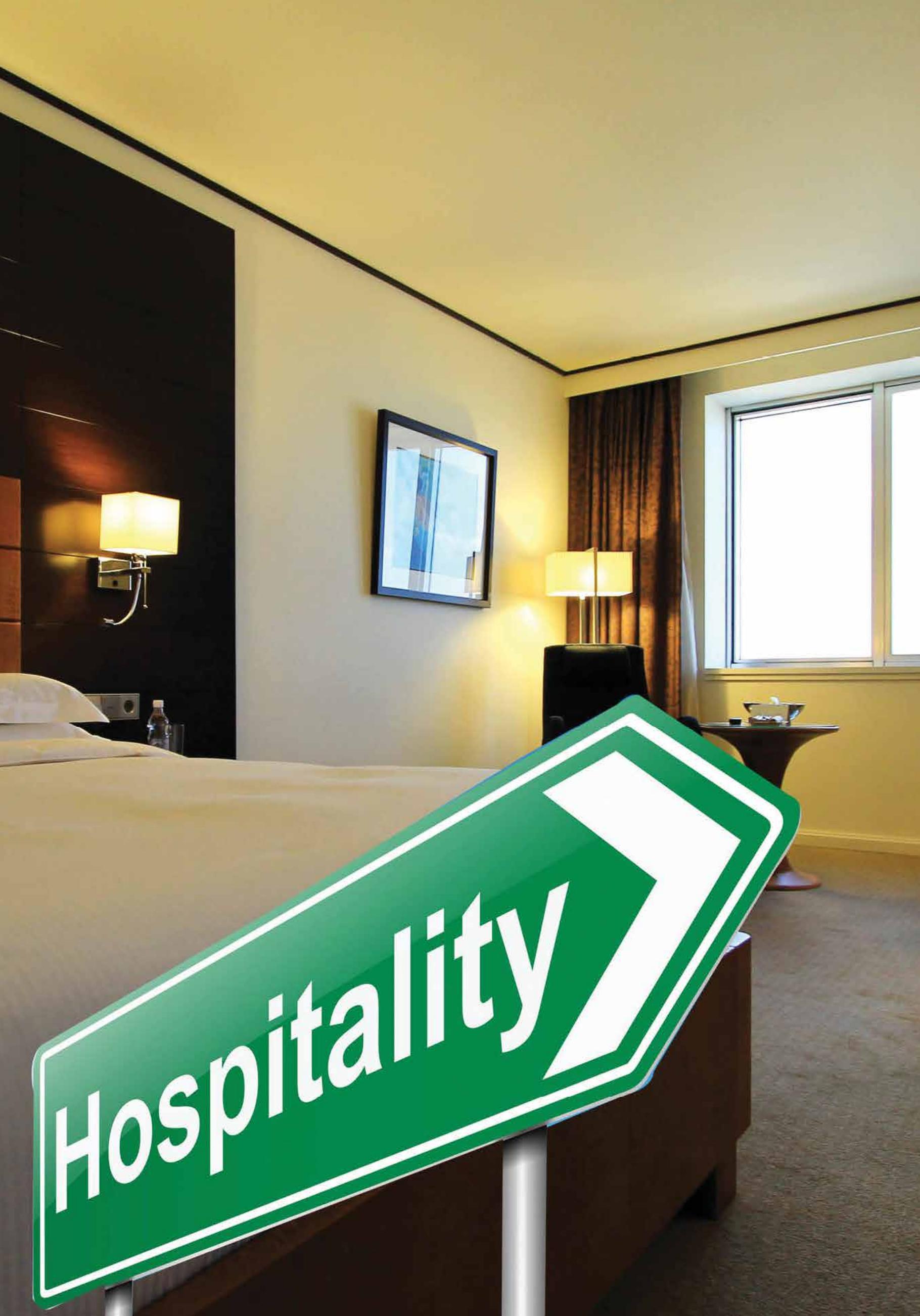
Travellers on Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS), The Airline of Switzerland, can now both get to their final destination and explore Switzerland en route. Both leisure and business travellers can extend their stopover in Switzerland by one to four nights by adding a customizable travel package under

the new "Stopover Switzerland" offer, which SWISS has launched in close collaboration with Switzerland Tourism (ST) and Switzerland Travel Centre (STC). India, Singapore and the United States are the first SWISS markets to introduce the new stopover programme.

Travel habits are evolving. Guests today want to increasingly experience a variety of destinations and activities in one trip. And they are willing to immerse themselves in a destination for just a few days to gain a first impression. SWISS and Switzerland Tourism have been analyzing the new trend. And it's in response to it

that they have now jointly developed the new "Stopover Switzerland" programme.

Stopover Switzerland takes full advantage of the sheer density and variety of Switzerland's many attractions: nowhere else can visitors experience so much in so little time. And to ensure that all this "Swissness" can be enjoyed as smoothly and comfortably as possible, Stopover Switzerland offers, in collaboration with Switzerland Travel Centre, a range of eight customized single or multi-destination travel packages which all include accommodation in a three- or four-star hotel at the chosen destination plus all public transport.



Hospitality

Journey of Romance

Honeymoon - A fantasy journey to destinations whose very names mean romance.

• **Tarsh Sharma**

A honeymoon trip has to be a perfect blend of rejuvenation and fun activities to enjoy with your loved one, accompanied by a luxurious and comfortable stay.

Cuddle by the fire at a mountain retreat, enjoy grand sunsets together, savor a gourmet meal and pamper yourselves with a massage at these hotels that will surely make you and your partner swoon!

The hotel industry is so vast that many hotels do not fit into a single well-defined category. Industry can be classified in various ways, based on location, size of

property etc. Honeymooners as a consumer could choose the type of hotel for them to stay in their honeymoon. They can choose to stay whether in a city hotel, resort, large hotel, small hotel, upscale, midscale, budget hotel, theme hotel, and many more.

However, wherever you choose the hotel to stay, there must be the reason behind why they choose a particular hotel. Whether you are looking for a secluded romantic retreat, a cozy honeymoon or a lavish romantic vacation, these most romantic hotels in the world will definitely rev up the romance in your life.



Ayada Maldives

Ayada Maldives is a luxury resort located within the southern rim of the Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll in the southern Maldives. The island occupies 15 hectares and features indigenous vegetation with uninterrupted views of Maldivian landscape and the Indian Ocean.

Honeymoon at Ayada can truly be exquisite; the remote location of Ayada is ideal for couples and allows the guests to enjoy varied romantic experiences to create a memorable holiday in the Maldivian paradise.

Ayada Maldives offers romantic packages and experiences ensuring a perfect holiday for

couples celebrating honeymoon. One can take a private sunset cruise around the island, enjoy a romantic dinner on the beach or relax during an hour couple's spa treatment at the award-winning AySpa.

Ayada offers complete privacy to the honeymooners. One can start the morning with their beloved in the villa's private pool enjoying a romantic floating tray breakfast with a view. Newlyweds can also plan excursions from the resort to nearby islands during the day. Ayada offers the deserted island picnics for a romantic Robinson Crusoe experience or sail out in a Romantic Sunset Cruise experience.



Morgan Martinello
Resort Manager At Ayada Maldives





Banyan Tree Samui

Overlooking the azure waters of the Gulf of Thailand, Banyan Tree Samui is nestled amid the lush jungle of a private bay and presents an ideal choice for honeymooners.

Couples can choose to unwind in the comfort of their pool villa, amuse their palate with the culinary adventures provided from our dining outlets – including the exclusive Destination Dining experience in a secluded beachside setting, partake in a range of recreational activities such as yoga classes or a guided snorkeling tour of our house reef, indulge in the tender touch of the therapists at the award-winning Banyan Tree Spa Samui, soak away

their stress in The Rainforest – our hydrotherapy wellness facility, or create a true sanctuary for the senses with our specially-prepared Intimate Moments turndown arrangement for their villa.

Beyond the secluded haven of the resort, lies an abundance of excursion options including a variety of cultural attractions as well as the idyllic natural beauty of Samui's jungles and the breathtaking beaches. Our private speedboat, Sense of the Sea, provides an ideal option for a day on the water taking in the coastal scenery of the Gulf of Thailand.

For newlyweds seeking comfort or adventure, tropical splendor awaits at Banyan Tree Samui.



Pawadee Sangthamrong
F&B, Romance and Dining Concierge





Kingsbury Hotel

The Kingsbury Hotel is located in the heart of Colombo featuring stunning views of Sri Lanka’s iconic Galleface Green. The hotel boasts a collection of varied cuisine from its outlets – The Kings, Yue Chuan, Harbour Court, Honey Beach Club, The Gourmet Station, The Grill and The Ocean. The Kingsbury High Tea is legendary with a wide spread of delicacies. Since its inception, The Kingsbury has consistently catered to the diverse needs of customers. As the newest offering, the award winning Singaporean dining and entertainment brand CÉ LA VI has arrived in Colombo to embellish The Kingsbury rooftop as it takes entertainment and nightlife to a new pinnacle. The Kingsbury has earned global accolades including Regional Winner Luxury Business

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Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru, Maldives

Amazing turquoise waters, soft white sand, swaying coconut trees and beautiful tropical flowers that's what first comes in mind with the name of the hotel Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru, Maldives. Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru resort in the North Male Atoll is the perfect spot for honeymooners. Surrounded by the Indian Ocean, couples can enjoy peace and togetherness, while we take care of everything else with our signature hospitality. It's a once in a lifetime experience that you will want to reprise – again and again.

There's no better place for honeymoon romance than the Maldives. Enjoy that special time together, when you have gone from being a couple to becoming a family unit. Celebrate the paths that brought you together, as you prepare for a life together. Take romantic strolls amongst the palm trees, have a beach side dinner, and enjoy the intimate private pool setting at Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru.

With endless stretches of beautiful beaches and an abundance of vibrant marine life, be enchanted by this ocean lover's paradise at Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru.

Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru offers varied romantic activities to create a gorgeous honeymoon experiences for the newlyweds:

- **SANDBANK DINING:** Dine on an intimate

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- **SIAM MASSAGE ON THE BEACH:**

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- **SHARKPOINT DINNER:** Sharkpoint Dinner is a memorable private dining experience.

Couples can dine on the beach and enjoy the refreshing sea breeze while feasting on a gloriously cooked meal.

- **SNORKELLING:** Explore the amazing underwater world with your partner. Admire the vast coral reefs teeming with exotic sea creatures including reef sharks, stingrays and turtles.

- **ROMANTIC BEACH BBQ DINNER:** An exquisitely set table under the stars, candlelight and the tangy scent of sea breeze. Indulge in freshly cooked seafood and steaks perfectly complemented with chilled wine and enjoy an intimate conversation with your beloved.

CULINARY DEMONSTRATIONS FOR COUPLES: Overlooking the sea and shaded by



Hicham Najdi
General Manager of Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru

palm trees, the couples can enjoy a scrumptious Maldivian meal and take part in a culinary demonstration conducted by our Sous chef.

WATER SPORTS: For the adrenalin-seeking couples, enjoy a wide array of exciting water sports activities, from wakeboarding, water-skiing to catamaran sailing. With the wind in your sails, take a guided catamaran excursion for an exhilarating sandbank tour or a sunset sail, or even take on the challenge yourself after a private lesson with our instructors.

SUNSET CRUISE: Cruise through the lagoon on a traditional Maldivian dhoni as the sky explodes with the colours of the sunset, while you and your loved one sip champagne.





Chomu Palace Hotel

Chomu Palace, the Erstwhile Chomugarh Fort built by the descendents of King Prithvi Raj Chauhan is steeped in history, with an individual and unique Architectural style and character. Chomugarh fort, initially was strategically built to house the armies and chiefs with a 5 meter thick outer protective wall to ward of invaders / enemies. From the time of Laying the Foundation in early 16th Century till its transformation from a Fort to a Palace in late 18th Century, Chomugarh witnessed close to 300 years of Architectural evolution.

The architecture of the Palace thus has been influenced in many ways by the culture and styles of the reigning Monarchy over 350 years and represents a rich Blend of Rajput, Mughal & European aesthetics, traditions and philosophy.

Unlike many Heritage hotels where the interiors imitate contemporary city hotels, Chomu Palace has been painstakingly restored to retain its original character and provides a realistic window to the Luxury, Elegance, Regality & Traditional Lifestyles of the Rajput Royalty. The hotel has been so restored as

to offer the best in terms of comfort, with all modern facilities and yet has managed the modernity to blend in with tradition.

Hotel Chomu Palace, Chomu Town, is located on the National Highway 11, at a distance of 270 Kms from Delhi. The Palace has been carefully restored in all its Elegance & Regality, Traditional Luxury and Majestic Grandeur.

The hotel with 70 Suites, subtly blends aristocratic ambience, old world hospitality and contemporary style. Each Suite, designed with heed to minutest detailing, Royal Antique furniture, Marble rooms, Luxurious Toiletries, offers an unparalleled experience in Luxury, Nobility and Old world Charm.

Darbar Hall – The Fine Dining Restaurant, set in luxurious surroundings, creates Magical Gourmet Fares utilizing Aromatic Indian spices, Modern cooking techniques and Age old Recipes.

Sheesh Mahal – The Lounge Bar, adorned with Ornate Glasswork, Crystal Lights and Intricate Fresco work on walls, exudes sheer grandeur

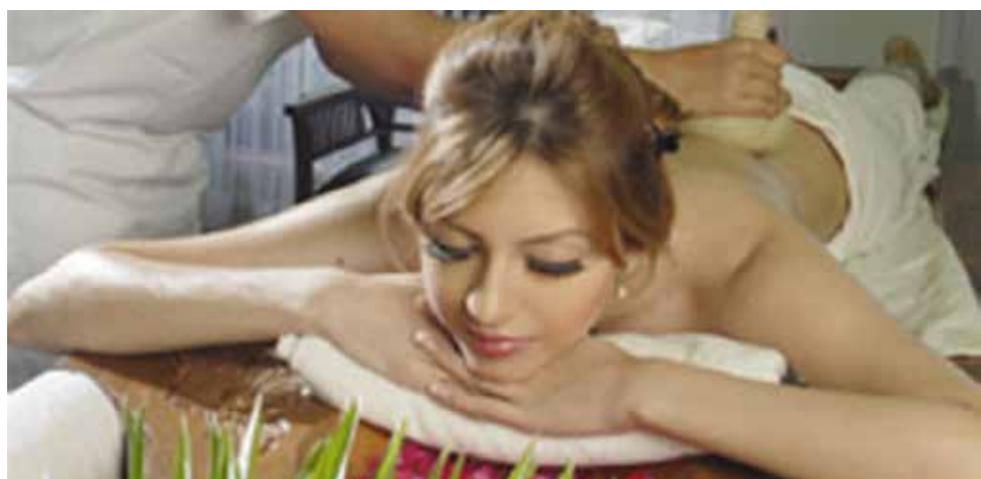


C. P. Rathore

General Manager, Chomu Palace Hotel

and marvel, a reminder to the rich & vibrant lifestyle of the Royalty, and offering the finest collection of wines & spirits.

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Fortune now in Durgapur

Fortune Hotels, member ITC's hotel group, has flagged off its first hotel in the Steel City - Durgapur. Marking this celebration, the chain's senior leadership team including Samir MC, Managing Director; Rohit Malhotra, VP – Operations; Dhananjay Saliankar, Head – Sales & Marketing and Kovid Sharma – Head Human Resources were present at the ceremony. With the inauguration of this hotel, Fortune now has 46 hotels across 39 cities in India.

An iconic city landmark, Fortune Park Pushpanjali is centrally located in Durgapur City Centre with easy access to Durgapur Steel Plant, shopping district and other key corporate establishments. The hotel aesthetics feature various locally sourced artefacts and wall art to offer tribute to the culture of West Bengal. The must-see lobby wall mural designed by the artisans from Santiniketan depicts the various stages of a quintessential Bengali wedding ceremony. The hotel is only 15 mins drive from the Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, Durgapur, 10

mins from the Durgapur Railway Station and 5 minutes' walk from the Junction Mall.

Fortune Park Pushpanjali, Durgapur offers 89 contemporary guest rooms with full services and amenities, including 24 hour room service, high speed Wi-Fi connectivity, satellite LED TV, electronic safe, mini bar, tea/ coffee maker, iron & ironing board and more.

The dining choices at the hotel include Orchid – an all-day dining multi-cuisine restaurant featuring a delightful selection of Indian, Oriental and Continental delicacies, Neptune – bar and lounge and Fortune Deli – offering confectionery and delicious breads.

The hotel features a versatile banqueting and conferencing hall that has a capacity for 200 guests. Located on Level 1, the banquet hall comes with a spacious pre-function area, dedicated entry, and ample parking. The hotel also features a well-equipped board room that can cater to 10 guests for corporate meetings,

presentations, brain-storming sessions and discussions.

The other offerings at the hotel include a Wellness Centre with gymnasium, swimming pool, spa services, doctor on call, airport transfers, travel desk, valet service and in-house laundry.



Holiday Inn Express opened its gates in Gurgaon

InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG®), one of the world's leading hotel companies, inaugurated the Holiday Inn Express Gurgaon Sector 50, the first Holiday Inn Express hotel in Gurugram.

As a part of IHG's partnership with SAMHI for a portfolio of 14 Holiday Inn Express hotels, this property will be the first to open its doors to guests on September 15th. Marking this celebration, IHG's regional leadership team including CEO EMEA, Kenneth Macpherson and MD, IMEA Pascal Gauvin were present at the ceremony.

Holiday Inn Express Gurgaon Sector 50 offers

205 intelligent, design-led, contemporary rooms, providing an inviting and efficient environment to the guests. For seamless connectivity, the hotel offers free high-speed Internet in all rooms. Guests staying at Holiday Inn Express Gurgaon Sector 50 can enjoy breakfast (included in the rate) with offering quality, to kick-start their day.

The launch also marked the unveiling of a new Holiday Inn Express brand campaign in India, centered around 'More Than Ready', a platform which aims to empower 25-35 years' travelers, who as road warriors look for added advantages to accomplish their travel goals. The brand campaign was kicked-off by a performance by Kanan Gill, India's well known stand-up comedy artist.



Novotel now open in the capital of Mongolia

Novotel, Accor Hotels first global brand, announces its debut in Ulaanbaatar, the beautiful city of Mongolia.

The 192-room contemporary hotel is located within close proximity to major tourist attractions including Great Chinggis Khaan Square, National Museum of Mongolian and Mongolian National Modern Art Gallery and is within short walking distance to the city's shopping and entertainment district.

Designed in a minimalist Chinese style with a focus on nature and simplicity, Novotel Ulaanbaatar offers 192 intimate rooms including six suites with spacious living areas. Each room is adorned with a picture of Mongolia taken by a famous local photographer. Rooms from the 12th floor to the 16th floor enjoy breath-taking views of the mountain and city of Ulaanbaatar. An easy and comfortable living experience is enhanced by

the hotel's state-of-the-art facilities that include the signature In Balance by Novotel fitness and spa as well as an indoor swimming pool ideal for long and short stay guests.

Delicious culinary options at Novotel Ulaanbaatar include three unique restaurants and two progressive bars that are destinations in their own right. Featuring live-cooking stations, the all-day-dining Food Exchange offers local and international buffets and a-la-carte menu choices with a spacious kids' area that offers an interactive games zone while Gourmet Bar serves a wide selection of beverages complemented by a menu of savory snacks in a classic setting. The Chinese restaurant Jade Garden boasts four private dining rooms for corporate dinners and small get-togethers with authentic Mongolian dishes and the widest Chinese menu in town. The restaurant is the only hotel dining outlet in the city that has a certified

Halal kitchen.

For an evening night cap, Biere House offers guests a range of local beers with a choice of delicious finger foods while Duvin wine bar features a wide selection of wines and tempting light meals. The hotel is complete with a ballroom and meeting room that can host up to 250 guests.

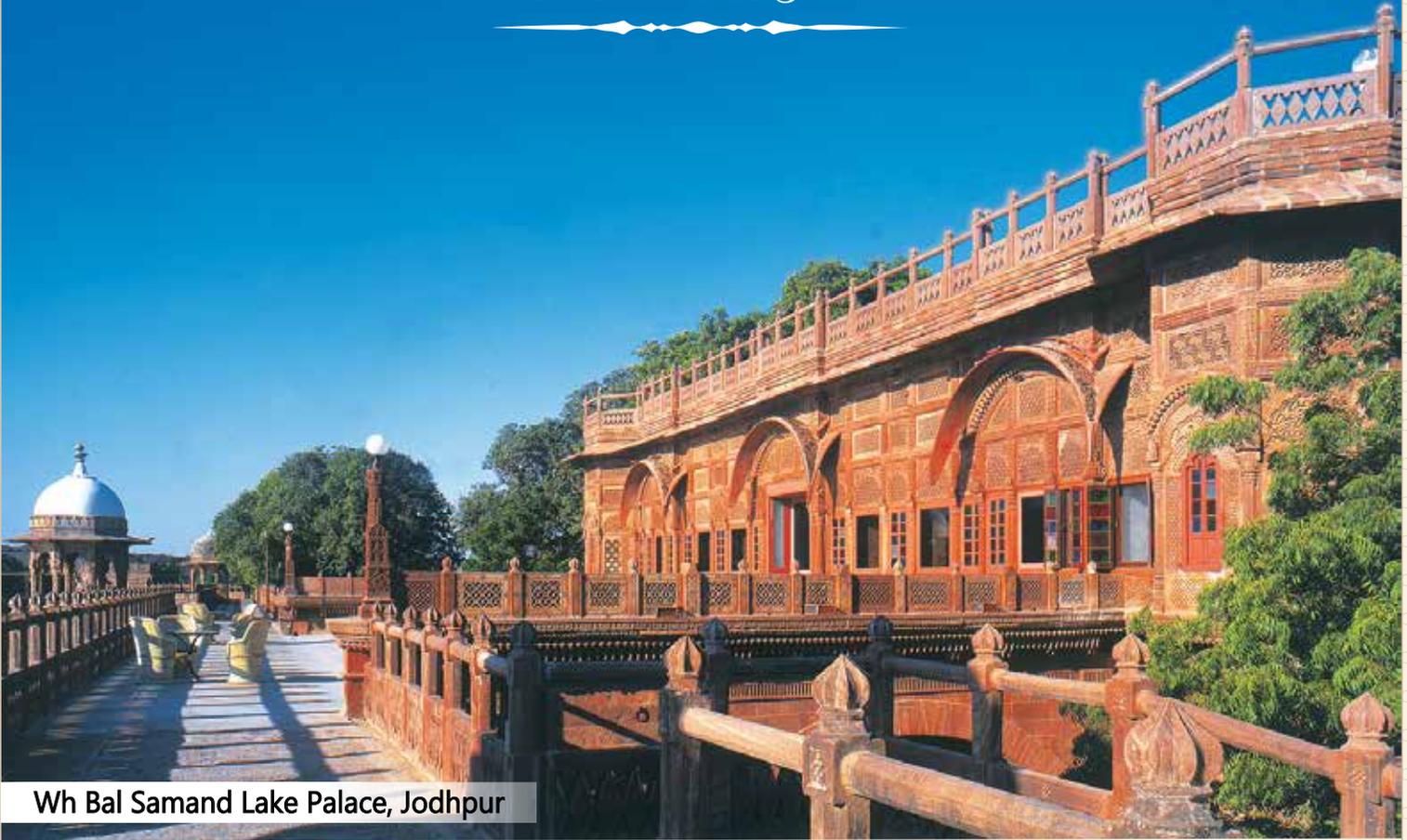




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ITDC inks MoU with Government of Kingdom of Morocco

India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) the public sector undertaking under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India signed a MoU with Moroccan Agency for Tourism Development (SMIT), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of Kingdom of Morocco, for strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism. India and Morocco share strong historical, economic and political ties. Signing of the MoU will further strengthen and develop this well-established relationship.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Mr. K.J. Alphons, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Government of India and Mr. Mohammed Sajid, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Air Transport, Handicraft and Social Economy, Government of the Kingdom of Morocco by Ms. Ravneet Kaur, IAS,

Chairperson & Managing Director (C&MD), India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) and Mr. Imad Barrakad, Chairman and CEO, SMIT at The Ashok, a flagship property of ITDC. Mrs. Rashmi Verma, Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tourism graced the occasion. Other senior officials from Ministry of Tourism and both the organizations were also present during the signing.

Speaking on the occasion Ms. Ravneet Kaur, IAS, Chairperson and Managing Director (C&MD), ITDC said "Signing of the MoU is an acknowledgement of the capabilities and core competency of ITDC and the important role it has played in development of tourism and related infrastructure in the country."

With the signing of the MoU, both the organizations will be able to share Engineering and tourism products development expertise;

new trends and technology in tourism products and innovative tourism product development; Marketing / Feasibility studies related to the needs and expectations of investors and tourists; Expertise in structuring projects in the infrastructure space apart from sharing of Data base of potential Indian and Moroccan investors in the tourism sector. The organizations will also collaborate to promote tourism investment opportunities through participation in tourism investment events, economic missions and co-organization of promotional investment events which are of mutual benefit.



OYO gears to hire 2020 tech talent by year 2020

OYO, South Asia's largest hotel chain, has today announced its plan to hire over 2020 technology experts and engineers by 2020. The announcement was made at the launch of OYO's maiden tech conference, which is an industry-first initiative for any hospitality chain. The event also witnessed a product showcase that highlighted the cool and innovative technology applications introduced by OYO in order to automate every customer, hotel partner and OYOpreneur touch point, and thereby improve efficiencies. These initiatives are a testament to OYO's commitment to investing in e-enabling the hospitality industry through continued investments in technology products, processes and people.

Ritesh Agarwal, Founder & CEO, OYO, said,

"We are really delighted to inaugurate the first edition of OYO's tech conference, an industry first event that aims to explore the true potential of technology in revolutionizing the hospitality experience for both travellers and hoteliers. At OYO, we currently have 700 technology experts and engineers that have developed over 20 in-house products helping 10,000+ asset partners globally and making them better hospitality players. With another 2020 experts joining us by 2020, we will continue to invest in technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and IoT, that will make curated guest experiences at every price point a reality, while ensuring sustainable incomes for partners and livelihood opportunities for several Indians. Through these

efforts, we are glad to partner with the government in its goal of creating millions of economic opportunities, thereby powering the country's growth to a USD 5 trillion economy by 2025."



Hollywood Movie Scenes at Taj Hotels

"There are no mistakes in the tango, not like life. It's simple. That's what makes the tango so great. If you make a mistake, get all tangled up, just tango on." Said Frank (Al Pacino) to the charming Donna (Gabrielle Anwar) in the award-winning film, Scent of a Woman; shot at The Pierre's Cotillion Ballroom.

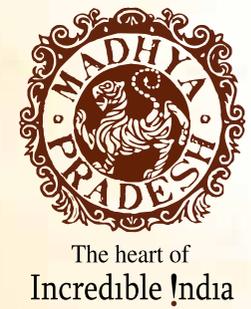
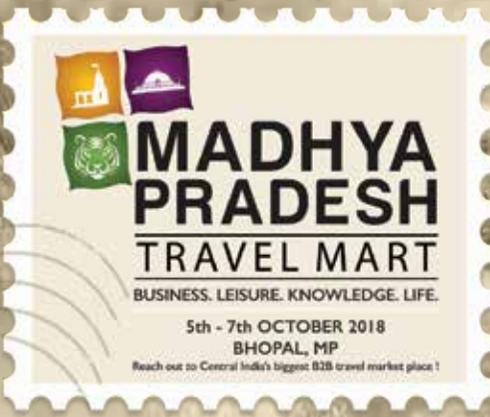
From iconic landmark hotels to authentic royal palaces in India, five Taj hotels have caught the creative eye of filmmakers from around the world. Blurring the line between reality and the fantasy of motion pictures these legendary hotels have lent themselves to historic, romantic and thrilling storytelling.

Set on a four-acre island, the magnificent Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur was used for filming for James Bonds' adventure in the 1983 film

-Octopussy. Considered the most romantic hotel in the world, Taj Lake Palace appears to float atop the tranquil Lake Pichola, offering guests a secluded haven. The Umaid Bhawan Palace in Jodhpur features in the movie - Viceroy's House. The vast and opulent residence of the Maharaja of Jodhpur is used to depict the Viceroy's House, the imposing Delhi residence that was home to the British rulers of India. The actual Viceroy's House is the current residence to the President of India. While a few scenes are shot at the actual location, the majority of filming took place at Umaid Bhawan Palace. With over 125 years of history the Taj West End in Bangalore has many stories to tell but being the backdrop of the story in David Lean's A Passage to India particularly stands out. The much talked about The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is set in Jaipur and features Rambagh Palace, Jaipur and Taj Lake Palace,

Udaipur. It's a story of a group of elderly tourists travelling to India. The Jaipur chapter concludes with a gourmet dinner and champagne served in a private gazebo at Rambagh Palace.





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Emaar Hospitality Group

Emaar Hospitality Group, the hospitality and leisure business of global developer Emaar Properties, and the Expo 2020 Dubai Official Hotel & Hospitality Partner, has announced the appointment of Alma Au Yeung as its Corporate Director – Strategic Projects and Partnerships. In her new role, she will have overall charge in driving the Group’s strategic partnership with Expo 2020 Dubai. Alma will also focus on the guiding spirit of Expo 2020 Dubai – ‘Connecting Minds, Creating the Future’ – and its three sub-themes, Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability to build new strategic partnerships, market awareness and business opportunities. Previously, she has worked on several significant hospitality ventures with prominent global hotel brands in Asia and UAE.

Hilton India

Hilton India announced the appointment of, Ms. Mallika Rao Bedi, as Regional Director, Human Resources, Hilton India. Mallika Rao Bedi brings with her a vast experience of over 22 years in area of hotel operations. Prior to joining Hilton, she was with the Oberoi and Trident in Gurgaon. She has been extensively involved in hotel operations and garnered. At Hilton, her key areas of focus will be to work with the India team to drive best practices as well as reinforce Hilton as amongst the best places to work.



Crowne Plaza Today Gurugram

Vipul Kamboj has been appointed as the Executive Assistant Manager of Hotel Crowne Plaza Today Gurugram – the best city hotel in Gurugram, part of the InterContinental Hotels Group. Prior to this appointment, he was the Director of Sales & Marketing with The Leela Ambience Gurugram Hotel & Residences for over 7 years. Before The Leela Group, he has worked with Marriott International Inc. for a decade. With a career spanning almost two decades of experience in Sales & Marketing, Mr. Kamboj brings with him an extensive understanding of revenue management and he has dynamically led the sales force with his dedication & commitment.

Kamat Group of Hotels

Kamat Group of Hotels is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Varun Sahani as Vice President Operations for the group. A seasoned professional, Varun Sahani has over two decades of pivotal experience in the realm of hospitality operations and sales. Prior to that, he held senior level management and operations position with The Lalit, Clarks Inn and Jaypee Greens Golf & Spa Resort. In his new role Mr. Sahani will spearhead the operations, marketing & sales, revenue management and strategic growth initiatives of the award winning 372- room The Orchid Mumbai property.



Le Meridien Goa Calangute

Le Meridien Goa Calangute appoints Victor Chen as General Manager. In a career spanning over 18 years, Victor has held key positions in Sales, Events, Food & Beverage and Rooms Operations across the country as well as in overseas assignment. Prior to joining Le Meridien Goa, he was the Resident Manager at JW Marriott Mumbai Juhu. In his current assignment, he will be responsible for creating a thriving environment for associates, consolidate the positioning of the hotel, drive market growth and brand preference and elevate the hotel’s food & beverage offerings.

Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel

Subhankar Bose is the newly appointed as General Manager at Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel. In his new role, he will spearhead various specialized functions of the hotel and will be responsible for steering the management team. Subhankar brings a wealth of over 17 years of operational experience, with expertise in hospitality operations and management. Prior to this role, Subhankar served as the Resident Manager at JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru where he was responsible for efficient operations of the property. As head of the hotel, Subhankar will be leading the executive team with strategic planning and tactical management.



Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Center

Jatinder Pal Singh has been appointed as Executive Chef at Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Center. He brings with him great period of experience in the culinary world. Prior to joining Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield Hotel and Convention Center, Jatinder Pal Singh was the Complex Executive Chef at The Westin Chennai & Le Meridien Kochi Convention Center. In his responsibility as the Executive Chef, he will supervise the daily operations of the kitchen, design menus, develop new impressions and train the culinary team at the hotel. Hailing from the northern part of India, Jatinder Pal Singh blends in the distinct flavours in the masterpieces he creates.

WOW Air

Kiran Jain, a dynamic professional with over 25 years of experience in the commercial aviation business covering both airports and airlines, will be joining WOW air as the Managing Director for India. Her experience ranges from airlines and airports in the United States and India where she has led the marketing, sales, communication and government relations functions, thereby bringing a diverse aviation management experience to the company. Most recently, Kiran was the Director for Commercial and Government Relations with AirAsia India. She was also the Head of Airline Marketing at Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd in an earlier role.



Lifestyle





Knock it out in Flanders

• **Vedika Sharma**

Flanders, the northern part of Belgium is a beer-lover's paradise, with over 1500 different original beers and Flanders has enjoyed an unparalleled reputation for its specialty beers since the middle Ages.

Connoisseurs favor Belgian beers for their variety, real flavor and character. The choices are endless when you consider raspberry beer, white beer, chocolate beer, geuze beer, cherry beer, brown beer, Trappist beer and of course the beer that Belgium is most famous for - the lambic beer. Lambic beer is made with an ancient style of brewing, depending on spontaneous fermentation to produce a bone-dry, profoundly tart, and naturally effervescent drink that improves with years in the bottle - much like wine. By European Union regulation, it can be produced only in a small area in Belgium.

TYPES OF BEERS

Trappist Beer

A Trappist beer is a beer brewed by or under the control of Trappist monks.

Lambic Beer

Lambic is a very distinctive type of beer brewed only in the Pajottenland region of Belgium southwest of Brussels and in Brussels itself at the Cantillon Brewery and museum. Lambic is now mainly consumed after refermentation, resulting in derived beers such as Gueuze or Kriek.

Golden Beer

These are a light variation on pale ale, often made with pilsener malt. Some beer writers regard blonde and golden ales as distinct styles, while others do not.

Duvel is the archetypal Belgian blonde ale, and one of the most popular bottled beers in the country as well as being well-known internationally. Its name means "Devil" and some other blonde beers follow the theme—Satan, Lucifer and Judas for example.

Blanche or White Beer

This type of beer, commonly called witbier in Dutch, bière blanche in French and wheat beer

in English, originated in the Flemish part of Belgium in the Middle Ages. Traditionally, it is made with a mixture of wheat and barley.

Brown beers

Dubbel (double) has a characteristic brown colour. It is one of the classic abbey types, having been developed in the 19th century at the Trappist monastery in Westmalle. Today, some commercial brewers using abbey names call their strong brown beers "Dubbel".

Faro

Historically, a low-alcohol, sweetened beer made from a blend of lambic and a much lighter, freshly brewed beer to which brown sugar (or sometimes caramel or molasses) was added. Sometimes herbs were added as well. The use of the lighter beer (or even water) and of standard lambic in the blend made this a cheap, light, sweet beer for everyday use.

Amber ales

These are beers similar to the traditional pale ales of England, although somewhat less bitterly hopped. A notable example is the 5% De Koninck brand (locally also famous as "Bolleke", with its distinctive spherical glasses. It is popular in its native city of Antwerp. Another is Palm Speciale. Some, such as Vieux Temps, were based on British styles to please troops stationed in Belgium during World War.

Pils or lager

This style makes up the bulk of beer production and consumption in Belgium as in other European countries. Belgian Pilseners are not particularly distinctive or renowned by connoisseurs, although some brands are internationally known, such as Jupiler and Stella Artois

Some finest Flemish Beer Bars to try out: De Kulminator



Kulminator is Antwerp's finest beer spot. It is even called the best specialist beer bar in the world and has been voted twice "Best Beer-Pub in the World" by the beer website ratebeer.com. This beer paradise is tucked away in Vleminckveld, a little street near the city center.

It attracts all birds of a feather that flock together over a beer. Make sure you have a bit of time to pass (out?) at the Kulminator, because you will need at least 15 minutes to make your choice between the incredible number of 800 beers on the bar list. When you are in a hurry for a cold beer, turn straight to the bartender for advice.

The owners, Dirk and Leen, have collected a lot of rare beers over the last decades. Some

of the beers on the list have been ageing in the temperature-controlled room since the 1970s. The wooden tables, wicker chairs, board games, candles and soft classical music all make the Kulminator an extraordinary best beer bar of the world.

Where: Vleminckveld 32 2000 Antwerpen

Café Vlissinghe

Café Vlissinghe is the one and only oldest pub in Bruges. It has been open for 500 years, and is therefore rightly named "oldest". This Flemish medieval bar is located in the tranquil and beautiful neighbourhood Sint Anna.

It is the perfect place to sit down with a Belgian beer and let Bruges or the intellectual beer conversations sink in. All the memorabilia, an original Leuven stove or fireplace, and the neo-baroque furniture let you easily step back in time. This bar certainly boosts an authentic Flemish feel. In the summer you don't have to stay locked up inside, but you can have your cold beer(s) in the lush garden.

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Offering 300 types of bottled beer and with 20 beers on tap, Bier Central is the perfect bar to jump into the Belgian Beer culture. The bar is near the Central railway station and the main shopping street "De Meir".

You can sip at your favorite beer in a unique setting with old bottles, vintage bill boards, authentic wooden cases and beer barrels. After a couple beers you can show off your disco dance

moves: go upstairs and enter the groovy seventies disco bar.

Bier Central is popular with young people in Antwerp and can get quite loud during the weekend. The bar often organizes events, happy hours and beer tastings. Also, you have a chance to enjoy blues jam sessions or performances by up-and-coming singer-songwriters when scheduled. Where: de Keyserlei 25 2018 Antwerpen

Delirium Café

Just around the corner of the main square in the lively Brussels city center, the Delirium Café is the bar that serves just that, namely the beer Déliirium Tremens brewed by the local Melle brewery Huyghe.

This bar has 2000 beers for you to taste. Maybe not all for you. But at this place it goes without saying that the pink elephants will fly around your ears for sure.

The Delirium Café is more than fully decorated with odd and old posters and colorful neon signs. For a good night out and a serious delirium have a seat at the wooden barrels and enjoy your beer, the pink atmosphere and the lively jam sessions. The Delirium Café is a peculiar meeting place for locals, students, tourists and strong blonde lovers. Flying pink elephants is exactly what you will see at the Déliirium Café and don't forget to check out the three different floors.

Whether you are a first timer or a self-made beer specialist, you will definitely find something you like. The extensive beer encyclopedia with detailed beer descriptions of the different types, colors, origins and ingredients of all these beers are a delight for all you beer lovers. Finally you can get your hands on all the need-to-knows on your favorite brews. Of course you cannot leave without trying the strong blonde from the house. Although, you should be warned quitting with pink elephants, might cause a real delirium tremens. Where: Impasse de la Fidélité 4A 1000 Brussel

Moeder Lambic

Open since 30th of October 2009 Moeder Lambic is the most trendy beer bar in the Brussels city center. Right in the middle of the gay neighbourhood this fairly new bar with sleek interior offers beer lovers the very best of the local Brussels beers.

Moeder Lambic, or "Mother Lambic" refers one of the oldest Brussels beers brewed in the "Zennevallei" or the valley around the Brussels river the "Zenne". It was in these regions that our ancestors started brewing Lambic around 1300. Lambic belongs to the category of old brown beers and is a cherry beer. Is it not only the oldest beer in Brussels, but in the world and brewed according to the most authentic brew methods. Another very old typical Brussels beer is Faro, a Lambic derivative with a lower alcohol percentage. Brussels locals, mostly women, order the cherry Faro, which comes in a larger bottle and with a stylish glass, all the time. In the 19th century the sweet Faro was also loved by especially women and children. Historical documents even let us believe that Faro was the most popular not soda, but alcohol pop of the

19th century.

The bartenders of Moeder Lambic can easily help you to get acquainted with all the typical and less known Brussels beers. They are especially trained and will let you find the Brussels beer that suites your taste bud. They can tell you more about the beers and also explain a bit more from which brewery they come. For instance if you are interested in visiting a local Brussels brewery and see for yourself where Lambic beer comes to life, check the blackboard in the bar and you will notice the names "Cantillon" and "3 Fonteinen". These are the names of some of the local breweries in Brussels. When you have the time they are certainly worth a visit. Where: Place Fontainas 8 1000 Brussel

Café 't Brugs Beertje

'T Bruges Bear is a pleasant and cozy beer pub in the center of Bruges. The Bruges Bear is not just a cafe but a decent tasting room where the bierologische enthusiasm is propagated among the many domestic and foreign guests. The device with a variety of beer products evokes times gone by. In 't Bruges Bear will find about three hundred different Belgian beers, including five of the barrel. Here you can really enjoy your beer in a smoke free environment. Where: Kemelstraat 5 8000 Brugge

De Kelk

Certainly worth the effort to track down all the way in a slightly remote part of the city is De Kelk. This bar offers a great collection of bottled beers. De Kelk has no less than 180 different types of Belgian beers on offer. This old pub has character and a nice ambiance. The bartender is very friendly and knows his beers and brewers. Some pubs close rather early in Bruges, but not De Kelk. This one does it like to good old Belgian tradition: it is only closing time, when the last (wo)man standig leaves the bar. This is definitely a place in Bruges to try some Belgian beers and meet locals. Where: Langestraat 69 8000 Brugge





Romeo Juliet: Hub of Fashion

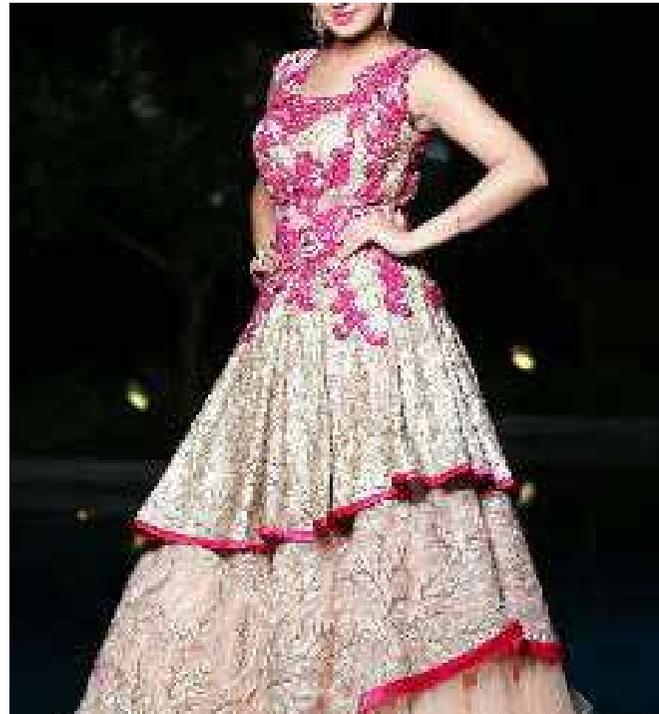
Obsessed with fashion from an early Age, Raghav Seth is now one of the biggest name in fashion design.



Raghav has been designing for over 16 years, working with such name as Romeo Juliet. He has made his mark all over the world including several actresses and celebrities. He has made his mark all over the world including several actresses and celebrities.

He is credited with being one of the Chief innovators of the Bridge line. His clothes regarded as “User – friendly and Luxuri-

ous”. A staple to modern women looking for comfort as well as style. He invites people to try new things in fashion. He comes out with colors and different fits. He stretches his imaginations and urges them to try new styles. He sometimes uses his family interest as the basics of her new fashion ideas. Romeo Juliet Offers an array of traditional and indo-western designs to choose from, It’s an one step destination for formal and semi- formal women



wear, the store added a studio section two years back specially for brides.

With increasing Popularity and demands of his customers, Raghav Seth is now planning to take Romeo Juliet to new heights both nationally & internationally. Romeo Juliet will soon Spread its Wings to Surrey (Canada) & California (USA). Romeo Juliet is now having family chain of permanent clients who are from several places of India as well majorly from abroad USA, Canada, Australia, Singapore etc. Romeo Juliet also has many celebrities as his permanent

clients.

As the Indian women wear business is becoming more & more challenging and competitive day by day, Raghav always try to source some different and designer fabrics from whole over the world then to play with new designs on them with his skilled workers team to create some really different and exclusive products.

“Our drawings and khakas are inspired from old traditions, Raj ghranas sometimes from European Fashion trends and also sometimes from shades and shapes of nature.” Said Raghav Seth.



Be the Diva

Art, architecture and technology are all blending into jewellery designs more seamlessly than ever before.



Women are passionate about jewellery as it represented a symbol of femininity and even social status. Jewellery has always made women feel beautiful and confident.

Everywhere in the world, women are wearing an ample variety of jewellery. Whether it is about necklaces, bracelets or earrings, jewelry is extremely popular.

Jewellery has the ability to highlight women's personality and bring out the best features when wearing the right pieces for the right occasion. Here T3FS brings to know more about jewellery and its trend.

Colours and rarities

The rise of rare and unusual gemstones is imminent. Multi-coloured gemstones do not offer the same enormous intrinsic value as the rarest diamonds, sapphires, rubies and



emeralds, but their allure is in their price and their design potential. Increased demand for individualistic jewellery, coupled with price-consciousness has meant designers are turning to little-known gems for both unusual colour effects and a semblance of affordability. The rising prices of natural precious gemstones have put pressure on jewellers to find alternatives. This demand for colour signifies that other gemstones have attracted attention and the likes of paraiba tourmalines, spinels, rubellites, pink sapphires and topaz are now increasingly sought after.

Tell a story

While price and preciousness change with fashion, jewellery moves at a sedate pace.

The last decade has seen the art of the jeweller really flourish. Design and narrative have become so important that the unimaginative diamond solitaire is almost a thing of the past. Instead, designers aim to tell a story, create a mood or capture a moment, in the same way a painter would approach his work. The younger, urban and fashion-conscious population in India demands exclusivity and style, when it comes to jewellery. Today's jewellery designs reflect the same gems, shapes, and motifs of bygone eras, but with a twist. With new techniques for mounting gemstones, such as invisible and tension settings for diamonds, a unique mixture of gemstones in pavé settings, motifs of butterflies and dragons, and a slightly less-fantastical version of Art Nouveau—today, innovation in jewellery celebrates inspiration and creativity.

Less is more

With a shift in ethnic influences, economic constraints, macro-market influences and a preference for style over sentiments, the trend is clearly moving towards minimalistic designs. These, in fact, can make bigger statements than one may think. This minimalist trend is contemplative and re-examines the cultural roots of today's rapidly transforming world.

'Me' factor

Individualism and self-expression are the key words, today. Pieces that reflect surrealism, ludicrous fantasy and the imagination



of alternative universes are in demand. This exhibits the ever-changing, multi-faceted and complex moods of today's consumerism. It explores the resistance of stereotypes and challenges conventions. True luxury, she concludes, is having something not everyone can have.

Jewelry trends are derived from the three Rs: red carpet, runway, and real life. Here's a list of trends

Radiant Orchid

Call it fuchsia or purply-pink; they're both appropriate names for Pantone colour otherwise known as Radiant Orchid. It has been chosen as the 2014 Color of the Year, so expect to see a surge of the hue.

Orange

It color-blocks beautifully with all the blue we've seen on the runways and in jewelry, as well as with Radiant Orchid.



Blue

Yes, it's still going strong. It was all over the runways for spring and has been abundant in jewelry collections all year. Snap up styles in sapphire, topaz, tanzanite, and any other desirable variations.

Yellow gold

We saw lots of it in dainty pendants, and all year long in, gold plate, and yellow-colored brass and bronze jewels.

Chevrons and pyramids

These shapes are both timeless and trendy. A number of newer designers are using a pyramid as a signature motif, while the chevron, a fixture in heraldry and insignia—and



relatable to the pyramid with its triangular point—is appearing more in collections by other up-and-comers. (Chevrons in design are also referred to as zigzag effects.)

Stickpins

Did you see all the lapels in spring lines? They all serve as ideal perches for slim jewels like stickpins. These are—as the name suggests—slender, making them affordable and easy to place in other spots as well, such as in the hair, on a hat, shirt, or even a skirt. Update this old style with modern themes for a newfound collectible.

Body jewelry

Belly rings, body chains, handlets, and ear cuffs aren't for shrinking violets, but they do offer jewelers more opportunities to sell precious jewels—even if they are for places that many aren't accustomed to adorning. The growing popularity of ear cuffs will all help fuel sales of body jewels to a niche of quasi-cosmopolitan customers.

Minimalist jewels and geometric shapes

Think stud earrings, bar or stick motifs, and other sleek, uncomplicated silhouettes that will subtly enhance spring's angular dresses, graphic prints and logos, and menswear-inspired styles. Strong geometric forms (pyramids, circles, etc.) perfectly parallel these designs, further enhancing summer's fashion statements.

Stud earrings

These are an ideal to accent minimalist looks, as well as a favourite among Hollywood stars who often wear them to awards shows. Studs are also inherently wallet friendly, unisex, and available in designs as numerous as the celebrities who walk the red carpet.



Acid victims steal hearts at MORPH 2018

Make-Up Studio Training Center (MSTC), the training arm of renowned cosmetic brand Make-Up Studio, hosted MORPH 2018. The show was held at Hotel Eros, Nehru Place, New Delhi.

• Vedika Sharma

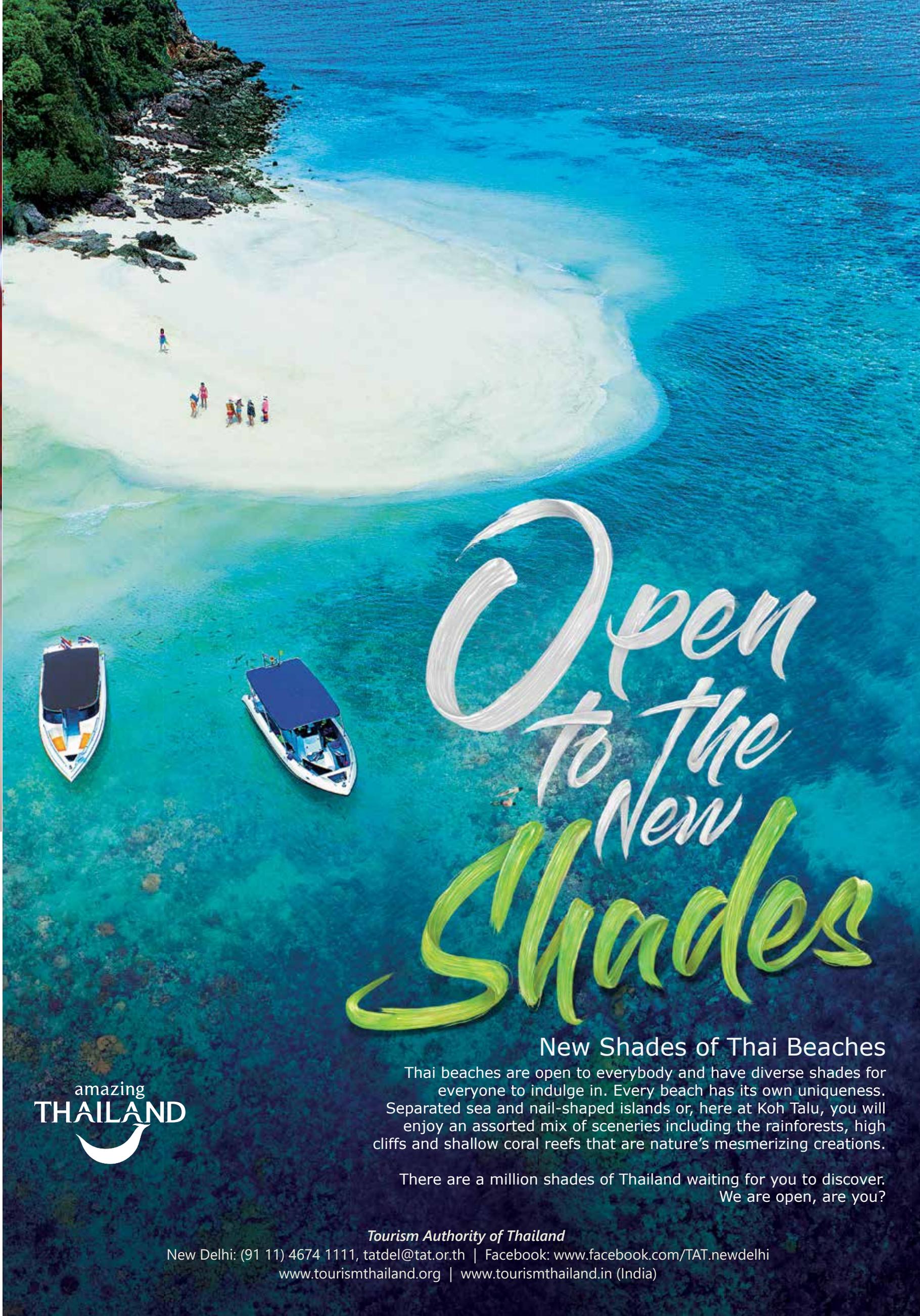
Meaning transformation of the ordinary into extraordinary with the magic of makeup, MORPH presented power-packed performances and incredible transformations by makeup experts and students of MSTC. The electrifying show presented some of the most advanced techniques of makeup onstage, creating some out-of-the-world looks on faces. It was a glimpse into the best in makeup artistry aimed at taking the professional makeup industry in India to the next level.

The high-point of MORPH 2018 was a captivating and thought-provoking ramp walk by five Acid Victims, who have not let the horrific act scar their souls and have come out of the ordeal with courage and spirit.

Their inner radiance reflected in their confident walk and winning persona that shined through like a glittering star.

Not only this but few known designers and brands such as Riple and Harpret Narula, Harnish Bajaj, Indu Fashions, Jewel Street, Amadi Couture came together to contribute outfits for those walking the ramp. Makeup Studio Director Mr. Ravi Mittal said, the idea for Powerwalk was to show these women that if they can do something as daunting as walking down the ramp in front of so many people, there is nothing that they can't overcome. One of the purposes of organizing the event was also to make people meet these brave women who have triumphed over all odds.





Open to The New Shades

New Shades of Thai Beaches

Thai beaches are open to everybody and have diverse shades for everyone to indulge in. Every beach has its own uniqueness. Separated sea and nail-shaped islands or, here at Koh Talu, you will enjoy an assorted mix of sceneries including the rainforests, high cliffs and shallow coral reefs that are nature's mesmerizing creations.

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Frame of Dream Wedding

In conversation with T3FS, Annie Munjal of Starstruck Wedding Designers share about the insights of Destination Wedding.

• Vedika Sharma

What is the Concept of Destination Wedding?

The Concept of Destination Wedding is basically when people would like to plan marriage outside their own town, the guest would like to enjoy and spend quality time with their family. In Destination wedding, the bride and groom would experience something which they really dreamt about. A destination wedding is very much in trend these days.

How Destination wedding can be organised cost effectively?

A destination wedding can be organised cost-effectively by choosing venue it is not necessary you go for only 5 stars or expensive places, you can also choose some offbeat place as well because the purpose is to enjoy the wedding with family and friends you will not go out on those days. So better to go for a nice and good location rather than going for an expensive location it will reduce cost per head also.

What are the various trends in a destination wedding?

They are of course various trend in a destination wedding, we always inform guest during the time of invitation what are the various themes for the various functions in the wedding. Like for example if the mehendi function is based on the coral theme then every guest should wear something in blue, if it will haldi function then we will prefer every guest should wear in saffron color. Most importantly our photographer and videographer play a very important role the whole wedding will get recovered when pictures are clicked well and it will in our memories always.

What are the possible themes in a destination wedding?

There are various themes in destination wedding like Hawaiian theme, Bollywood theme,

Rajwada theme, Mughal theme, fairy tale theatre, wine theme, Jungle book, under water coral theme, red carpet etc..

Essentials bride should carry for a destination wedding?

Skin Care Products, Medicines, Perfume, Clothes, Ornaments and Everything.

What are various security measures to keep in mind?

We need to very sure of the permissions from everywhere its necessary. Bouncers have to be ready for any sudden requirements. Security facility has to take special care of because during wedding season people carry cash jewellery etc.

What are the things need to know before organizing a Destination wedding?

Make sure your Guest or your relatives should be available on the dates with all kinds of requirements such as passports and Visa, Health issues should be taken important care of and also the security of the people because everyone is coming at your wedding and at your risk so security has to be tight.

How to overcome climatic changes during destination wedding?

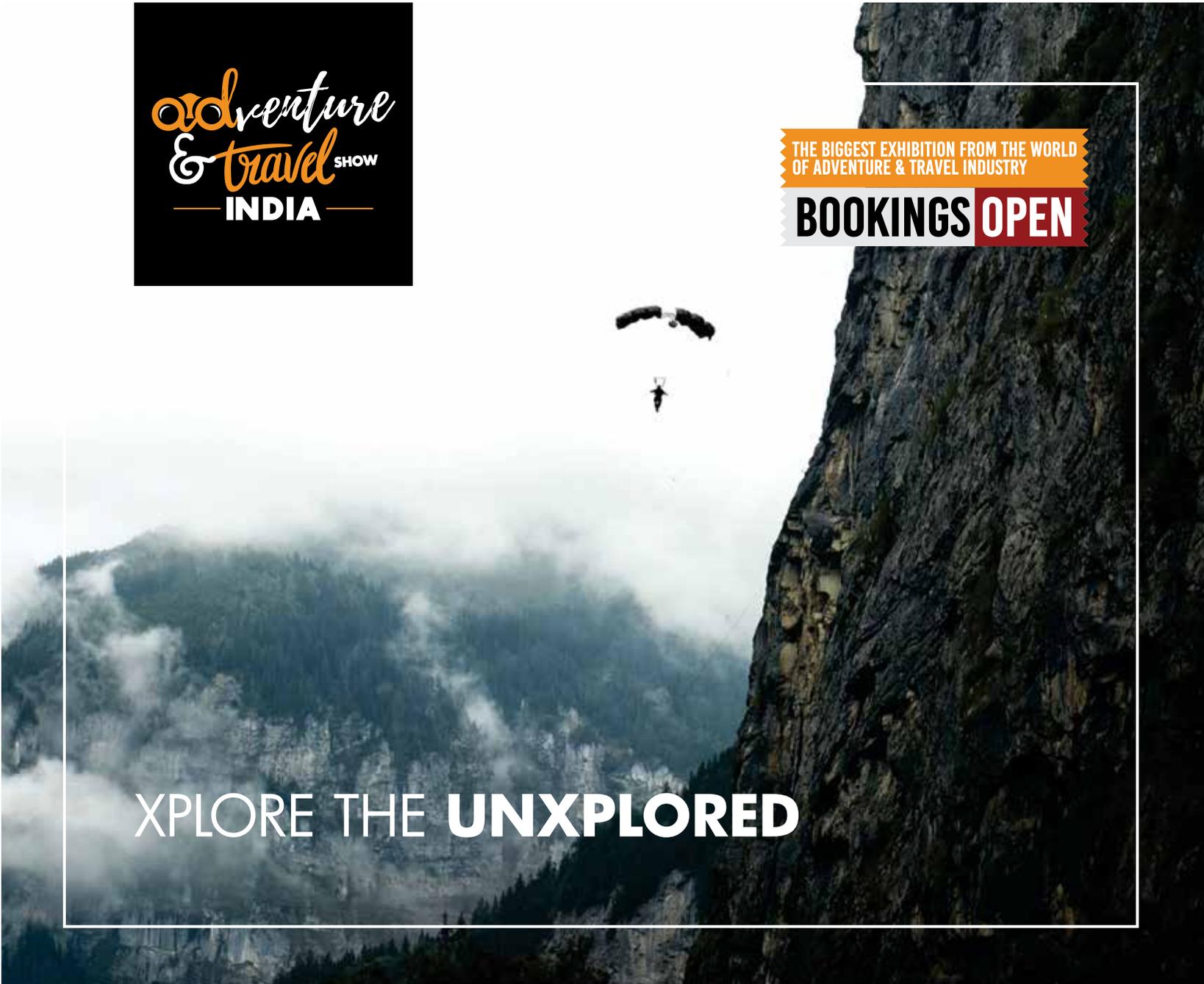
Climatic changes cannot be in our hand and we can check weather calendar and get a very clear picture. If you are not sure about the weather we can change the dates or plan indoor wedding or change the venue or anything. We are ready for any such changes may it be climatic or Transportation and with back up with a plan B. Once there was a wedding at night and it was raining heavily and it was a real mess. But we managed it at night itself, we had changed the carpets sofa and made everything available easily we got everyone engaged and got them busy and we were prepared with Plan A B or C. You need to keep them entertaining and keeping them in fun and beneath than keep managing your work.





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The Predator

In conversation with T3FS, Shane Black, Director/Co-writer, The Predator shares about the film “The Predator”

• **Vedika Sharma**

The Predator sees writer/director Shane Black returning to a world he first experienced back in 1987 as an actor. In this new film, he’s expanding and exploring the story of the alien hunters and the human beings that must face the threat. With the government attempting to cover up the extent of Predator incursions on Earth, a rag-tag group of military veterans must figure out what is going on and how to save the world – or at least themselves – as the battle spreads from the depths of outer space to once-safe suburbia.

Black, a veteran filmmaker, has carved a career out of movies that blend action, violence, and machismo in a new way with comedy and style. The writer of such memorable movies as *Lethal Weapon*, *The Last Boy Scout*, and *The Long Kiss Goodnight*, he’s also made films including *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* and *Iron Man 3*. In preparation for *The Predator*, he talks about coming back to the alien creatures, his cast and making sure the threat was real.

What brought you back into the world of The Predator?

There were a number of things that were appealing. One was a chance to work with a co-writer, Fred Dekker, with whom I have a 30-year or more relationship. We’ve worked together before and it just seemed like a chance to go be college kids again – to revisit material that we both cut our teeth on, that we were excited about when we were younger, to play in the sandbox again. At the time, it felt like a bit of a lark. Of course, two and a half years later, it’s become quite a bit more than that. You think you’re digging a garden and then you have to bring out the steam shovel. But that was the fun of it, too. We’ve been grinding away and trying to make the best possible film for two years now. And I think that I’ll be glad when we get it done, but only because I think what we’ll have at the end of that process will be worthwhile.

Was there something particular that you wanted to say about the Predator



universe or about this sort of film?

There was the draw of dealing with it not strictly as a fantasy movie but grounding it in that UFO experience film. There’s been an incursion. There’s been a visit, and gradually over the years as Predators have continued to hunt on Earth, we’ve noticed that now there’s a faction on Earth that understands what’s happening and is investigating these Predators. At the same time, I wanted to take the traditional tough guy unit of multi-muscled commandos and play with that a little bit. This sort of leaner, meaner group. The Dirty Dozen of it as opposed to the perfect SEAL Team Six version. Guys who are compromised or a little damaged and have to prove themselves. They represent the least likely bunch you’d expect to take on a threat from outer space that even the Army can’t stop. It’s a chance to do some good character work too and to assemble a cast that’s not so monosyllabic but can really light up a scene. We’ve got a wonderful group of actors, character actors. They’re just tremendous.

They seem like a really different, eclectic group, while also kind of keeping within your style of chatty guys that still get the job done.

They’re sloppy. They’re not graceful or gracious by any means, but there is this slapdash kind of come-together, the have-your-back feeling among them that allows for them to come through under ridiculous circumstances. It’s a funny movie. It’s a heroic movie. And hopefully, it’s a frightening movie as well because we wanted the R-rating. We wanted to be able to take people you care about and place them in the meat grinder. Really not sugarcoat the extent to which this Predator is a violent, deadly force of nature on Earth. Meaning it’s a rough journey for them. It’s the kind of movie I think that with this cast represents a throwback to ‘80s filmmaking. I wanted to write a love letter to the original, with this rough, loose-limb raw boned male cast. Almost like a Western. Like a *Wild Bunch*. But that also I think has enough suspense, new-fangled technology and effects to render it viable in the current age. And I’m hoping that it will split the difference between loving the original and massaging that history, inventing its own mythology going forward so that it continues it and reinvigorates it for another generation.

Does it exist in the same universe as at least Predator and maybe Predator II?

Yes, it does. In fact, there are direct references in the film and Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Schaefer.



To the fact that there have even been rumors of abductions. We’re very much in the ballpark of saying, “yes, this is all mythology. This has been happening.” The difference is it’s 2018 and it’s come to a head to the extent that it’s no longer so isolated a phenomena that people are ignoring it or it’s going under the radar. It’s, in fact, becoming increasingly evident to the powers in charge that there’s another race that visits Earth.

Was there a challenge for you in exploring the mythology a little bit more without lessening the impact of these creatures?

Yes, I think so. I think there’s a little blowback to being too much the same and not exploring anything new or different. But similarly, there’s something to be said against forging ahead and revealing too much. I don’t think that moviegoers want to go into the Predator World and see Predators getting on Predator subways or having meals with their extra-tall Predator wives, or whatever. I just don’t know that that’s in the cards. But we had to do something: we had to make it modern. I think what we’ve done is just sort of try to get a different feel but and try to expand upon and slightly magnify the impact that the Predators have on Earth. Instead of just limiting it to a small cast in a minor setting, we’ve allowed it to sprawl a little more.

Is there something you are proud of bringing to the screen for this film?

There are two things. One is the interactions among the characters who go after the Predator this time. And the other is the frightening quality, the brutality, and the ninja-like stealth of the new Predator.



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“It won’t shy away from the violence”

In conversation with T3FS, Olivia Munn, Lead Actress of ‘The Predator’ share about her role as Casey Bracket in the film “The Predator”.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Who is Casey Bracket in the movie?

She’s an evolutionary scientist and biologist. In this movie, we have two storylines that merge into one. We’ve got Trevante Rhodes, Boyd Holbrook and Thomas Jane and that group of guys – the soldiers, and their interactions with the Predator. And on the other side, my character has been brought in by the CIA because of her expertise in evolutionary biology to get a better understanding of what they have found. She’s only called if there is a higher life that’s found, and here there is definitely some alien activity.

How did you get involved?

I had actually heard about it before from my reps. They talked to me about it, but I just said no. I wasn’t interested because typically in a big movie like this, I’ll probably go see it, but as an actress, the female role is usually delegated to just being the love interest. But, it ended coming back around, and they said that Shane just wanted to meet. I’m a huge fan of his work and Kiss Kiss Bang Bang is one of my all-time favorite movies, so I wanted to meet with him. I really trusted him as a director. He’s a filmmaker that is really collaborative and actually allows you to bring what you want to the character. I read the script and then had another meeting with Shane about some of my thoughts, and he



was really receptive to it.

She definitely doesn’t come across as a damsel in distress...

When you’re fighting for your life, you have to shoot, even though nobody wants to be in a position where they have to fight for their life. The guys – they’re soldiers – but I approached this character as a scientist. I’m sure that she’s picked up a gun before... I grew up in a military family so I knew how to shoot guns. Making this movie was not about us finding moments for her to not be a damsel in distress. It just wasn’t on the page; it’s not what we were doing.

Was there much training or preparation for the role?

She’s not a trained athlete or assassin, but I think she’s healthy and physical. We did a lot of gun training and that was really fun. And I loved being able to do that with the guys, learning how to shoot together; every time we did that, I learned all these different techniques and tools and skills. But then I tried to incorporate what my character would do and put a little bit of shakiness into it. In this movie, there’s something really big going on and for her, it’s fascinating. This is something that she’s waited her entire life for – especially as an evolutionary

scientist, somebody who studies how creatures evolve and change. And yet this is happening right before her eyes, so, there is a shock and awe value that’s happening. While everyone else is running away from the Predator, she’s running towards the aliens, because she’s fascinated.

Does working on real sets and location help your performance?

It’s very intimidating and visceral. And it really puts you in that space. But that being said, there’s still so much stuff that is put in during post with CG and the VFX and everything that really amps it up for the audiences at home. We get enough that we can allow our performances to be even more real. A movie like this really takes advantage of how great technology is and where we’ve come from, and what we can do with it and how realistic things are. Especially when it comes to like the blood and guts and the destruction and death.

Shane has said it won’t shy away from the violence...

I’m really big on it. I think we’ve gotten so PC that we lose the fun of going to the movies sometimes. For me, the more bloody spines being ripped out, the better!

What is your relationship with the original Predator? How old were you when you first saw it and how cool is it to now be in a Predator movie?

I actually hadn’t seen it! I didn’t see it until a few months before shooting. I mean, I knew of it and maybe I knew some of the catchphrases and lines, but no, I never saw it until I signed up for this movie. What’s really great about this movie is that while it’s technically a sequel, it’s not picking up right where the other movies left off. But at the same time, it’s acknowledging all the previous ones and it’s not pretending like they didn’t happen. And it’s interesting because we have some throwbacks from the very first Predator which I love that Shane was able to incorporate. I really enjoy that. But for me, it wasn’t imperative to have watched that film before I signed on because I knew it would be its own beast. After getting it, I did watch it. And loved it. And I kept saying to Shane, “can we not have a scene where someone has to hide in the mud? Can I go hide in the mud?” Because that’s a genius way to not be discovered by aliens!



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Tourism Fundamentals



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Tourism is built upon the key understanding of Social and Cultural awareness.

The course describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to be socially aware when working with customers and colleagues within the tourism industry. Students learn the ability to communicate with people from a variety of source markets while reviewing a wide range of social and cultural groups.

A travel and tourism certification is



vocational by nature, and will focus on everything you’ll need to enter a career in the sector after you’ve graduated.

Students will be offered internships during the course at leading Hotel Groups, Hospitality Companies and Dubai Attractions: Hyatt Regency Dubai, Aquaventure Atlantis, Lama Tours, Atlantis the Palm Dubai, World Cuisine Network and SQ inner circle cruise.

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- VISA (30 or 90 days)
- Flight Tickets (Return ticket to Dubai from students home City)
- Accommodation (Studio or Three Bedroom Apartment)
- Airport Welcome and Greet (Transfer to Accommodation)
- Dubai College of Tourism Welcome and Greet (enrolment and registration)

- Transportation (To and from College)
- City Familiarisation Tour
- Tourism Industry Educational visits
- Experiences (Desert Safari, Dhow Cruise and major attractions on non-study days)
- Attested certifications upon completing and passing the course
- References from place of Internship

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As this study tour is preparing you for a career, we offer an internship throughout the course in well renowned companies in Dubai to enhance the learning experience. This will involve working in the travel and tourism sector, while studying - taking the knowledge you will acquire in the class and applying it to a real-life setting.

Internships are offered in our one and three month courses, and are a great way of building experience for your CV (and some placements may even lead to a full-time job after you’ve graduated). This will not only give you an insight as to how travel and tourism works in different countries, but will also help you to acquire/refine your knowledge of other cultures and languages.



Prediction for October 2018 by Poonam Sethi

“The more you give, the more you receive” is the motto of renowned Tarot card reader and holistic healer, Poonam Sethi, lives by. She has studied Feng Shui and Tarot card reading at several institutions across the globe and has, through extensive self-study, practice and perseverance, mastered the art of guiding people from the present into the future to precision.



ARIES

You will feel obligated to make a commitment you're not ready for, or someone will try to coerce you into doing something you don't want to do, but you will not be swayed or intimidated. You will enjoy a social outing or reunion with a friend or social outing or reunion

with a friend or loved one and will go on a shopping spree.

Lucky color: Yellow

Lucky number: 9



TAURUS

Restraints will come to end, and positive changes in your business affairs in the form of recognition or promotion will at last come your way. You can also expect improved conditions in your way. You can also expect improved conditions in your finances and love life.

Lucky color: Pink

Lucky number: 2



GEMINI

T:- You're going to be feeling tired, run down, or uninspired, and your psychic ability will be impeded. You will also get conscious about your psychic appearance and will get a new haircut or clothes. Expect good news concerning your finances.

Lucky color: Lemon Yellow

Lucky number: 4



CANCER

You're going to get paid for long-standing debts, find out something you need or want to know and receive a new inspiration in a stalemated, dead end, or abandoned endeavor.

Lucky color: Red

Lucky number: 3



LEO

Your obsession (or preoccupation) with the past is hindering your ability to see what is really going on, but no matter how bound you're feeling how, you can still break free. Facts can change. Stomach needs attention.

Lucky color: Fascia
Lucky number: 4



VIRGO

:- Ignore opposition & let nothing make you veer off from your course. Straighten out your affairs, make steps towards commitment and refuse to accept less than what essentially right.. be true to yourself.

Lucky color: Indigo
Lucky number: 7



LIBRA

Take more responsibility, initiative, or accountability for results. Leave home if necessary, do some shopping around, & don't be afraid to take a chance or make yourself more available to others.

Lucky color: Green
Lucky number: 2



SCORPIO

You will succeed in overcoming difficult situations, and in obtaining the help or a professional. You are going to experience tension related to finances, but difficulties will be overcome and a payment or settlement is in the offing. An amorous and impetuous suitor is going to try and win your heart.he/she just

might.
Lucky color: Lemon Yellow
Lucky number: 6



SAGITTARIUS

You will handle your affairs skillfully and complete all projects or financial matters successfully. but love will be more important than work. You will be successful in all of your negotiations, agreements or financial transactions. Money that is owed will be paid, and/or money for a subsidy or grant

will soon be given.
Lucky color: Red
Lucky number: 9



CAPRICORN

You'll have repeat clients, and some financial increase or profit, Financial problems will arise over someone who will stick you with the bill or try to take more than their share, but you will have enough to get by. You will hold off on an idea because you won't be ready to commit or will feel the time isn't right or that there's too

much hard work involved.
Lucky color: Turquoise
Lucky number: 4



AQUARIUS

You will prosper in all financial transactions, complete every task you set out to do, and accomplish much more than you thought you would; and/ or you will succeed in launching great plans, building new platforms, and making executive decisions. You can expect an increase in your finances,

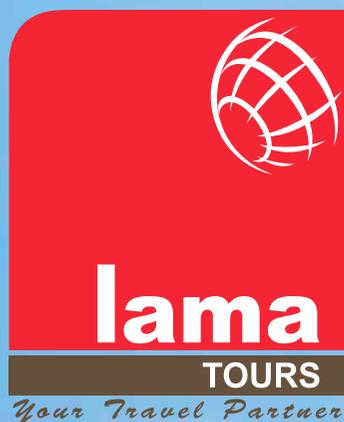
Lucky color: Purple
Lucky number: 2



PISCES

Someone will displease you, unearth hidden insecurities, or make you feel that your work is inferior or that your job is in jeopardy. You will be feeling a definite crunch in your pocketbook and will wonder where your next rupee is coming from. But your finances are about to improve.

Lucky color: Green
Lucky number: 4



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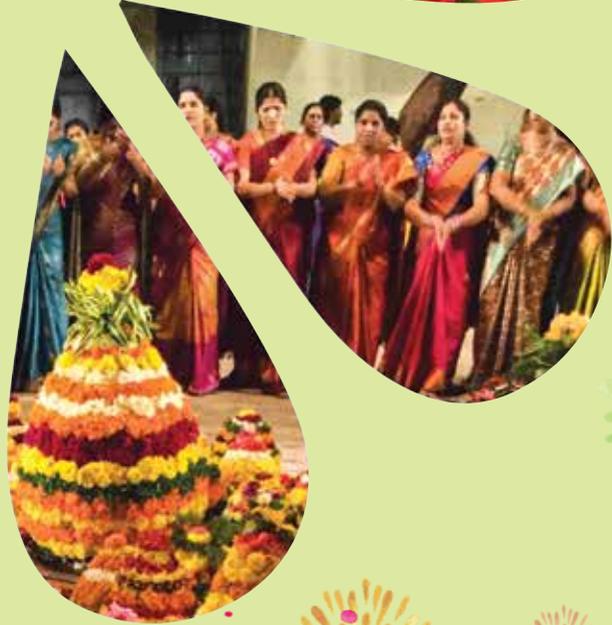
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