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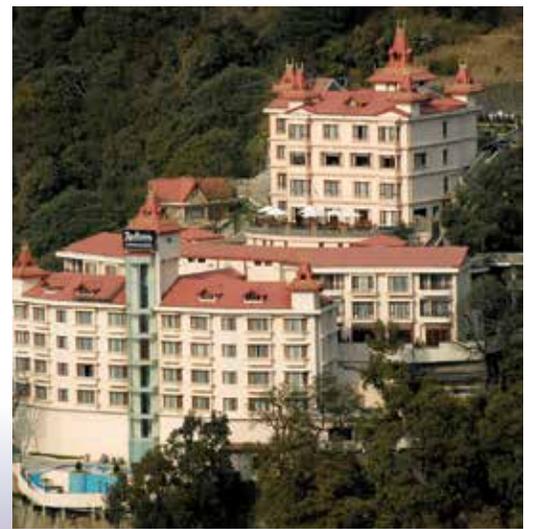


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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

When you will bring June issue of T3FS you will get to know lot about the glorious past of India. Integrity, culture, tradition and inheritance what strengthens the foundation and one such nation which firmly beholds the belief is India. The countrymen boast off their integrity like no one else holds it and this makes the nation proud of it.

As of 2018 India has 36 World Heritage Sites which include 28 cultural heritage sites, 7 natural heritage sites and one is mixed or classified listed by UNESCO and that makes India among one of the top countries globally in terms of a number of world heritage sites.

While moving ahead you will get a chance to enjoy a treat of Malaysia Tour. Our exploration trip of Malaysia, which was facilitated by Malaysia Tourism as Malaysia Mega Familiarisation Tour programme in conjunction with Malaysia Mega sale carnival took us through this amazing nation which seems to be a small planet in itself. Be it the lively streets of Kuala Lumpur, or the scenic

beaches of Port Dickson or rich with heritage buildings, ancient landmarks and colonial structures of Malacca or vibrating Genting theme park of Pahang - You have it all in Malaysia. We took the opportunity of compiling our detailed itinerary with some Malaysia travel add-ons, so sit back and enjoy this treat!

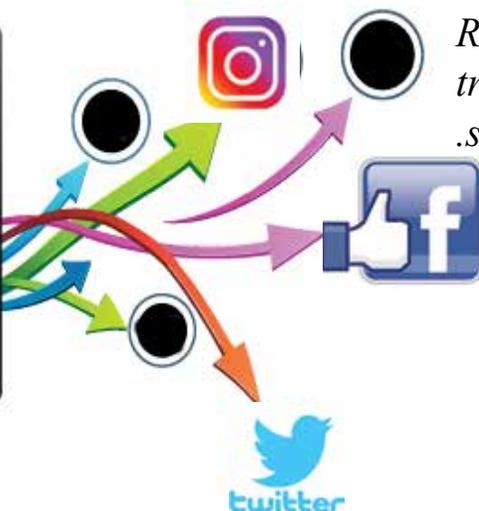
Indian heritage is envisage what the world admires for and it's the hospitality industry what has revived the cultural witnesses of Indian past for the future, its massive forts and fortress for them being a major constraint over maintenance.

For several decades, the palaces, the defensive castles and the composite havelis were the abode of nobility-where hospitality was a way of life. Visitors, guests, even strangers were welcomed in a tradition that was a part of their lifestyles.

Finally when you entered in lifestyle session you will get to know about beautiful heritage jewellery. .

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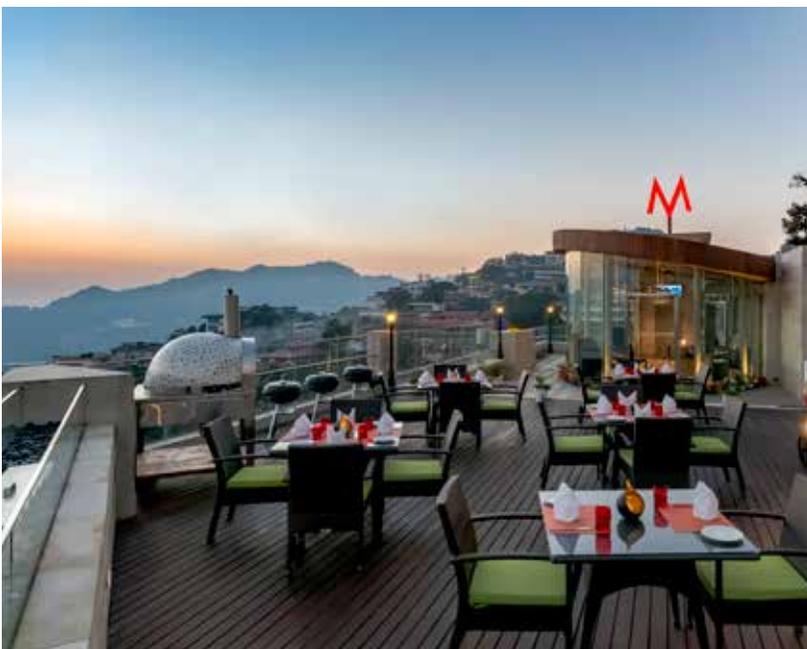


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Klook and Merlin Entertainments inks MoU

Klook, a world leading travel activities and services booking platform, and Merlin Entertainments, a global leader in location-based entertainment based in Great Britain, are pleased to announce a strategic global partnership.

With modern mobile travelers in mind, this collaboration will enhance guest experiences at eight Merlin attractions across Asia through a series of marketing promotions, user experience optimization, data analytics, and information exchange.

“Travelers are more tech-savvy than ever; they do their research before every journey, and are constantly searching for convenient and

value-for-money solutions,” said C.S. Soong, General Manager, SEA Region at Klook. “We are confident that this new collaboration with Merlin will provide overall better experiences for travelers who are visiting Merlin’s many attractions.”

Optimizing the user experience for travelers, Klook provides instant confirmation that answers a call for spontaneity and convenience – both before and during trips. Tapping into

a growing demand for diverse and unique experiences, Klook offers over 100,000 tours, activities and tickets at more than 270 destinations around the globe. This strategic partnership with Merlin, which operates more than 120 attractions, will add to Klook’s growing pool of convenient, affordable and exciting travel experiences throughout the region.

ADTOI Organizes B2B Showbizz

ADTOI organised its first ever B2B Showbizz with Domestic Tour Operators of North East & Bengal on 18th May 2019 at The Leela Ambience Convention Hotel In Delhi coinciding with ADTOI General House meeting scheduled for the month.

The Showbizz was attended by approximately 110 participants. About twenty ADTOI domestic Tour Operators from North East States and Bengal flew specially for the event to meet with Delhi members on one to one basis. It is first ever endeavor of ADTOI to plan any event like this to generate pure business among members.

Mr. Ashish Seghal, Chairman – Trade Shows & Road Shows and Travel Marts, Events Committee conceptualized the event.

ADTOI B2B Show Bizz on North East & Bengal was a great opportunity for participating ADTOI members from Delhi/NCR to meet their counterparts from North East and Bengal to have a business discussion during the meet. The event

ended with a cultural programme presenting authentic Bihu Dance specially arranged for the occasion along with authentic North East dishes during Hi-Tea hosted by ADTOI. The theme North East and the cultural program was very well organized and executed by Mr. Ved Khanna, Chairman – GH Cultivation & Recreation committee.



ICICI Bank Launches Co-Branded Travel Card with Goibibo

ICICI Bank announced the launch of a co-branded multicurrency travel card with Goibibo, a leading online travel booking company, to offer convenience as well as monetary benefits to the burgeoning section of international travel enthusiasts of the country.

Anyone travelling abroad, whether an ICICI Bank savings account customer or not, can apply for the ‘Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card’ digitally on the Goibibo website and mobile app. Accepted across 200 countries and 46 million merchants globally, the card can be loaded with upto 15 currencies.

The card is bundled with benefits upto

Rs. 20,000 which includes gift vouchers worth Rs 15,000 from Goibibo along with other benefits, that can be used to purchase flights and book hotels on the travel site. Additionally, customers get 40 paise discount on currency conversion rate on loading of minimum USD 1000. Further, they get the advantage of complimentary card protection from theft / loss upto Rs. 5 lakh. It also

provides flat 15% discount at over 100 Indian restaurants across six foreign cities. To offer an enhanced convenience of managing the currencies loaded in the travel card seamlessly, the card allows customers to instantly convert money from one currency to another at Bank’s internet portal, as well as reload currency into the card anytime, anywhere using the Bank’s mobile and internet banking platform.



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India's first International Conference on Religious, Pilgrimage, Wellness, Spiritual Tourism & World Yoga Day

India's leading Travel, Tourism Exhibition & Conclave ITM Rishikesh 2019 is scheduled from June 20th till June 22nd 2019 at Ganga Resort, GMVN Rishikesh, Uttarakhand with a focus on Religious, Pilgrimage, Wellness & Spiritual Tourism & World Yoga Day Celebration.

Spirituality is often mixed up with religion, with the words "spiritual" and "religion" often being used interchangeably. Spiritual tourism involves

people traveling to places to find the meaning of life and attain inner peace through self-realization and personal transformation; they may or may not follow a particular religion or

faith. Religious tourism, on the other hand, involves devotees travelling individually or in groups to undertake pilgrimages or to visit temples and other places of worship.

The Ultimate Travelling Camp (TUTC)

Nestled in the quaint hamlets of Ladakh, 'The Ultimate Travelling Camps' widely popular uber luxurious tented camps is inviting travellers to fully immerse in the thin airs of Ladakh while being cushioned by luxuries of a glamorous abode.

Known to have introduced 'glamping' in challenging landscapes of India, TUTC's seasonal camps in Leh and Nubra Valley has begun operations from 15th May 2019 until end of September, a favourable time to visit Ladakh. For those looking to deep dive into the soul of Ladakh TUTC's signature itineraries promise experiential sojourns without compromising on luxury.

A delight for the senses and soul, Chamba Camp Thiksey has a newly introduced Wellness Hermitage – Swadhyaya that will introduce guests to the most unique self-discovery and healing rituals waiting to be rediscovered. These healing therapies are an amalgamation of Ayurvedic and Tibetan healing that has been practiced for thousands of years in Ladakh.

TUTC weaves together experiences like none other. Guests can rediscover the mystical energy of a Buddhist stupa, discover ancient stories of the divinities of Buddhism hiding beyond the secret symbolisms and colours of the monasteries, offer prayers of peace, raft down glacier fed rivers, cycle down mountain roads, watch a game of polo, a sport of the royals, experience a private séance with the village oracle or simply indulge in the multitude of extraordinary services at the camps.



Indian Representative of Penang Convention & Exhibition Bureau

Penang Convention & Exhibition Bureau (PCEB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Alfa Destination Marketing Private Limited as its representation firm in India to manage travel trade strategy, public relations and industry alignment across both countries.

India is proven to be a strong market for Penang and is one of the top five markets for Business Events in Penang. Over the past year, Penang has received encouraging interest from event planners and conference organisers. In 2017, 13% of Business Events of Asia Pacific origin was from India, contributing RM190 million or USD 46 million. In 2018, Penang's largest Business Event- V-CON 2018 - which saw a participation of 16,000 delegates from around the world reported that

80% of their delegates were from India. The number of Indian travellers flying in to Penang has also increased in recent years. The Penang Immigration Department reported that for the period between Jan to Nov 2018, 7,250 Indian travellers flew into the Penang International Airport, compared to 6,569 in the same period in 2017. The 10.37% increase came despite there not being direct flights between Penang and India.

"We are so pleased and excited to add

Penang Convention & Exhibition Bureau to our existing client portfolio. Alfa's focus will be to align and enhance the 'Experiences Unfiltered' campaign under PCEB through cooperative strategies with key wholesale, airline and trade partners, as well as increase awareness with key media stakeholders in India. Ultimately, this will increase the length of stay and contribute to grow the number of Indian visitors to Penang," commented Kapil Pant, Director, Alfa Destinations Marketing Private Limited.

Seychelles Tourism Board Strengthens Trade Relations through Workshops

Seychelles Tourism Board successfully conducted workshops in Pune (21st February 2019), Bangalore (19th March 2019) and Chandigarh (9th May 2019) to train potential travel trade partners and equip them with detailed information about various offerings in Seychelles.

This enabled Seychelles Tourism Board to meet many potential travel agents in the three cities and lay the groundwork for future sales visits with potential operators. These workshops included a destination presentation, question and answer round followed by networking session that was attended by around 45 – 50 tour operators in each of the three cities.

Commenting on the success of the workshops Ms. Lubaina Sheerazi, COO, Blue Square Consultants, Seychelles Tourist office India said, “Seychelles has so much to offer beyond its beautiful beaches and has gained immense popularity among Indians in the past couple of years. Taking

a step further, our focus has been to widen our outreach beyond the metro cities as we see a lot of potential travelers in tier two cities. Conducting workshops and trainings have helped us to create awareness about Seychelles, build relationships with travel agents in new regions, understand real challenges of travelers from different cities and offer customized solutions.

Looking at the great response we received from these cities, we plan to conduct similar trainings in tier two cities like Raipur and Nagpur as well.”

Visa on arrival, direct flight connectivity along with

scenic views, uncrowded beaches, tropical weather throughout the year and many exotic experiences makes Seychelles an ideal destination for Indians.

The country has seen a steady growth in tourist arrivals from India this year and ranks India as the top 6th source market for Seychelles.



So Strong and Resilient Sri Lanka

As Sri Lanka returns to normalcy after the tragic events of Easter Sunday that interrupted a decade of peace and prosperity in the island, Sri Lanka Tourism is illustrating what Sri Lankans are best at - moving forward.

With authorities strategic operations carried out to contain the situation and the arrest of those responsible Sri Lanka is rapidly returning to normalcy and the industry is readying itself for what was to have been a record mid-season in what would have been a record year of growth for the tourism industry.

“Tourism is a strategically critical sector

in Sri Lanka’s ever-expanding economy. It’s now the third highest revenue generator for the country and it is estimated that 500,000 individuals depend on it. From the fishermen, to the farmer to the tuk tuk driver to the king coconut seller on the roadside, they all benefit from the tourism industry. On the flip side, thousands of people are directly employed in the hospitality sector. Therefore, many Sri Lankans

from various walks of life are stakeholders of the tourism industry. We have seen darker days but have always bounced back, better and stronger. Our resilience as a nation is unrivalled. This is our strength and we will show the world that Sri Lanka will once again be the top destination to visit,” explains a confident Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs, Hon. John Amaratunga.

Re-Joyce

Dublin’s 2019 Bloomsday celebrations will include an eclectic mix of activities from poetry and pub crawls to breakfasts and burlesque shows.

From 11–16 June, Dublin, a UNESCO city of literature, will honour the genius of James Joyce in its annual Bloomsday celebrations.

The festival recalls Thursday 16 June 1904, the day depicted in Joyce’s renowned novel *Ulysses*, which follows the life and thoughts of its anti-hero, Leopold Bloom, for 24 hours.

Every year Dublin welcomes thousands of Joyce admirers from around the world, who come to follow in Bloom’s footsteps and join the citywide celebrations.

Although a literary festival, Bloomsday is not confined to book readings and lectures but spills out into the streets of Dublin in true Irish style.

Dressing in the fashion of the period is one way of getting into the swing of Bloomsday and the city

will be full of Joyce enthusiasts sporting their finest Edwardian garb. Eating a Bloomsday Breakfast while listening to readings and recitations is a must, as is a visit to key locations in the book including Sweny’s Chemist, where Bloom bought lemon soap. The shop is now a fascinating time capsule, surviving since 1847 with all its original fixtures and fittings.

Walking tours follow Bloom’s journey around Dublin, while the popular Joycean pub crawl visits the watering holes he frequented and presents the opportunity to discuss all things Joyce over a few pints of porter.

This year’s Bloomsday Interview is with Senator David Norris, one of Ireland’s leading Joyce scholars, which will take place in Joyce’s

alma mater, Belvedere College.

Among the 2019 festival highlights are musical and theatrical performances that reinterpret and extend the *Ulysses* experience.

The Poetry Brothel presents an immersive literary cabaret nightclub experience, while BLOOMINAUSCHWITZ is a new theatrical adventure for Bloom that mixes clownish antics with high drama, rich stories and powerful imagery.

In a city of storytellers, the 2019 Bloomsday theme is aptly ‘What’s your story?’. The festival organisers are encouraging everyone to share their own Bloomsday story this year to deepen the Bloomsday experience and strengthen the bonds between the devotees of this great masterpiece.

International Museum Day in Louvre Abu Dhabi

More than ten thousand guests, made up of children, families and other art enthusiasts, including visitors from abroad as well as UAE residents, visited Louvre Abu Dhabi on Saturday 18 May as the global community of cultural institutions celebrated International Museum Day.

With extended opening hours until 1 am, visitors enjoyed the museum plethora of ongoing activities as well as its permanent galleries and international exhibitions, particularly Rembrandt, Vermeer & the Dutch Golden Age: Masterpieces from The Leiden Collection and the Musée du Louvre, which closed Saturday.

With one million visitors in the museums first year of operations, Louvre Abu Dhabi has quickly grown to become a central destination



for UAE residents and tourists alike. In keeping with the museums mandate to build a cultural ecosystem for the UAE and beyond, as well as to redefine the role museums have traditionally played by creating a social space for communities to gather and exchange, Louvre Abu Dhabi's ongoing programme is designed to educate, engage and inspire.

MACAO: 12% Rise in Indian Tourist Arrivals in 2019

Known as one of the most fascinating and luxurious destinations in Asia, Macao has recorded a 12% increase in Indian tourist arrivals from January to April 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. The destination also welcomed the arrival of nearly 14 million tourists from around the world in the first four months of 2019.

Talking about this positive growth, Arzan Khambatta – Head, Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) said, “India has always been an important source market for Macao. The growth in the tourist arrivals can be attributed to a blend of well-thought-out strategic marketing and trade campaigns conducted during last quarter and this year. Last year, Macao was designated as ‘Creative City of Gastronomy’ by UNESCO, which gave us an opportunity to promote Macanese cuisine. We also conducted highly successful consumer engagement event called ‘Experience Macao Festival’ in Mumbai and Delhi. The festival aimed at introducing various attractions and events, cultural and gastronomic aspects of

Macao on an experiential level to consumers including showcasing the destination through VR. We plan to continue to explore innovative campaigns and working closely with Trade to help continue this momentum of growth in Indian arrivals.”

This year is an important year for Macao as it marks the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR. The newly launched Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) touted as an engineering marvel for being the longest sea crossing bridge has also led to easier accessibility to Macao from surrounding regions.

To increase tourism receipts in 2019 from India, MGTO will also focus on organizing

various activities like influencer campaigns; promotions of festive events such as the Macao Arts Festival, Macao International Fireworks Display Contest, Macao Food Festival, Macao Grand Prix, Macao Light Festival to name a few.



Statue of Liberty Museum Opens to The Public

The Statue of Liberty Museum on Liberty Island opened to the public following a dedication ceremony presented by The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. and the National Park Service.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation Chairman of the Board Albert Bellas and President and CEO Stephen Briganti, as well as campaign chairperson Diane von Furstenberg delivered remarks at the ceremony, which also included performances from Broadway stars and the Manhattan Girls Chorus.

“America needs this museum and what it represents now more than ever. Immigration defines us, and New York is the ultimate city of immigrants. The Statue of Liberty represents our core values – we embrace diversity, support our neighbors, and believe everyone should have

a fair shot to live the American dream,” said



Mayor de Blasio.

“Today, we share in the American people’s gratitude for this remarkable contribution to the legacy of the Statue of Liberty, and for ensuring her story will continue to be told to this and future generations,” said Superintendent of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island John Piltzecker.

“Starting today, every visitor who comes to Liberty Island will have the opportunity to have a full museum experience, to learn about Lady Liberty’s history and how She still shines as a beacon of hope for all people around the world,” said Stephen Briganti.

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India is 6th on the list of countries with the most number of sites in the world heritage site listed in the UNESCO after Italy, China, Spain, France and Germany have 53, 52, 46, 43 and 42 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, respectively.



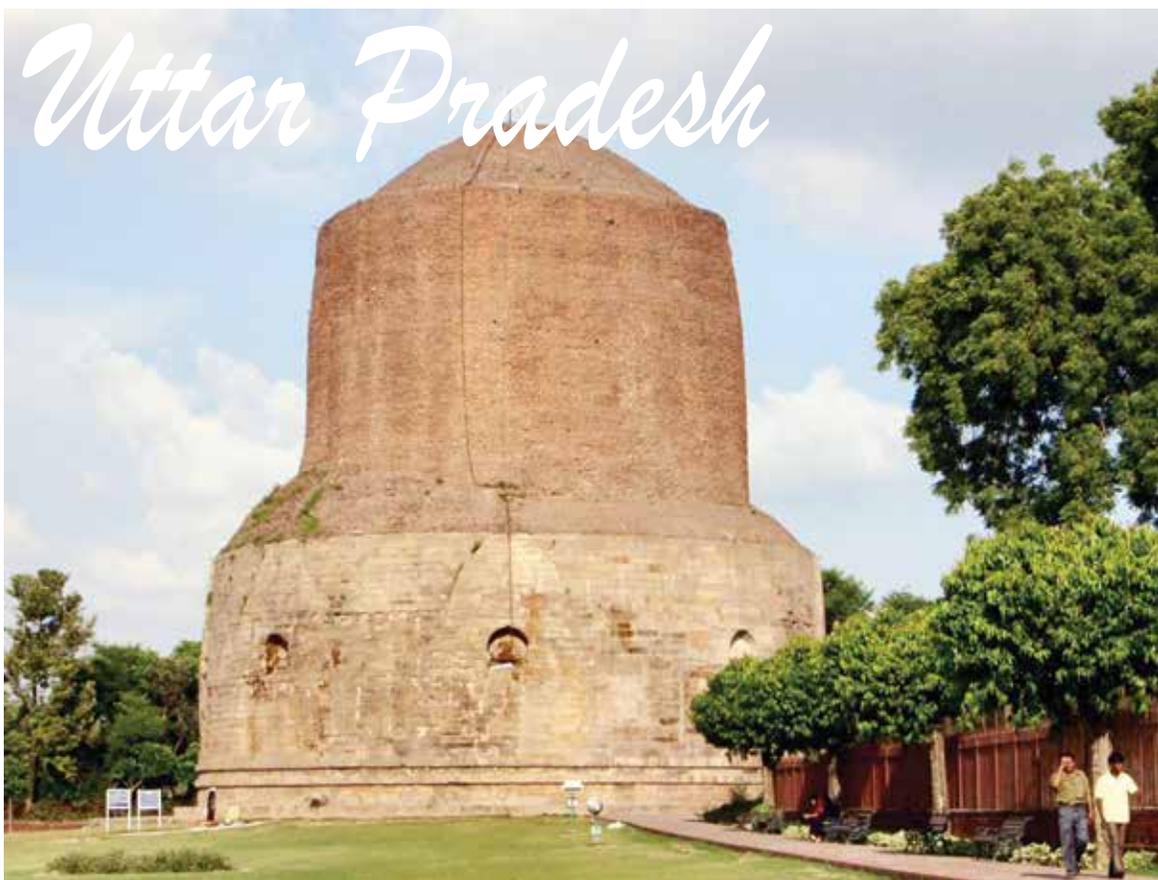
Odisha

The eastern Indian state of Odisha is home to a large number of temples and Buddhist heritage sites that draw scholars and tourists alike.

Odisha is a heritage & culturally enriching state in India. In Odisha there are many historic or heritage beautiful iconic destinations & religious points are present especially such as Konark Sun Temple, Sabara Srikhetra (Jagannath Temple) Koraput, Raja Rani Temple, Fair & Festival etc.

History of Odisha, which acquired indelible fame and glory under its past names, 'Kalinga' and 'Utkal', dates back to very remote antiquity. Splendid glimpses of its remarkable past are found in many epics including Mahabharat. Buddhist and Jain literature also have rich descriptions of bravery, patriotism and generosity of the people of ancient Kalinga. The Jagannath temple at Puri and the Sun temple at Konark were built during this dynasty which continue to remind the Oriyas of their past brilliant incredible sculptures and architectures.

Konark is another important world heritage site located in Odisha, it's famous because of the great Sun Temple located here, and it's listed on seven wonders of India.



Uttar Pradesh is one of the states in India with a lot of history attached to it. Uttar Pradesh is a home of India's most visited sites, the Taj Mahal, and Hinduism's holiest city, Varanasi. It is home to Ayodhya and Mathura birthplace of Lord Rama and Lord Krishna respectively. There are different places one can visit in Uttar Pradesh. Agra, Jhansi, Lucknow and Meerut are historical cities famous for their monuments. Mathura, Vrindavan, Gokul, Varanasi, Ayodhya and Allahabad are holy cities for Hindus and Kushinar and Sarnath are important Buddhist places among the main four pilgrimage sites related to the life of Gautama Buddha.

Uttar Pradesh Heritage Arc- The Heritage Arc in Uttar Pradesh provides an opportunity to explore the state in all its glory. The Arc takes travellers through a kaleidoscopic journey of monuments, architectural wonders, pilgrimage centres, spiritual experiences and wildlife. It is consist of three major historical cities of Uttar Pradesh that is Agra Lucknow and Varanasi.

Lucknow - Rich history of Nawabi rule.

Agra – Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World) Second best

UNESCO heritage site. It also consist of the heritage sites like Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort etc.

Varanasi - Varanasi is one of the oldest living cities in the world before Jerusalem. It is a traditional centre of learning and a destination for Hindu, Buddhist and Jaina pilgrimage.

Throughout history, great cities have emerged and established along great rivers the Ganga and the Yamuna.

Tamil Nadu



One of the oldest civilizations in the world, the culture of Tamil Nadu is one of the main areas of pride in the heritage of India.

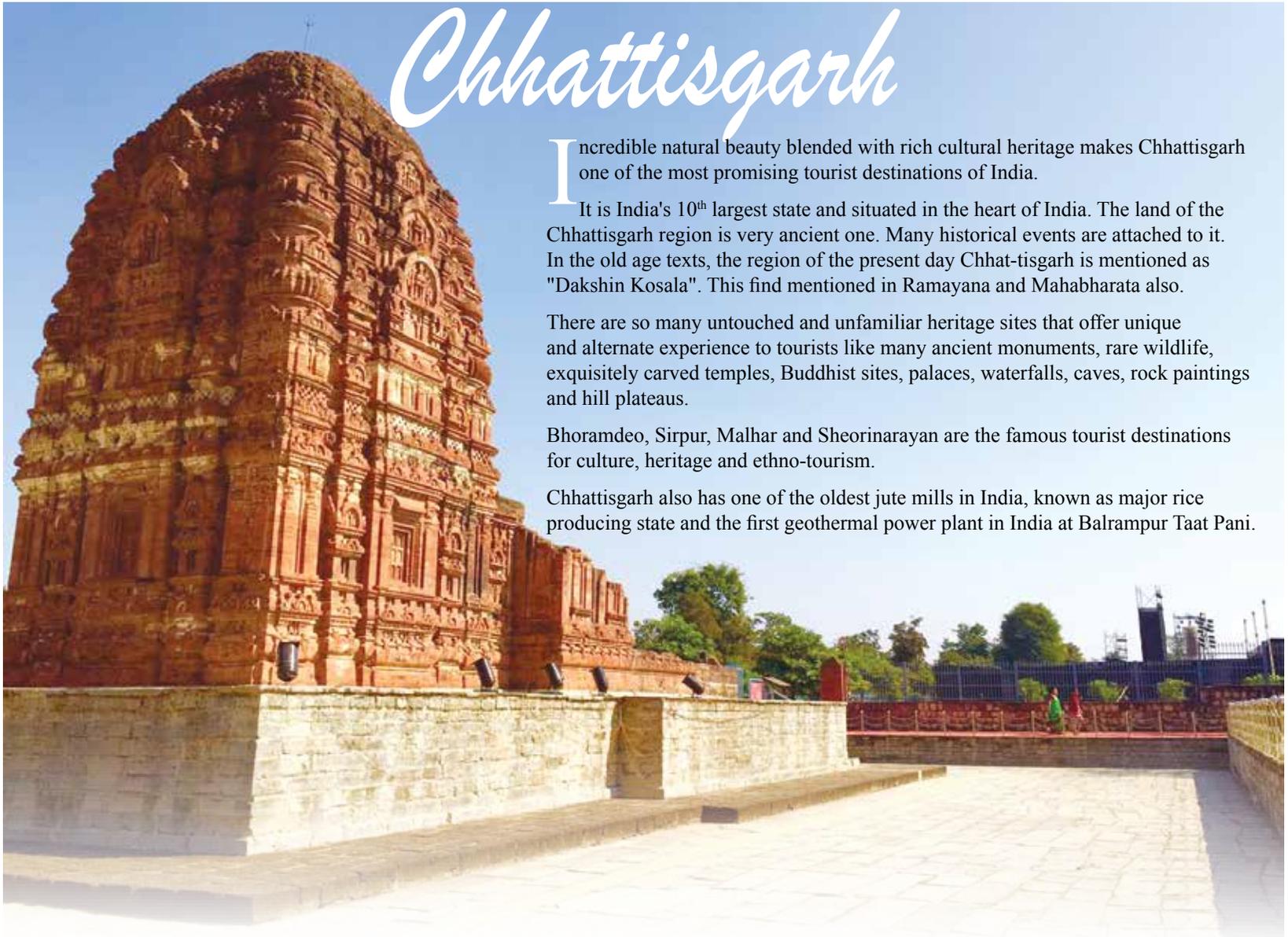
Tamil Nadu is one of the four Dravidian states of southern India with a known continuous cultural history of at least 4,000 years. This magnificent peninsular state is home to some of the country's most remarkable temple architecture and a marvelous living tradition of music, dance and various art forms. The contribution of Tamil Nadu to literature, music and arts of Indian heritage is exemplary. Music and dance are the essence of Tamil Nadu.

This southern state is home to a number of heritage sites that are mainly composed of intricately designed ancient temples and deities of the Pallava and Chola empires spread out across the upper half of the state. The state is also home to a large number of historic buildings, religious sites and heritage monuments, designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

There are four World Heritage sites in Tamil Nadu Airavateswara Temple near Kumbakonam, Brihadeeswarar Temple at Thanjavur, Monuments at Mahabalipuram near Chennai and Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple at Jayakondam.

For those who love soaking in some culture and learning about the past heritage, Tamil Nadu can be a good beginning.

Chhattisgarh



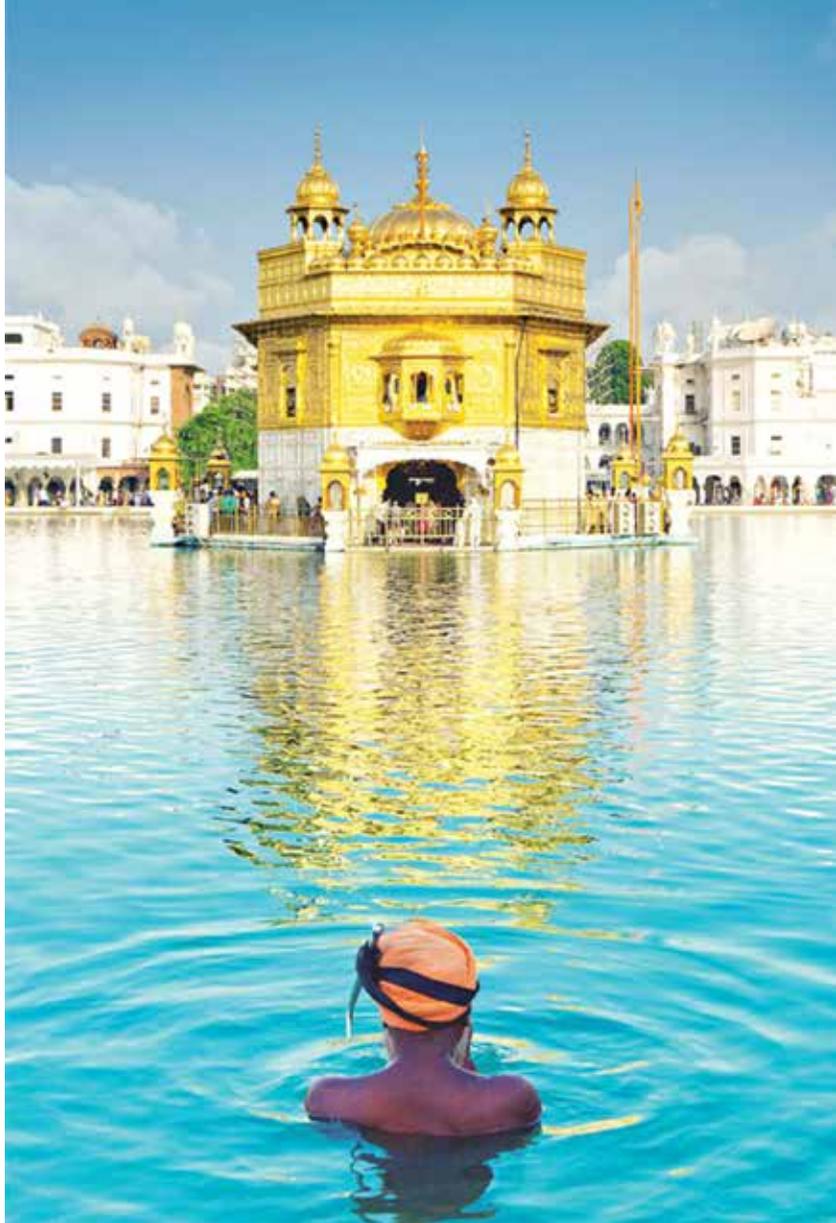
Incredible natural beauty blended with rich cultural heritage makes Chhattisgarh one of the most promising tourist destinations of India.

It is India's 10th largest state and situated in the heart of India. The land of the Chhattisgarh region is very ancient one. Many historical events are attached to it. In the old age texts, the region of the present day Chhattisgarh is mentioned as "Dakshin Kosala". This is mentioned in Ramayana and Mahabharata also.

There are so many untouched and unfamiliar heritage sites that offer unique and alternate experience to tourists like many ancient monuments, rare wildlife, exquisitely carved temples, Buddhist sites, palaces, waterfalls, caves, rock paintings and hill plateaus.

Bhoramdeo, Sirpur, Malhar and Sheorinarayan are the famous tourist destinations for culture, heritage and ethno-tourism.

Chhattisgarh also has one of the oldest jute mills in India, known as major rice producing state and the first geothermal power plant in India at Balrampur Taat Pani.



Punjab

Punjab has a long history and rich cultural heritage. Archaeological excavations have revealed evidences of the magnificent, 5000 years old, Harappan culture that flourished in Punjab. This fertile land ranks amongst the most ancient civilizations in the world.

Inextricably linked with the history of Sikhism, Amritsar is amongst the most revered sites of the world. It was founded as recently as the 16th century. One of the famous heritage site cum religious place called Golden Temple in Amritsar have history dated back of Guru Amardas time that is from 14th century, Guru Amardas purchased the land from Emperor Akbar and decided to build a tank at the site. The construction of the Golden Temple was initiated by Guru Arjan Dev while Guru Hargobind, who accorded the religion a martial temper, built the Akal Takht in 1606.

Amritsar has a rich history encompassing various mythical and historical narratives including the epic Ramayana. It is believed that the site called Ram Tirath was Maharish Valmiki's ashram, where Sita reportedly gave birth to her twin sons, Luv and Kush. The Gobindgarh Fort and Ram Bagh were built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh, the founder of the Sikh Empire. While the Jallianwala Bagh continues to be the most evocative monument to India's freedom struggle.

Punjab ancient legends, historical monuments, places of worship, old bazaars, theatre traditions and colourful festivals all serve as a window to its robust past.

Telangana besides being India's youngest state has a legacy of about 5000 years. From the royal Hindu king to the Nizam Hyderabad has been flourished in every aspect to its fullest. Several great dynasties have had their seat of power right here. Known as the land of the Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb, Telangana has been home to a diverse mix of cultures.

The different kingdoms that ruled the region not only created political fortifications, but also contributed immensely to art and culture of the region. Telangana has many historical places making it an interesting destination for heritage tours. The popular monuments of the state range from forts to palaces and even exquisitely built tombs. These beautiful structures tell a story of yesterday that seamlessly merges into the lives of today.

Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple at Bhadrachalam, Medak Church Pillala Marri (Largest Banyan Tree) at Mahbubnagar and Alampur Jogulamba Temple in Mahbubnagar Dist. is 5th shaktipeetas of 18 well known



shaktipeetahs in India are some other places a tourist can visit.

Charminar has become a global icon of Hyderabad, listed among the most recognized structures of India. Golconda Fort, once abandoned by Qutub Shahis, is one of the most magnificent fortress complexes in India.

Chow Mohalla Palace, Falaknuma Palace are very important heritage spots in Hyderabad. Warangal Fort, Ramappa temple also attract heritage enthusiasts. Bhongir Fort was built in the 10th century on an isolated monolithic rock by the Western Chalukya ruler Tribhuvanamalla Vikramaditya VI and was thus named after him as Tribhuvanagiri.

Madhya Pradesh

It has been home to the cultural heritage of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism etc. Madhya Pradesh has ancient and chequered cultural heritage. Innumerable monuments, exquisitely carved temples, stupas, forts and palaces on hilltops, raise in the visitors mind visions of empires and kingdoms, of the great warriors and builders, poets and musicians, saints and philosophers; of Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. The famous Sanskrit poet-dramatist Kalidasa and the great musician of the Mughal court, Tansen, were from Madhya Pradesh.

There is no state in India that is as diverse in terms of magnificent fort and palaces as Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh's trove of culture, traditions, music and dance can be easily through its monuments. Madhya Pradesh heritage that possesses ageless beauty handed down by the emperors of the golden India. Major attractions of Madhya Pradesh are forts that are at least 2,000 years old, erotic sculptures that are simply incredible, Buddhist relics that hard to find, caves that hold the splendours of nature, places which depicts about the wealthy traditions of India and the painting that marks the existence of Human. Three sites in Madhya Pradesh have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO are The Khajuraho Group of Monuments, Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi and The Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka.



Haryana

Haryana bears the footprints of kings and warriors, saint and sages, sufis and savants. The continuity of its rich past has been unbroken through ages, with legends of the epic heroes and places of pilgrimage like temples, sarovars and dargahs. The resilience of the spirit of its people finds resurgence against a continuous back-drop of invasions and battles

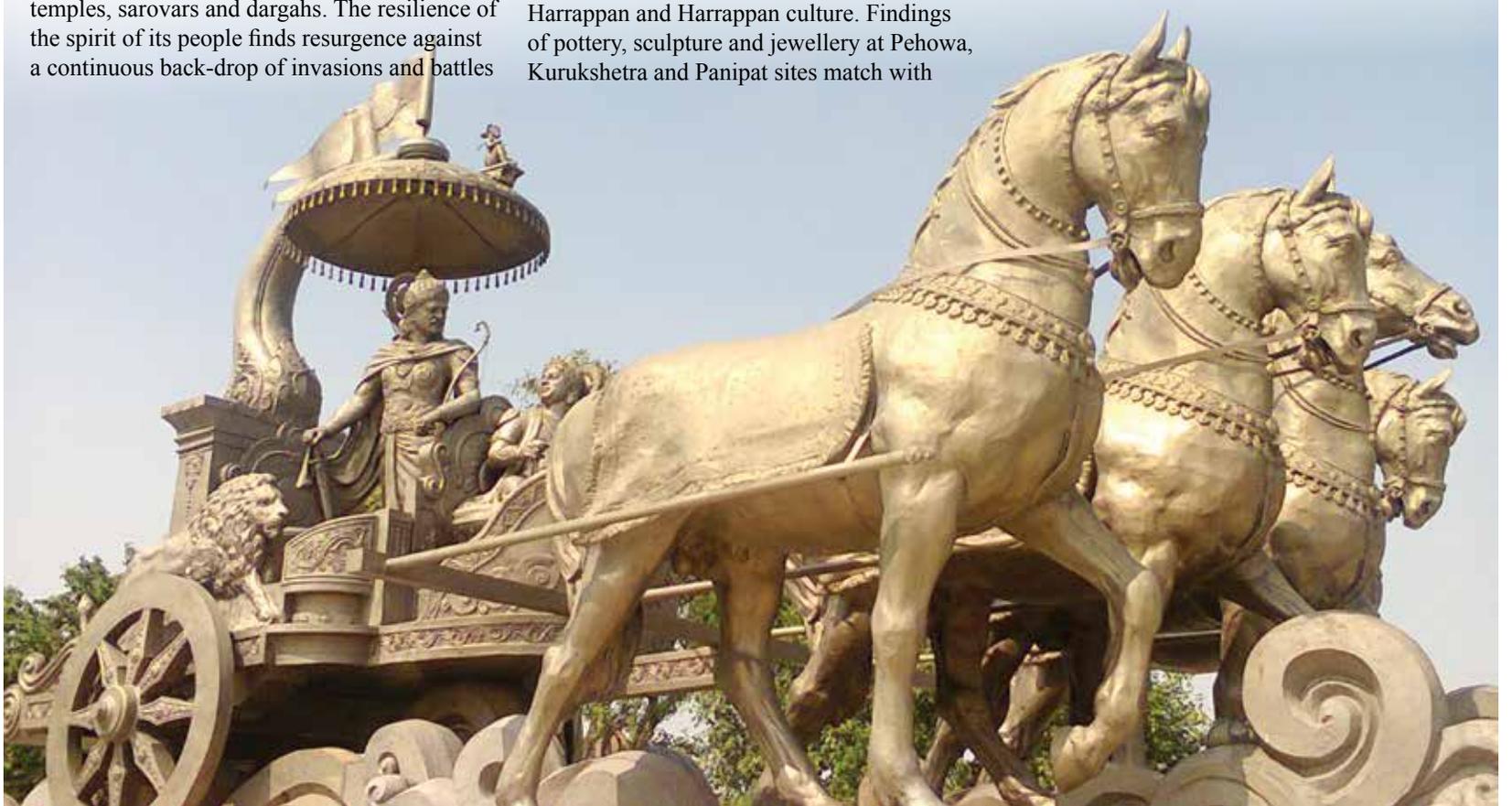
– triumphs and conquests!

Being the gateway of North India, Haryana has witnessed many ancient to modern wars ranging from Shuks and Huns to Akbar and Humayun and Babar's at Panipat to the decline of Mogul empire leading to British rule.

Excavations of various archaeological sites like Nauragabad, Mittathal, Rakhi Garhi and several others bear out evidence of pre-Harrappan and Harrappan culture. Findings of pottery, sculpture and jewellery at Pehowa, Kurukshetra and Panipat sites match with

Prithudaka (Pehowa), Tilpat (Panipat) and Sonprastha (Sonipat), establish the to occurrence of Mahabharata war.

Nestled at the banks of the pious River Saraswati and River Godavari, the sacred Kurukshetra city is situated in Kurukshetra district of Haryana. It is in this place where Lord Krishna narrated the divine Bhagvat Gita to Arjuna during the epic battle of Mahabharata.





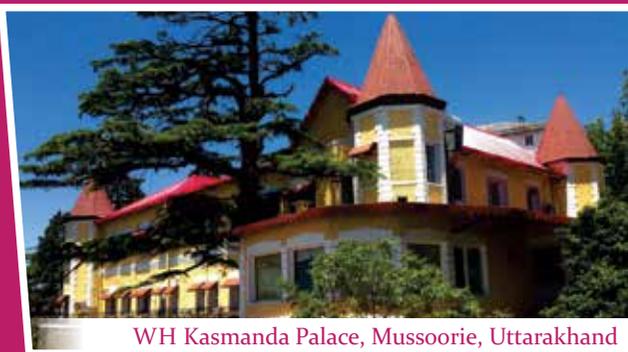
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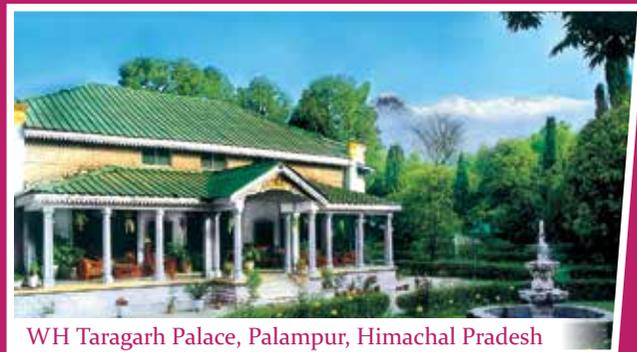


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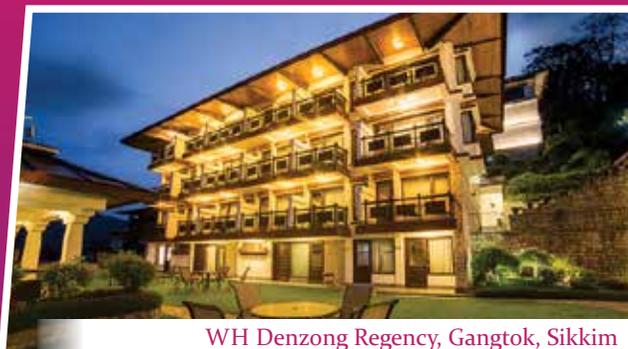
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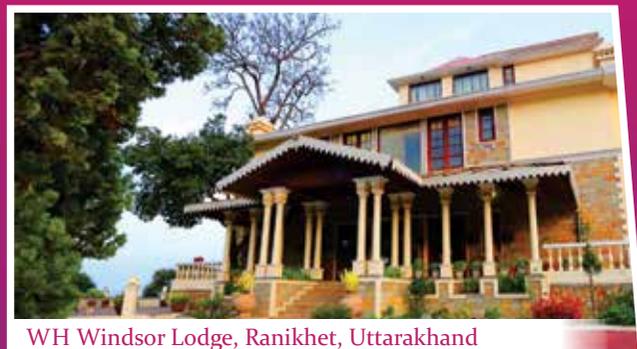
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Our exploration trip of Malaysia, which was facilitated by Malaysia Tourism as Malaysia Mega Familiarisation Tour programme in conjunction with Malaysia Mega sale carnival took us through this amazing nation which seems to be a small planet in itself. Be it the lively streets of Kuala Lumpur, or the scenic beaches of Port Dickson or rich with heritage buildings, ancient landmarks and colonial structures of Malacca or vibrating Genting theme park of Pahang - You have it all in Malaysia. We took the opportunity of compiling our detailed itinerary with some Malaysia travel add-ons, so sit back and enjoy this treat!

I travelled all my way from Delhi to Malaysia by Malindo Air that was our five and half hour direct flight. The journey in the sky was recommendable with such nice hospitality by Malindo Air.

Day 1 Buzzing Port Dickson and Malacca



After landing at the international airport at Kuala Lumpur around 6:30 am, I met my local tour guide who helped me with my breakfast at one of the renowned and nearby restaurant to the airport called "Restoran Ali Maju". We had various options in Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian in there menu, whereas I go with South Indian Dosa which was too delicious with Coconut water in beverages.

After breakfast, my tour guide helped me with my transit to the town of Port Dickson from Kuala Lumpur. We took the Seremban Highway to get to the town of Port Dickson. It took us almost 90 minutes to reach Lexis Port Dickson.

Lexis Port Dickson - Smart Living above the sea

A charming Balinese-inspired Port Dickson resort nestled in the lap of nature, with overwater chalets and sky tower units towering over the pristine Straits of Malacca.



The resort was tastefully architect whose beauty can stole anyone's heart. I saw all categories room from Executive to the Presidential suite which was designed by keeping in mind the comfort and luxury of guests with the magnificent views.

Ofcourse, the lunch in port dickson was amazing with lots of flavours, very impressive for every kind of tourist.



The Pines Melaka Hotel

Thereafter I moved towards the city Malacca where I checked in to "The Pines Melaka Hotel" Standing tall along the Malacca riverside, THE PINES MELAKA is an authoritative building rising over the quaint town of Malacca. The Pines Melaka Experience' is one that perfectly infuses urban comfort and top-notch hospitality with artistic charm and cultural touches that reminisce the historical city of Melaka.



Encore Melaka

Encore Melaka is one of the largest theatres of South East Asia situated at the picturesque location of the beach. Encore Melaka theatre is a landmark of contemporary architecture in Melaka, hiding

inside its six centuries of Melaka history. The theatre comprises of blue and white, colours of purity and eternity. The simplicity of Encore Melaka theatre reflects the unpretentious society inviting the world to the compelling story of Melaka.

Encore Melaka is excited to present a mesmerising performance with a series of touching life stories of the locals. It is not any cultural performance for tourists; it is a



performance that reflects a society that embraces diversity and inclusiveness.

Melaka Straits & Suites Hotel

We visited Melaka Straits & Suites Hotel for buffet dinner. While I stepped in the terrace restaurant the first word buzzing out from me was wow with the sights of its beautiful views. Food in the buffet was both Vegetarian as well as Non-Vegetarian; I tried vegetarian food which was as spicy as we eat in India as delicious as to fulfill



your appetite. At the end to conclude with the review of dinner I must say "I m loving it".

Melaka River Cruise

Though it was a long day traveller in me was seeking to explore each corner of tourist spots so we reached the final destination of the day that is Melaka River Cruise. Yes, beyond its history in Melaka We've got lots of things to do.

The Melaka River Cruise is must to do while

in Melaka as it gives us an opportunity to see the sights of Melaka at a leisurely pace and in comfort. The Melaka River is where the town began and it has played a key role in Melaka's colourful history.

Day 2 Culture – a key to know nation and its people

After my breakfast at the hotel, I checked out of the hotel. I visited the capital city of Malaysia that is Kuala Lumpur. It took almost a couple of hours to reach the first destination of the day in Kuala Lumpur that is Batu Caves. This day was

hosted by Pullman hotel where we enjoyed the great variety of Indian cuisine. After check in and refresh, I proceed to BBKLCC – Pavilion KL

BBKLCC – Pavilion KL

Undoubtedly Kuala Lumpur offers itself as a shopping paradise. Among all one of the major shopping paradise is BBKLCC – Pavilion KL. At the heart of the trendy Bukit Bintang district lies the perfect reason to indulge in fashion, food and urban leisure. The excitement of this 1.37 million sq ft retail haven with 450 outlets

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman

This is the oldest street in Kuala Lumpur and is filled with a mix of old pre-war shop lots and modern buildings. It is one of the great places for fabric hunting and cheap finds. Every Saturday, between 5 to 10 pm, the Jalan Tuanku Abdul



Rahman is closed to vehicles to make room for a night market that offers an assortment of fabrics, textiles, clothing and food at attractive prices.

Dataran Merdeka for Iftar (breaking fast) KL 2019

This was one of the lifetime experiences of mine to attend this event and be a part of it. To know

somewhere an amalgamation of liberalism of country where we started with Hindu temple of Batu caves and end with the Iftar (the breaking fast event) of Muslims.

Batu Caves

Batu Caves is an iconic and popular tourist attraction in Selangor. Site of a Hindu temple and shrine, Batu Caves attracts thousands of worshippers and tourists. This 100-year-old temple features idols and statues erected inside the main caves and around it. Incorporated with interior limestone formations said to be around 400 million years old, the temple is considered an important religious landmark by Hindus.

After a memorable visit to Batu caves, I proceed to Pullman Kuala Lumpur City Centre for lunch and Checkin. The lunch of the day was

offering the finest fashion and home furnishings to entertainment and culinary delights.

To add a star on its beauty is the Pavilion



Crystal Fountain, a new national landmark. It is the tallest Liuli crystal fountain in Malaysia, endorsed by The Malaysia Book of Records.

a nation it's important to know its culture and by attending this event anyone can feel the real culture of Malaysia and its people which is as incredible as any other culture. Tourism Minister



Escape

of Malaysia himself sitting on the same platform with all the citizens and visitors shows great significance and importance towards their culture and its people.

On weekends throughout the whole month of Ramadhan, one can witness the residents of Kuala Lumpur and some tourists breaking their fast on



the busiest road in the city with the commanding backdrop of historic monuments, Sultan Abdul Samad Building and Dataran Merdeka.

River of Life

The River of Life Public Outreach Programme (ROL-POP) is a programme to foster partnerships and to improve attitudes and behaviours of target groups to reduce pollution in the Klang River, Malaysia. ROL is aimed to transform the Klang River into a vibrant and liveable waterfront yet still holds the historical roots of the city itself.

Delhi O Delhi

After exploring the glimpse of culture in Kuala Lumpur city we proceed for dinner in one of the Indian restaurant called Delhi O Delhi. The food is



exceptionally good. Everything was rich in taste and really cooked well.

Day 3 Pahang – Genting Highland

On the third day, after my breakfast at the hotel, I proceed to explore the Genting Highlands, Pahang. There I visited and experienced the premium outlets of Genting Highlands where we saw the mega sales in all the outlets from 80%-

10% offering a wide range to choose from. I must add on It was shopping heaven for those who love shopping.

Genting Highlands Premium Outlets is an open-air shopping mall situated opposite Awana Genting Highlands Golf and Resort. It's the first hilltop premium Outlet Centre in Southeast Asia. There are about 150 internationally-renowned brands covering an extensive collection of designer fashion, sportswear, luggage, accessories, shoes etc.

After that, we experienced Awana Skyway Cable Car to reach the peak of Genting Highlands. Experience of the Cable car is always good as through this I got a chance to explore the city as in bird's eye view. This state of the art cable car system took about 10 minutes from Awana Station to SkyAvenue Station, which is directly connected to the SkyAvenue Shopping Mall.

There lunch was hosted by Resort World Genting in Spice Garden which is famous for Indian and Middle East cuisine. I had great and delicious Indian cuisine over there which satisfy my appetite at its fullest.

Thereafter I visited Sktropolis Funland

Genting Highlands Indoor Theme Park. The first activity which magnetises my eyes was of Star Warrior live game. It was my first time when I experienced such kind of game as I am not that big game lover but yes my experience over there of a live game created that passion for live games in me. It was so thrilling and enjoyable as you are really living in that world to shoot the enemy with the guns and to find our way to stay away from lava and so on. This experience was one of its best during my Mega Fam to Malaysia.

Then we proceed to enjoy few other rides also



and moved back towards hotel Pullman at the city centre. During my way back there was rainy and very pleasant weather which was so beautiful to enjoy and feel it.

The evening was quite relaxed with a grand dinner at the hotel. What a relaxed day it was and I truly unwinded!

Day 4 Kuala Lumpur – A vibrating city

After my breakfast at the hotel, I checked out from the hotel and proceed to Istana Negara.

Istana Negara

The Malaysian King's Palace (Istana Negara) attracts thousands of visitors with its golden domes



and Islamic-style architecture. It's one of the best attractions of Kuala Lumpur.

Thereafter we moved to 1 Utama shopping centre.

1 Utama Shopping Centre

As the World's 7th Largest Mall, 1 Utama Shopping Centre proudly subscribes to a very successful formula that elevates the ideals of shopping, entertainment and dining to new heights. Under the tagline "It's all in one", the mall is indisputably a premier lifestyle mecca with something for everyone.

Nestled in the heart of MSC Malaysia Cybercentre Township Bandar Utama, the award-winning shopping centre is continuously redefining the shopping scene. 1 Utama signature Rainforest is a lush tropical paradise created within the mall and the Secret Garden, South East Asia's largest rooftop garden, has become a popular tourist attraction.

Spanning 5 million square feet and 6 retail levels, 1 Utama impresses with an avant-garde mix of over 700 retail shops for an experience like no other. The mall houses 3 departmental stores: Aeon, Parkson, and Isetan, and 2 cinemas: TGV



KL Tower

You will be surprised to know KL is the seventh tallest telecommunication tower in the world and the tallest in Southeast Asia. Standing at 421m and located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, KL Tower offer a unique blend of Cultural, Adventure and Nature experience not found anywhere else in the world.

For those seeking Adventure and adrenalin-rush activities, KL Tower is known as the World Basejump Centre. The Tower has hosted the longest-running urban BASE (Building, Antenna, Span, Earth) event since 1999 and it is now the largest event of its kind in the world. If that is too extreme for you, experience breathtaking views of Kuala Lumpur skyline at 276m above ground at the comfort of our Observation Deck.

KL Tower is located within Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve, one of the oldest forest reserves in the country – blending the Tower seamlessly with Nature. In fact, KL Tower is the only tower in the world located within a forest!

After this, we checked in to Sunway Putra Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

Appreciation Dinner

As it was the last night of the fam in Malaysia by keeping this in mind and to make it memorable for all the members of fam, Tourism of Malaysia hosted appreciation dinner for us. The presentation started with the video of the candid pictures clicked during the fam which was so touchy and created the ambience of happiness in the hall.

After that to add on the star in the evening Director General of Malaysia certified everyone with the certificate of thanks to exploring Malaysia which was followed by the healthy conversation with the tourism officials of Malaysia on the dinner table.

Day 5 Miss Sophia

After having breakfast in the Sunway Putra Hotel we got a chance to explore the property

Sunway Putra Mall

Sunway Putra Mall is strategically located in the central business district of Kuala Lumpur in one of the most vibrant hubs of the city.

Overlooking the international Putra World Trade Centre, the mall enjoys superb access and provides an exciting place to shop catering to the surrounding businesses and residents with its 8 levels shopping floors.

The major attractions besides the shopping and gastronomy were that cat house in the mall and playing area for children.

Departure

Then, I finally head out to the International airport at Kuala Lumpur to board my flight to Delhi. Carrying a hundred Polaroid photos, a diary full



and GSC Cinemas under one roof.

The most attractive activities which attract me the most was of indoor rock climbing, surfing and skydiving.

Then we experienced the local Malaysian, at the restaurant Peranakan Place, 1 Utama Shopping Centre. Food though was of different taste but nice.

Chocolate Museum

It was one of the most interesting places if you are a chocolate lover as here you not only get to know about various form of chocolates but also acknowledge with the history of chocolate as well as its making process.



Not only this after chocolate museum tour I understand the various benefits of dark chocolates as well. Moreover, the limited edition chocolate that is ruby chocolate. It is one of the educational and fun-loving tours to Chocolate Museum.



to its fullest. The property designed in such a way that one can view the major attractions of Malaysia that is twin tower and KL Tower. The hotel is located next door to the all-new Sunway Putra Mall – where visitors can uncover never-ending discoveries, excitement-packed retail and entertainment experiences.

of travel memoirs and postcards from every spot. Besides, all the glitz, luxury and adventure- if there's one thing that Malaysia and its people taught me- it's Humility.

As said by my tour guide at Kuala Lumpur –“No matter if you are rich or poor, able or else, it's our duty to give back to the society which in turn gives us the gift of Humility”

The Next Chapter of The ‘Oceania Cruises’ Story

Oceania Cruises’ newly refurbished Insignia arrived in Mumbai after visiting Cochin, Mangalore and Goa in India as part of her 180 Day Around the World Cruise.

The first ship to debut the dramatic new enhancements undertaken as part of the ambitious OceaniaNEXT initiative, Insignia guests will travel through the Pacific and Asia, as well as cruising through the Middle-East, Europe and American regions.

In addition to the sweeping array of dramatic enhancements, Oceania Cruises has chosen to elevate its guest experience to new levels through new dining experiences and reimagined menus, allowing guests to savour The Finest Cuisine at SeaTM, as well as in-depth destination exploration.

In 2018, Oceania Cruises announced its OceaniaNEXT initiative, a sweeping array of dramatic enhancements designed to elevate every facet of the guest experience. The first initiative to be undertaken is the \$100 million re-inspiration of the line’s four 684-guest ships (Regatta, Insignia, Sirena, and Nautica) that will result in four better than new ships. Each will emerge from the re-inspiration process with 342 brand new designer suites and staterooms, and stunning new décor in the restaurants, lounges and bars, inspired by the line’s 450 ports of call.

Insignia was the first to debut on 7th December 2018, followed by Sirena in May 2019, Regatta in September 2019, and

Nautica in June 2020.

“OceaniaNEXT will be the most extensive and comprehensive suite of product and guest service enhancements that we have ever undertaken,” said Bob Binder, President and CEO of Oceania Cruises. “Our Regatta-Class ships are like second homes to our loyal guests and travel partners. They don’t build ships like these anymore, which is why this re-inspiration project is such an important milestone in our company’s 15-year history. We are maintaining the intimate surroundings and personal attention that our guests love, while at the same time setting a new standard of style and elegance for small ship cruising. We have opened a new chapter, innovating in every way as we look to the future and the way our guests want to travel. We can’t wait for our ‘new’ ships to launch.”

At the helm of the dramatic refurbishment is Studio DADO, a Miami-based design and concept studio specializing in luxury residential and hospitality design.

Surprisingly New, Delightfully Familiar

With the line’s acclaimed Marina and Riviera as their muses, Regatta, Insignia, Nautica, and Sirena will feature richly appointed and stylish new interiors that showcase the best

of residential design. Furnishings from Baker and Donghia along with fabrics from Rubelli and Kravet will adorn the public spaces, with new richly-hued custom-milled carpets lining the floors.

Effortless style in an elegant atmosphere will be the defining characteristics of the Reception Hall and Upper Hall. A sparkling new Grand Staircase framed by intricate railings and balustrades inset with crystal accents will welcome guests onboard. Overhead, a crowning grand chandelier adorned with hanging pieces of smoked and hand-painted glass, will set the space aglow. The Grand Dining Room will feature buttery soft cream leather dining chairs accented with metallic bronze threading to catch the light from the stunning new crystal chandelier, which will be the room’s defining centrepiece. Martinis becomes anew with a palette inspired by the stunning coastline of Santorini featuring hues of deep Grecian blue, sienna and chocolate browns, and stately pewter. Silver-white marble and tobacco quartz will accent the bar while the trademark walnut panelling adds lustre and whispers of familiarity.

All-New Suites and Staterooms

Wanting guests to feel at home while away from home, the luxurious brand new staterooms and suites will be lighter, brighter, and even more spacious. Stripped down to their studs, every ounce of the re-inspired accommodations will be modernized, featuring custom-crafted furnishings, exotic stone and polished wood finishes, and designer accessories, creating a harmonious celebration of style and comfort.

For convenience, USB ports will be incorporated in each of the staterooms, as well as a state-of-the-art television system with movies on demand in multiple-languages, live stations and a program guide, plus itinerary information and weather updates.

Lustrous New Bathrooms

Every fixture and surface of the bathrooms will be new, with designer fixtures, perfect lighting, lavish vanities, and chic glass shower enclosures. Penthouse, Vista, and Owner’s Suites bathrooms become true luxury retreats, offering more space outfitted with Carrara marble, polished granite, and sleek onyx.





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Orchha

UNESCO World Heritage sites

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board takes great pride to announce that the historical town – Orchha, district Niwari, Madhya Pradesh has been included in UNESCO’s tentative list of world heritage sites.

Shri Surendra Singh Baghel, Minister of Tourism & Narmada Valley Development Authority (NVDA) shared in a statement that a detailed proposal was made by Tourism department in collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and was sent to the UNESCO in this regard. World famous, “Mandu” known as ‘City of Joy’ is already included in UNESCO’s tentative list.

Madhya Pradesh is one of the favorite destinations for domestic and international tourists and the contribution of the state in National tourism growth is fairly high, specially through wild life and Heritage tourism.

Orchha which is situated in Niwari district (20 km from Jhansi, in UP) on the banks of river ‘Betwa’, was established in the 16th century by Bundela Rajput King, Rudra Pratap.

Orchha as city is special in itself. This ancient town has two magnificent towers (Saavan and Bhadon), along with four palaces namely Jahangir

Palace, Raj Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, and Rai Praveen Mahal etc. These magnificent buildings of Bundelkhand’s heritage are unparalleled depiction of cultural and charming devotional beauty. The stone carved idols of God and Goddess, along with the painting of animals and birds which reflects the master art of painters of those times, are fresh and extremely attractive. In the southern part of city, on the bank of Betwa River at the Kanchan Ghat one could also explore 14 cenotaphs, of different Bundela kings.

It is the only place in India where Lord Ram is worshipped as King and has a dedicated temple called Sri Ram Raja Mandir. Chaturbhuj Temple, Lakshmi Narayan Temple etc. are also very beautiful and fine examples of stone carving and paintings.

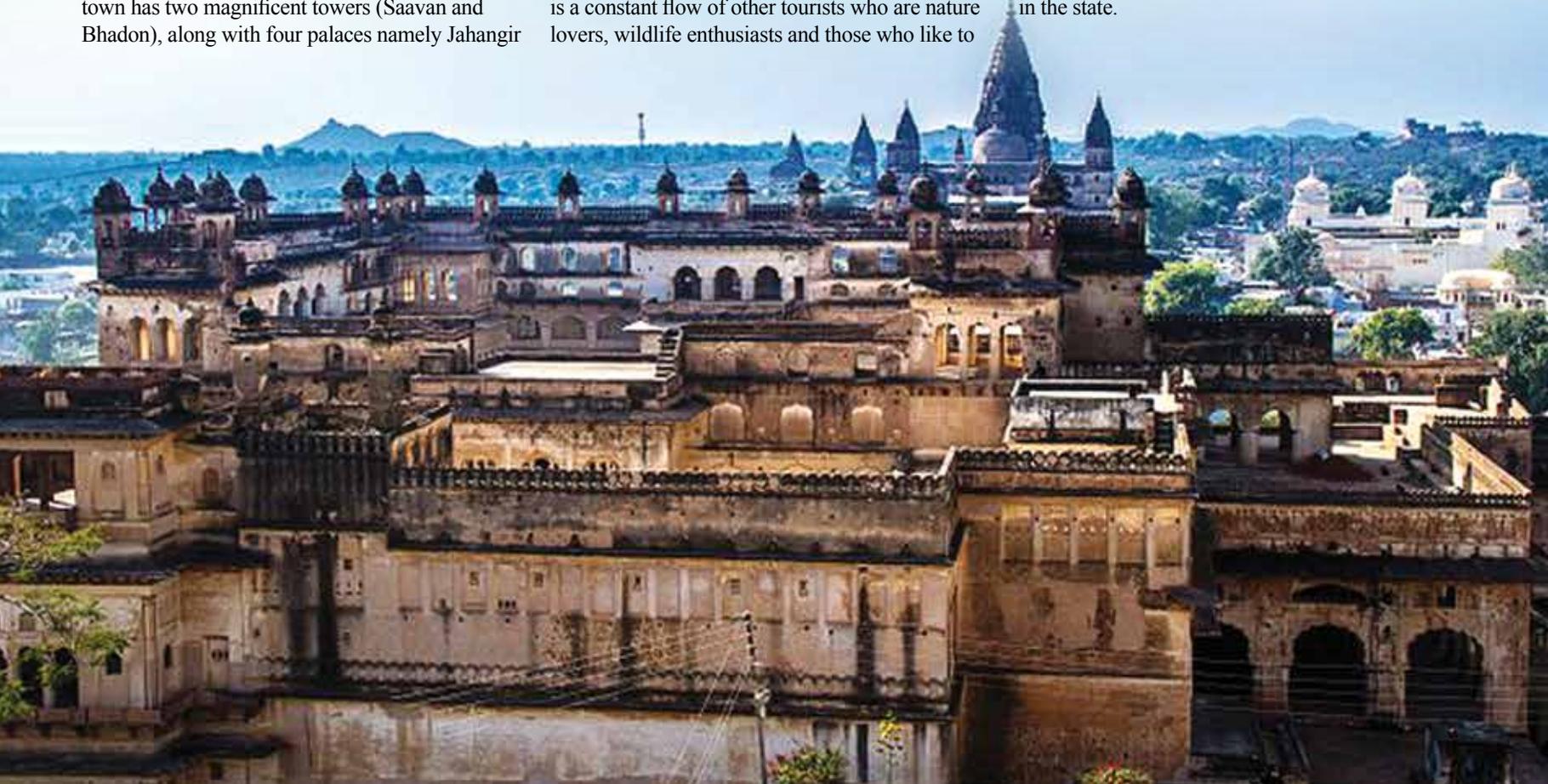
Apart from the tourists who visit Orchha for its architectural and historical magnificence, there is a constant flow of other tourists who are nature lovers, wildlife enthusiasts and those who like to

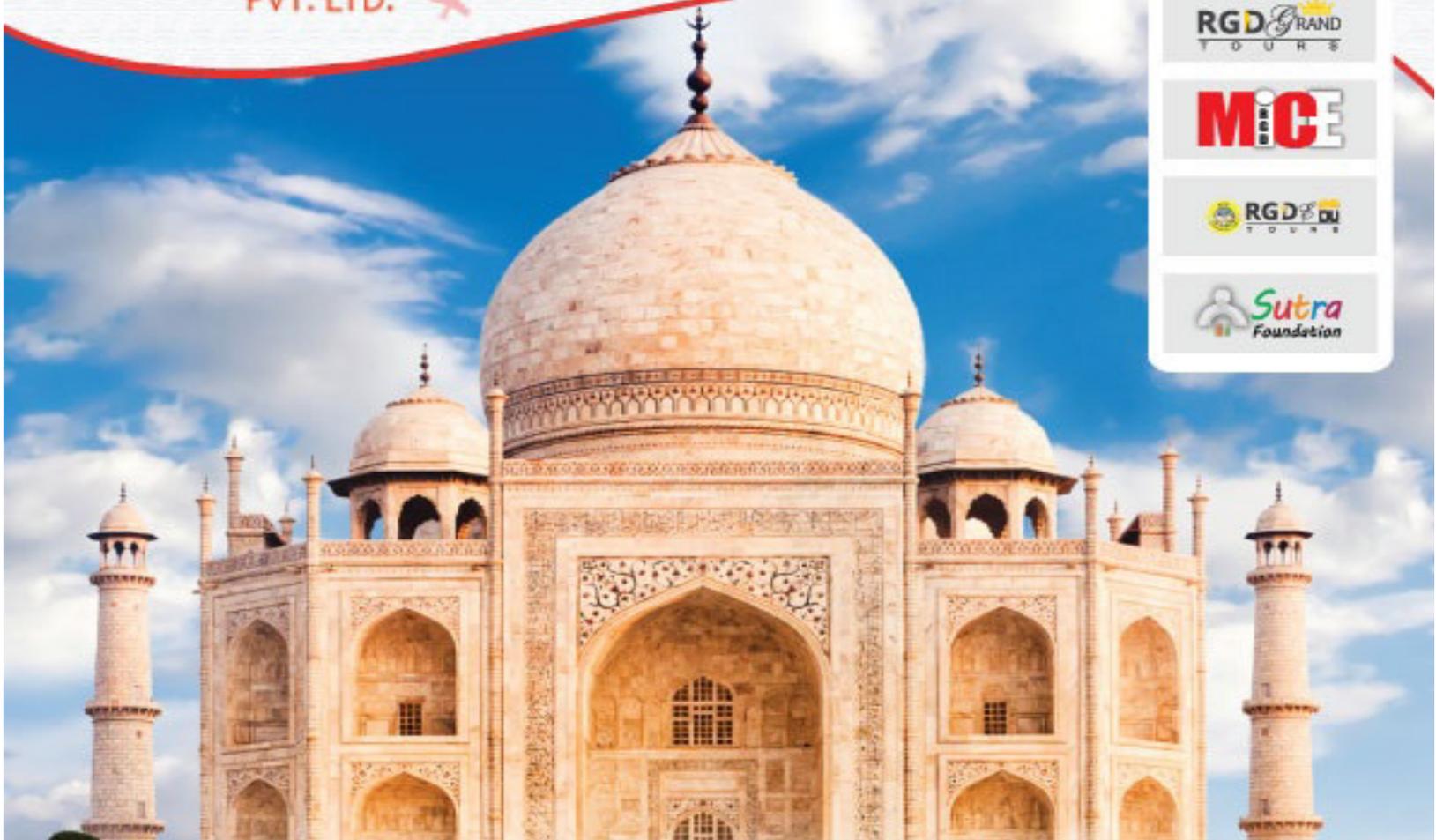
experience the water sports (river rafting) after the monsoon.

Premium accommodation and food experience is catered for by the facilities maintained by Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (MPSTDC) as well as private hotels in the town.

Orchha has fairly good connectivity with all the major cities and other tourist destinations via road & railway route. The nearest airports are Khajuraho and Gwalior.

Currently, in the list of World Heritage sites Khajuraho, Sanchi and Bhimbetka from Madhya Pradesh are already there. After the completion of UNESCO’s detailed selection process, if Orchha gets commissioned in the most coveted list in the world heritage sector, then Madhya Pradesh will become the second state after Maharashtra to gain the distinction of having four World Heritage sites in the state.





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This new pavilion is part of the Visa Application Centre located at Shivaji Stadium, and features an exclusive setting for Business travellers to Italy with an Italian look and feel.

Casa Italia is specially designed to provide business travellers the utmost comfort and convenience through the visa application process. The service provides end-to-end personalised assistance, professional guidance, privacy, a smoother visa submission process, and refreshments by Italy's own Lavazza coffee.

H. E. Mr Lorenzo Angeloni, Ambassador of Italy to India and Nepal, inaugurated Casa Italia in a formal ceremony in New Delhi on 23 May 2019. Casa Italia in New Delhi is a first-of-its-kind display of specially curated Italian brands, to promote the quality and innovation of 'Made in Italy' products among Indian travellers. This pavilion provides the ideal platform for renowned and upcoming Italian brands to showcase their products to

visitors. It is also equipped with audio-visual mediums, making it the perfect space to highlight tourist attractions and offers in Italy.

H. E. Mr Lorenzo Angeloni, Ambassador of Italy to India and Nepal, said, "We are excited to launch the exclusive Casa Italia in Delhi, an all Made in Italy furnished Visa space for the Indian business community destined to Italy. Casa Italia is a strategic addition to the innovative Visa experience that we are providing to the Indian public. We are seriously focused in reshaping the Visa experience so that it provides a truly enjoyable first glimpse of the 'Italian way' to any Indian business, travel, and study applicant heading to Italy."

Mr Vinay Malhotra, Regional Group Chief Operating Officer – South Asia, Middle East and China, VFS Global said, "We are extremely pleased to be bringing a piece of Italy to India through Casa Italia, as well as enhanced comfort through the visa application process for our corporate travellers. Our

association with the Italian Embassy has been a long and strong one, and we look forward to further serving them through this exciting new venture."



Japan's Alpine Route will Blow You Away

From mesmerizing landscapes to panoramic hiking trails to tranquil lakes, Japan's Tateyama Kurobe Alpine route offers fun for all.

This naturally spectacular journey through Japan's Northern Alps is so high (3000 m level), that it is often called the 'Roof of Japan'. To witness its beauty to the fullest, one has to travel through varied means of transportation including cable cars, trolley buses, and a ropeway to complete the journey.

While the route can be completed as a long day trip from either Toyama or Nagano, it is advised to relax and complete this 23 miles long journey in two days. The best recommended time to travel Alpine route is from April till November. The highlight of this snow route which makes it all the more popular is the majestic snow corridors of Midagahara and Murodo. Straight out of Game of thrones fairy-tale, the wondrous wall reaching 66ft high

entails a section for pedestrians which can be accessed from April 15 to June 22.

First on this nature trail comes Midagahara, a stunning snowy landscape on an altitude between 1600 and 2000m which is a haven for snow trekking aficionados. Next, on the route tourists can't miss the panoramic snowy landscape of Tengudaira, which after spring transforms into a flower garden.

The last tourist spot of day one of Alpine tour is Murodo, which is also the midpoint of this tour. Murodo, which is known for being the highest altitude railway station/bus terminal, is also famous for its mind-boggling sunset point. From there, one can't miss the sight of the sun slowly setting in a sea of clouds amid the hues of orange, pink, red, and purple.

The second day begins with an exciting walk along the snow corridor of Murodo which leaves the traveler awestruck by its beauty. After a 10-minute bus ride from Murodo Terminal comes Daikanbo. This tourist spot has an observatory which allows visitors to captivate the enthralling picturesque beauty of the Tateyama Mountain Range and Kurobe Lake's emerald green sheen.

The exciting voyage then proceeds to Kurobe dam, which can be reached by using



a 7 minutes ropeway to Kurobedaira and from there 5 minutes cable car to the tallest dam in Japan. Towering at an altitude of 1470m and 186 meters high, the dam supports a hydropower plant which helps supply electricity to the entire Kansai Region. Tourist can also enjoy cruising around the lake if they are lucky enough to be visiting during a time when the floodgates are open to let pass the water.

The tour then ends on a healing note at the hot spring sightseeing spot Omachi Onsenkyo, where tourists can wash away their fatigue in a natural hot spring surrounded by the majestic view of the Northern Alps.



Festivals to Celebrate in Frankfurt

Frankfurt is a city of great diversity. Banks and trade shows on one side, culture and traditions on the other. One thing is certain: The Main metropolis has something for everyone.

Street festivals, markets, traditional folk fairs, and open air events happening every year bring together the true spirit of the region. Experience the fun and make memories worth remembering with a list of events in Frankfurt.

• Wäldchestag: 8th June 2019- 11th June 2019.

One of the most unique festivals of Frankfurt is Wäldchestag. Also known as woods day, Wäldchestag is a symbol of how much the citizens of Frankfurt love their city. Head to the city centre to witness the rich culture and history of Frankfurt. Young and old take a day off to celebrate 'their' festival.

• Opera square festival: 26th June 2019 - 6th July 2019

This culinary festival held on Frankfurt's Opera Square is an ode to one of the most beautiful plazas in the Rhine-Main region. The old opera House comes alive with colorful gastronomical delights and diverse performances ranging from pop music to classic jazz.

• Main festival: 2nd August 2019 - 5th August 2019

From August 2 - 5, the entire Rhine Main region comes together for the Main festival that takes place at the Römerberg, the city's historical center. This folk festival kicks off with live music and wine served from the Fountain of Justice. With children's carousels, fairground rides, games, tombolas and shooting galleries, display of fireworks, this traditional folk festival attracts children of all ages.

• The Museum Embankment Festival: 23rd August 2019- 25th August 2019

The annual Museum Embankment Festival is not only one of Frankfurt's best-known cultural events; it's also one of the biggest in Europe. Each August, about 2.5 million visitors descend on the north bank of the Main for a three-day festival of arts and culture. The streets are filled with arts and crafts, music performances, street food and celebrations. Participating museums remain open past their typical hours, and you can purchase a festival pass granting access to all of them.

• Apple wine festival: 9th September 2019 - 18th September 2019

Apple wine has been an integral part of Frankfurt's culture. Every year, locals and visitors come together to celebrate this popular beverage. The Apple Wine Festival is traditionally accompanied by highly entertaining stage performances. One can choose from a variety of apple wine cocktails served at the trendy booths and village stalls in the region.



New Travel Initiatives Welcome Tourists to Israel

Israel recorded 1.14 million overseas visitors in the first quarter of this year, up 14% from the corresponding period of 2018. With new travel friendly services initiated in the country, Israel is certainly set to welcome record millions by the end of 2019.

• **Israel Pass** – Make your trip smooth and easy and secure entry into six best national parks and nature reserves including Masada, Ein Gedi, Caesarea, Qumran and enjoy unlimited use of public transportation throughout Israel with the all new Israel Pass. Launched by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the Ministry of Transport and Road Safety and the Ministry of Tourism, the card can be purchased at the Ministry of Transport and Road Safety booth in the arrival's hall in Terminal 3 at Ben Gurion Airport

• **The Ilan and Asaf Ramon International Airport** – The country's newest airport located in Timna Valley will service the Red Sea

resort city of Eilat and surrounding region and is Israel's first civil airport built from scratch. Slated to become a major game changer for local and international tourism to Israel, the new airport is expected to host 2.25 million passengers annually which is estimated to touch 4.25 million travellers per year. Spread across 1,250 acres, the airport is a minimalist and futuristic design in the middle of the Negev Desert framing the stunning scenery of the Desert mountainscape

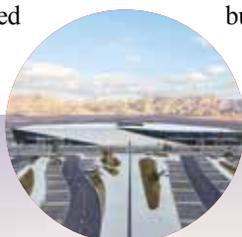
• **New bus line connecting Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv hotels**—Number 445, the new bus line launched by the Kavim company will operate 24 hours a day, Sunday to Thursday on an hourly frequency. The line will function until one hour before the Sabbath begins on Friday and from an hour after the Sabbath ends on Saturday night.

• **New VIP Luxury Lounge at Ben Gurion Airport** – The Fattal terminal at Ben Gurion Airport offers luxurious pre-

flight services at all stages, from check-in to security and customs. With a conference room, two shopping stores, six private rooms, a resting room and a private bathing room, stewards are available to guests at all times. Passengers, who will be charged between \$400 to \$800 a head, who can wait in private rooms or in the lobby, may eat, drink or smoke a cigar and travel to the plane in a private vehicle.

• **Ben Gurion Airport to be expanded** – To cope with the increasing passenger traffic, Ben Gurion Airport's main Terminal 3 will be expanded by 80,000 square-meters, including the addition of 90 new check-in counters, four new baggage conveyor belts and expansion of the existing duty-free space, immigration checkpoints and parking facilities. A fifth passenger concourse will also be constructed to accommodate additional aircrafts.

• **New on-demand shuttle service in Tel Aviv** – New York ridesharing company Via Transportation Inc. in collaboration with Israeli public transportation company Dan have launched a new on-demand van shuttle service called Bubble.



Orlando Sizzles with New Openings and Deals

Orlando, Theme Park Capital of the World, is the world's top summer destination according to AAA. And with new theme park expansions, hotels and unique dining adventures, 2019 is set to be one of Orlando's biggest summers yet.

“Orlando is always innovating, with immersive new experiences and unbeatable hospitality that keeps visitors returning year after year,” said Visit Orlando President & CEO George Aguel. “It’s this memorable combination that keeps Orlando the most-visited destination in the country, with a record 75 million visitors in 2018.”

New Immersive Adventures

- At Universal Orlando Resort™, Hagrid’s Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure coaster opens on June 13. This ride, described as Universal’s most highly-themed coaster to date, takes guests deep into the Forbidden Forest, to check out the various fantastic beasts that call the woods home.
- Walt Disney World® Resort opens Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge on Aug. 29. Set on the planet Batuu, the new land features two thrilling galactic rides, immersive shops, a restaurant and a character meet-and-greet spot.
- Aquatica® Orlando’s new attraction

KareKare Curl™ debuted April 12. This new slide is styled after a curve-shaped wave and welcomes two riders at a time, climbing the vertical wave wall for a high-adrenaline, weightless adventure.

- Walt Disney World Resort brings baller excitement to Disney Springs on Aug. 12 with the opening of the NBA Experience, offering 13 hands-on games and activities for basketball fans in a one-of-a-kind attraction.
- Wild Florida is set to open an all-new 75-acre safari park, an expansion that will result in the park growing six-fold. Guests will have the option to drive their own vehicles or ride on a guided buggy tour. Over 100 animals native to Florida will be on this land, along with a zip-line that lets visitors fly over the park.

New for Little Kids

- Walt Disney World Resort’s new Lightning McQueen’s Racing Academy is a live show now open in Hollywood Studios, featuring beloved characters from the Cars movie series like Lightning McQueen and Tow Mater.

Mater.

- SeaWorld® Orlando brought a beloved world to life with the opening of Sesame Street in March, just in time for the show’s 50th anniversary. Families can explore 6 acres of the iconic neighborhood, enjoying story time with Big Bird and SeaWorld’s first daily parade with Elmo and other characters.
- LEGOLAND® Florida Resort debuted Lego Movie World, one of the largest additions ever made to the park, with three new attractions based on worlds within the film.
- Fun Spot America will add a 4,000-square-foot splash pad this summer, offering 30 interactive features from fountains to moving sprays for little ones to enjoy.
- Crayola Experience will add three new experiences to spark creativity in kids, including the opportunity to take larger-than-life interactive silly selfies, color and customize their own Scribble Scrubbies, a handheld washable toy, and enjoy kid-safe games as part of the Crayola Create & Play app.

Taiwan Expo 2019

The much awaited Taiwan Expo 2019 began with much fanfare in New Delhi’s Pragati Maidan on Thursday, May 16, 2019.

The opening ceremony saw the presence of a number of dignitaries including His Excellency, Ambassador Mr. Tien Chung-Kwang, Representative, Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre, Mr. James C.F. Huang, Chairman of Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), Mr. William Liu, Deputy Director-General of the Bureau of Foreign Trade, (MOEA) Taiwan, Ms. Karen Pai, Deputy Executive Director, TAITRA, Mr. Praveen Bonigala, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Mr. L C Goyal, CMD, India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) among others.

The event scheduled to take place between, May 16 to 18, 2019 started with the traditional lighting of the lamp ceremony followed by a special cultural performance by a Taiwanese dance troupe. Last year, the expo was attended by more than 20,000 visitors and this year, it is expected that the expo will be attended by approximately 30,000 visitors and the amount of potential businesses worth is expected to be USD 150 million.

While addressing the audience and media persons at the event, Mr. James C.F. Huang, Chairman of Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) said, “People to people

connections, are the heart and soul of Taiwan Expo. This Expo is all about making connections through our shared values and our appreciation for all things wonderful. ... In-dia is an investment in the future. In India’s quest for economic greatness, Taiwan stands ready to be your best partner.”

TAITRA has come up with an interactive activity to increase the number of visitors attending the expo. Visitors can download the app: Marq+ and play interactive games in the ex-po. One of these game is to scan the butterfly image of Taiwan expo and add the butterfly wings to it. Visitors can win exciting prizes by participating in these activities.

While making his remark, Ambassador Mr. Tien Chung-Kwang, Representative, Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre said, “We need to create awareness about Taiwan and what we have to offer in the Indian market. As compared to some of the other countries, Taiwan has been late in the entering the Indian market. However, we expect that more Indian and Taiwanese companies will collaborate for mutual benefits in the near future. We want more Indians and more Taiwanese to explore the two destinations. A lot can be achieved through promoting tourism ties between India and Taiwan.”

There are 10 theme pavilions in the expo

- Taiwan Excellence Pavilion,
- Taiwan Green Products Pavilion,
- Taiwan IoT Smart Living Pavilion,
- Taiwan Healthcare Pavilion,
- Digital Commerce Pavilion,
- Taiwan Bubble Tea Pavilion,
- Taiwan Agricultural Pavilion,
- Taiwan Tourism Pavilion,
- Hsinchu Science Park Biotech Hub,
- Six Senses of Taiwan, and 4 areas to focus- Education & Tourism, ICT Product & Electrical Equipment, Medical Devices, Health & Personal Care and Taiwan High Quality Product.



Sunshine Coast Convention Centre

Queensland Tourism Industry Development Minister Kate Jones has officially opened the \$10 million Sunshine Coast Convention Centre at Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

Positioned in the grounds of the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, the convention centre has been purpose-built by Shakespeare Property Group, who purchased the Resort in September 2018 for \$100 million.

Minister Jones was joined for a formal ribbon cutting ceremony with Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson, Shakespeare Property Group Chairman Mr Cheng King Law, Shakespeare Property Group managing director Yak Yong Quek and Accor Chief Operating Officer, Pacific Simon McGrath.

Ms Jones said the 3,300 square metre convention centre, capable of hosting more than 2,700 delegates, would be a game-changer for the region.

“This centre has enough capacity to house 200 trade stands at once. It will be instrumental in securing events the Sunshine Coast has never been able to host in the past,” she said.

“With the expansion of the Sunshine Coast airport and millions of dollars in new tourism infrastructure developments under way, the local tourism industry is booming.”

“I look forward to coming back in November this year when the convention centre will come alive for Queensland’s leading tourism industry event, the DestinationQ Forum, which will again be held alongside the Queensland Tourism Awards.”

Shakespeare Property Group, have set the ambitious goal of increasing delegate numbers to the new convention centre by 30 per cent



within two years.

Shakespeare Property Group managing director Yak Yong Quek said the company was proud to expand its operation on the Sunshine Coast.

“Shakespeare prides itself on being a proactive investor. Our style is to invest, improve and evolve product to ensure we are leading the market,” he said.

“To complement the delivery of this state-of-the-art convention centre we have also committed to extensive upgrading of the hotel lobby, food and beverage facilities. These works will commence imminently and will be completed by October 2019.

“This upgrade will not only benefit our guests to the resort, but will create opportunities for the local economy and the community through employment and superior facilities to be

enjoyed by all.

“This next phase continues to be supportive of our broader vision to create fresh opportunities for the economic and cultural growth of the community and our partnership with Accor will ensure the delivery of this vision.”

Accor Chief Operating Officer Pacific, Simon McGrath said, “We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with Shakespeare Property Group with the management of the Sunshine Coast Convention Centre at Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

“Accor has strong experience in operating convention centres and premium meeting spaces at home and abroad.

“We are confident that this new convention facility, supported by our strong network of hotels in Queensland’s South East and beyond, will drive visitor growth to the Sunshine Coast, create jobs, support local businesses and deliver broader economic benefits to the region as a whole.”



Summer in Qatar

Qatar National Tourism Council (QNTC) announced exciting new products as part of its ‘Summer in Qatar’ program, to run between 4 June and 16 August.

Outdoor activities for adventure seekers, combined with offers in travel, hospitality and retail provide experiences for all tastes and budgets. With visa-free access to citizens of over 85 countries, a 25% discount on all inbound flights from Qatar Airways to Doha, up to 25% off at numerous luxury hotels across the country, and authentic cultural experiences - Qatar checks all the boxes as a perfect destination for the summer holidays.

Rashed Al Quresh, Chief Marketing Officer at QNTC, said: “We are excited to launch our biggest Summer in Qatar program yet. This year’s offerings are geared towards people of all ages and interests. From culture to outdoor adventures and indoor family entertainment, there’s something for everyone. With a range of fantastic travel and hospitality promotions, we are excited to welcome visitors from all over the world to Qatar for summer holidays.”

Sun, Sand & Luxury:

From resorts by the beach offering a plethora

of activities, to excursions beyond, Summer in Qatar has something for everyone. A wide range of hotels will offer discounts of up to 25% for stays between 4 Jun – 15 Aug 2019 with additional incentives and promotions at various facilities. Visitors can kick back at luxurious beach resorts, while enjoying award-winning hospitality at leading hotels in the country. Participating hotels include beach front properties, those ideal for a city break, and beautiful boutique hotels located in the heart of the city. Discounts are available at 12 hotels from Katara Hospitality including Sharq Village & Spa, Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel, and Sealine Beach - a Murwab Resort; 9 properties from Marriott International Hotels including including St. Regis, W Hotels, JW Marriott, Marriott Hotels, and Westin and several properties from Al-Rayyan Project Management including boutique hotels in the midst of the old city, at Souq Waqif and Souq AlWakra.

Qatar is ideal for sun lovers, with options ranging from luxurious to adventurous.

Nature and adventure seekers can enjoy desert safaris at sunset or sunrise, experience the thrill of dune-bashing over the undulating sand. Visitors can take in spectacular views at the Inland Sea, or bask in the luxury of a desert camp like no other, and savour Bedouin-style hospitality.

Culture & Entertainment:

History buffs and art lovers can immerse themselves in Qatar’s rich heritage and its burgeoning culture scene at Katara Cultural Village and Souq Waqif. Visitors can explore the city’s history through some of its architectural gems, such as the stunning National Museum of Qatar, which opened this year. Inspired by a desert rose, and designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, the museum has a striking façade featuring a series of interlocking discs. A Qatar Museums Culture Pass is available for purchase, and allows visitors to enjoy discounts and deals on numerous summer offerings.

Fly to Bodrum For Less

Bodrum is a gem on the Aegean Sea with a huge variety of things to do and see for every traveler. Whether you're a keen historian, intrepid explorer, or someone who just loves to shop, Bodrum has something for everybody.

The popular holiday destination is part of the Turkish Riviera, home to long stretches of stunning beaches and clear blue waters. However, there is much more to this charming fishing port than initially meets the eye. Explore The Mausoleum of Mausolus, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, which

sits just outside of Bodrum town, or head down to one of the infamous weekly markets and grab some of the finest gold jewellery and Mediterranean pottery.

From beautiful boutiques and bazaars through to stunning beaches, you will never be bored in Bodrum.

Book a low-cost flight with Jazeera Airways direct from Kuwait to Bodrum. Flights will run twice a week from June 15th 2019 to July 31st 2019 and thrice a week from August 1st 2019. With a variety of seat options available, including Business Class, you will reach beautiful Bodrum relaxed and rested.



Lufthansa earn IATA ONE Order certification

ONE Order is the IATA initiative to modernize its member airlines' flight booking and accounting processes, to enable them to align their products even more closely to customers' needs and substantially simplify the customer's booking experience.

Under the ONE Order approach, the customer is issued a single reference number for their journey, known as their Order ID, that covers all their flight and supplementary product documents (which have previously been handled separately). ONE Order thus allows all the travel products and services for a particular trip – even those of other providers such as partner airlines or third parties such as hotels and car rental companies – to be fully integrated under a single booking reference number.

The adoption of ONE Order has been made possible by IATA's New Distribution Capability (NDC) standard, which is using the XML standard to modernize the systems

communications between airlines and other travel service providers.

Lufthansa's ONE Order certification from IATA follows the successful completion of a one-year pilot project at the airline in collaboration with Lufthansa Systems. The project's objective was to conduct the entire product offer and booking process solely on the basis of the NDC and ONE Order standards. As part of the long-standing involvement of the Lufthansa Group in helping to develop new industry standards, the project's feedback and findings were shared with both IATA and industry partners.

"We are very pleased to have become the first airline in the world to obtain this ONE

Order certification," says Christian Popp, the Lufthansa Group's Head of Distribution and Revenue Management Strategy & Business Intelligence. "With the new ONE Order standard, we can even better address our customers' needs, tap new potential and create added value together with our system partners within the travel market. This latest development is also further confirmation of the leading role that the Lufthansa Group continues to play in innovation terms, and marks another major step towards the airline sales of tomorrow."

"We congratulate the Lufthansa Group on becoming the first airline group to earn our ONE Order certification," adds Yanik Hoyles, IATA's Director of Industry Distribution Programs. "With their NDC and ONE Order involvement, the Lufthansa Group is helping to take our industry further along the road to a modern digital retail experience."

As drivers of innovation in today's advanced distribution concepts, the Lufthansa Group works continually to develop and refine new technological solutions that can sustainably enhance the processes involved to offer a travel booking experience that is tailored as closely as possible to the individual customer's needs.



SpiceJet Introduces Business Class

Get ready to travel in complete luxury and comfort as India's favourite carrier, SpiceJet, is all set to roll out its all-new business class offering – SpiceBiz – from May 11, 2019.

SpiceBiz is uniquely designed to enhance air travel for business-class passengers and offer unmatched value and greater comfort with the key differentiator being its attractive pricing. The airline will be offering a dedicated business class cabin with 43-inch seat pitch and 7-inch recline, complimentary lounge access, higher baggage allowance, gourmet meals and beverages, priority services and much more. The airline will also have a dedicated cabin crew for business class passengers.

To start with, the new business-class seating will be available on select sectors which include Delhi-Mumbai-Delhi, Delhi-Patna-Delhi, Delhi-Bangalore-Delhi, Hyderabad-Mumbai-Hyderabad, Mumbai-Kolkata-Mumbai, Mumbai-Guwahati-Mumbai, Mumbai-Jaipur-Mumbai, Delhi-Hyderabad-Delhi, Kolkata-Chennai-Kolkata, Mumbai-Varanasi-Mumbai, Mumbai-Chennai-Mumbai, Delhi-Bagdogra-Delhi, Mumbai-Coimbatore-Mumbai, Delhi-Kolkata-Delhi, Delhi-Jammu-Delhi, Mumbai-Dehradun-Mumbai, Mumbai-Kochi-Mumbai, Mumbai-Gorakhpur-Mumbai, Mumbai-Durgapur-Mumbai, Kolkata-Port Blair-Kolkata, Kolkata-Pune-Kolkata, Jammu-



Srinagar-Jammu operated by the Boeing 737.

SpiceJet will soon be offering SpiceBiz on select international routes. As the airline ramps capacity and inducts more B737s, SpiceJet will very soon be the second biggest business class operator in India.

Depending on the aircraft configuration, SpiceJet will offer eight, 12 and 28 business-class seats on its B737-700/800/900 aircraft respectively. The front row and the over-wing exit rows of the economy cabin will be offered as the premium economy seats - SpiceMax.

Ajay Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, SpiceJet said, "We are very excited to roll out our all new business class product. There is a huge demand for business class in India and we believe that our business class product, with its right pricing and the best in-class features and services, will be much appreciated by passengers. We at SpiceJet have always tried to innovate and provide our customers a memorable flying experience and our new business class offering is yet another step in that direction."

Experience the Majestic Touristanbul

Passengers of Turkish Airlines will now be able to experience the magnificent Bosphorus straight in Istanbul and all the sights along its length, while being amazed by the Old city and all its significant monuments on your layover.

Turkish Airlines has added a daily Bosphorus Cruise from 1st May till 31st October (18:00-23:00), as part of the Touristanbul experience.

Turkish Airlines, flying to more countries and international destinations than any other airline, offers a free layover service to all international transit Turkish Airlines passengers who fly through Istanbul with a 6-24 hour layover. Since its launch in 2009, almost a quarter of a million passengers have already enjoyed a taste of the city, through Touristanbul.

Now customers can enjoy a starry night cruise with breathtaking views of waterfront palaces, mosques & bridges followed by a luxurious dinner as part of the

Bosphorus tour.

With its customary Turkish hospitality, Turkish Airlines takes pride in curating a delightfully different experience for its passengers and going beyond expectations with its array of unique products and services. The

complementary Touristanbul service includes transfers, access to historical sights of interest as well as a sampling of Turkey's famed cuisine.

To enjoy the benefits of Touristanbul, passengers must have an international transit



flight through Istanbul with Turkish Airlines and layover of 6-24 hours. Tours depart daily from the Hotel Desk at Istanbul Airport, with daily tours taking place between 08:00 to 11:30, 8:30 to 15:00, 08:30 to 15:00, 08:30 to 18:00, 12:00 to 18:00 and between 16:00 to 21:30. The tour programme includes a combination of some of Istanbul's world famous locations such as Topkapı Palace, Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Hagia Sophia, Grand Bazaar, Galata Tower, Dolmabahce Palace and many more.



Hospitality

Assets of Past

Rightly said by someone “A nation without a cultural heritage is like an orphan who has nothing to feed upon” and with the passage of time, what has been able to hold head high is galore of Indian heritage and its continuous lineage.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Besides being a place of great historical and cultural significance, India boasts off a rich heritage that bespeaks of its glorious past.

India is the perfect destination for those who want to lose themselves in the glorious splendour of the kings and royalty of ancient India, and the heritage hotels in India are ideal.

Indian heritage is envisage what the world admires for and it's the hospitality industry what has revived the cultural witnesses of Indian past

for the future, its massive forts and fortress for them being a major constraint over maintenance.

For several decades, the palaces, the defensive castles and the composite havelis were the abode of nobility- where hospitality was a way of life. Visitors, guests, even strangers were welcomed in a tradition that was a part of their lifestyles.

Today former Maharajas and other royalty have opened their doors to those travellers who want to take a part of Indian history back with

them.

India has been fortunate to convert many of such beautiful, landmark palaces/heritage properties into world-class heritage hotels.

India's authentic wealthy trove of culture, crafts, mysticism, art, philosophy, tradition, music and architecture has been luring travelers, scholars and history buffs across the globe from long past. Here are the few of the best heritage properties of India for you to explore.



Alila Fort Bishangarh

Alila Fort Bishangarh is a luxurious heritage fort-hotel, with a fantastic combination of the rugged, untouched inhabited parts of the old fort and carefully reconstructed royal residential areas, recreating the truly authentic flavor of Shahpura's royalty.

The grandeur is in its stark and inherent simplicity which blends seamlessly with a created luxury, a responsible luxury that has been built into the masculine solidity of the fortification. This is eco-restoration at its best, the perfect blend between yesterday and today. You find untouched areas where granite boulders compete with the rock-solid fortifications for attention. You also find areas created for specific purposes within the fort's ramparts to make your experience memorable while retaining the essence of a bygone era. Probably the only warrior fort that has been converted into a heritage hotel, this fort stands out as a unique example of the architecture of the Jaipur gharana with an influence of both the Mughals and the British interwoven into it. Its uniqueness lies in the fact that it does not deem to be a palace; on the contrary, its two-meter thick weathered-walls with openings for firing weapons and the burjs (towers) define its character. The original fort has been left intact and a complete structure created above it and outside it to house the modern suites that merge seamlessly with the existing fort. It is these luxurious suites, individually created with an eye for detail that make this fort-hotel a uniquely desirable destination. Add the rustic charm of Bishangarh village with its havelis, and the host of rural and adventure activities that are on offer as 'Journeys' and you have Colourful Rajasthan's most complete heritage hotel which can pamper to whatever experience you seek. Quite simply, Alila Fort Bishangarh has everything you could possibly wish for.

Hidden away in the Aravalli hills in Rajasthan, a world away from the crowds on the conventional Jaipur-Jodhpur-Udaipur trail is Fort Bishangarh - a 230-year-old boutique fortress which has been ten years in restoration and Alila is the first international hotel group to open a property in the Aravalli hills between Delhi and Jaipur.

Fort Bishangarh is thought to be one of the only warrior forts of its kind to be converted into a unique heritage resort of this stature. It has a remarkable presence, sitting up high on a granite hill with staggering 360-degree views of the Rajasthani landscape, surrounded by hills and dotted with havelis, villages and temples. A tiny village skirts its base and adds to the rural charm. This imposing structure is fortified by two-meter thick stone walls and majestic turrets with wonderfully intricate arched windows and jaalis -- a perfect example of the Jaipur Gharana architecture influenced by both the Mughals and the British. The use of traditional materials in a con-

temporary manner is the basic design ethos. The quest in the preservation of this ancient warrior fort inspired the creation of a world-class boutique resort for guests to appreciate the beauty of the Aravalli hills. The project grew out of a love for the heritage outpost and the surrounding landscape, with sustainability as a core commitment. All residential rooms and public areas are within the fort premises. Guests rooms have been created by strengthening the existing structures and adding on partition walls and picture windows to vantage views. The Fort comprises of a tall central structure and the low-level podium, all located within the original premises of the property. One block of rooms was built from the central living area within the main structure that existed in the original fort where the King and nobles stayed. The other block of rooms is housed in the contiguous lower level structure where the soldiers stayed. Each of the 59-suites has been custom designed to make the most of the stunning views from the large openable windows, resulting in 22 different layouts. Rooms come with all the modern conveniences, including expansive bathrooms, footed/inbuilt bathtubs and large day-beds.

Within the fort are various exciting F&B options innovatively curated by renowned chef Ranveer Brar. Amarsar, is an indoor specialty restaurant and Nazara an outdoor grill dining venue on the terrace, with spectacular views. Madhuveni is the hotel's bar, with a cigar/cognac turret and there is also the Kachhawa Lounge serving the 4 C's- Champagne, Coffee, Chai and Cakes.

Spa Alila, carved out between granite rocks, is located in the dungeon within the main fort. Meanwhile, down the hill is the Haveli where some public areas are housed, comprising the arrival courtyard and tent, luxurious banquet lawns, the pool, pool verandah and terrace, a bar and pantry, fitness centre and the Play Alila Club for teenagers and toddlers separately. An organic garden and a greenhouse set up amidst the vines and various lounging areas located in this rural landscape bring one up close with nature. Bishangarh Village in the Aravalli hills is in the Jaipur district. It is a three-hour drive from New Delhi and an hour's drive from Jaipur.

Alila Fort Bishangarh is a unique 230-year old warrior fort converted into a heritage resort, it is a unique example of the Jaipur Gharana architecture influenced by both the Mughals and the British. The fort is perched on a hill and enjoys 360-degree views of the stunning Aravalli Hills.

The all-suite resort boasts 59 stately suites that are designed for quiet indulgence. In addition, Alila Journeys and Experiences, culinary offerings curated by Chef Ranveer Brar will leave our guests wanting for more.

The hallmark of Alila is the combination of innovative design and luxury in unique

locations, set apart by an unprecedented level of private space, crafted artisanship, personalized hospitality, and bespoke learning journeys.

Alila Fort Bishangarh offers specially



Binny Sebastian, General Manager Alila Fort Bishangarh

It took us almost 10 years to restore the 230-year-old Fort, Built during Rajasthan's royal era as an outpost guarding the kingdom of Jaipur (Amber) against invaders from the North, the fort at Bishangarh had long outlived its original purpose. Almost a decade ago, as the fort stood abandoned in a dilapidated condition, inhabited by thousands of bats and monkeys, the owners – a Rajput leader by birth and election and two successful entrepreneurs – together with Alila took the decision to transform it into a boutique resort, while maintaining its stark sanctity.

Immense challenges had to be overcome – including stabilising and strengthening the ruins, constructing a road up to the fort, finding circulation through 3m thick walls, and deciphering the unconventional puzzle of the organic structure, which featured not a single 90-degree wall.

Despite all these challenges we created one of the Best Hotels in the world, on July 15th 2018, we will be celebrating our First Birthday and within a short span of time we have been covered by world media and hosted guests from across the world.

curated journeys to the local villages and enhances community engagement with the guests. Alila Journeys form an integral part of the learning of Rajasthani culture and traditions of Rajasthan.

Journey to Discover Bishangarh, Jaipur History, Sariska, Skies and Adventure, are a few of the unique experiences offered at Alila Fort Bishangarh.



Chomu Palace

“Heritage Hotels represent a unique holiday staying experience.” By commenting on this C P Rathore, General Manager, Chomu Palace said “Travel is a profoundly meaningful experience, and are increasingly looking for immersive, authentic travel experiences.

As travellers they don't just want to see a place, they want to feel it. Hotel stays are not just about tightly tucked beds, mini fridges and room service anymore; they are about memorable moments that complement and enhance the travel adventure.

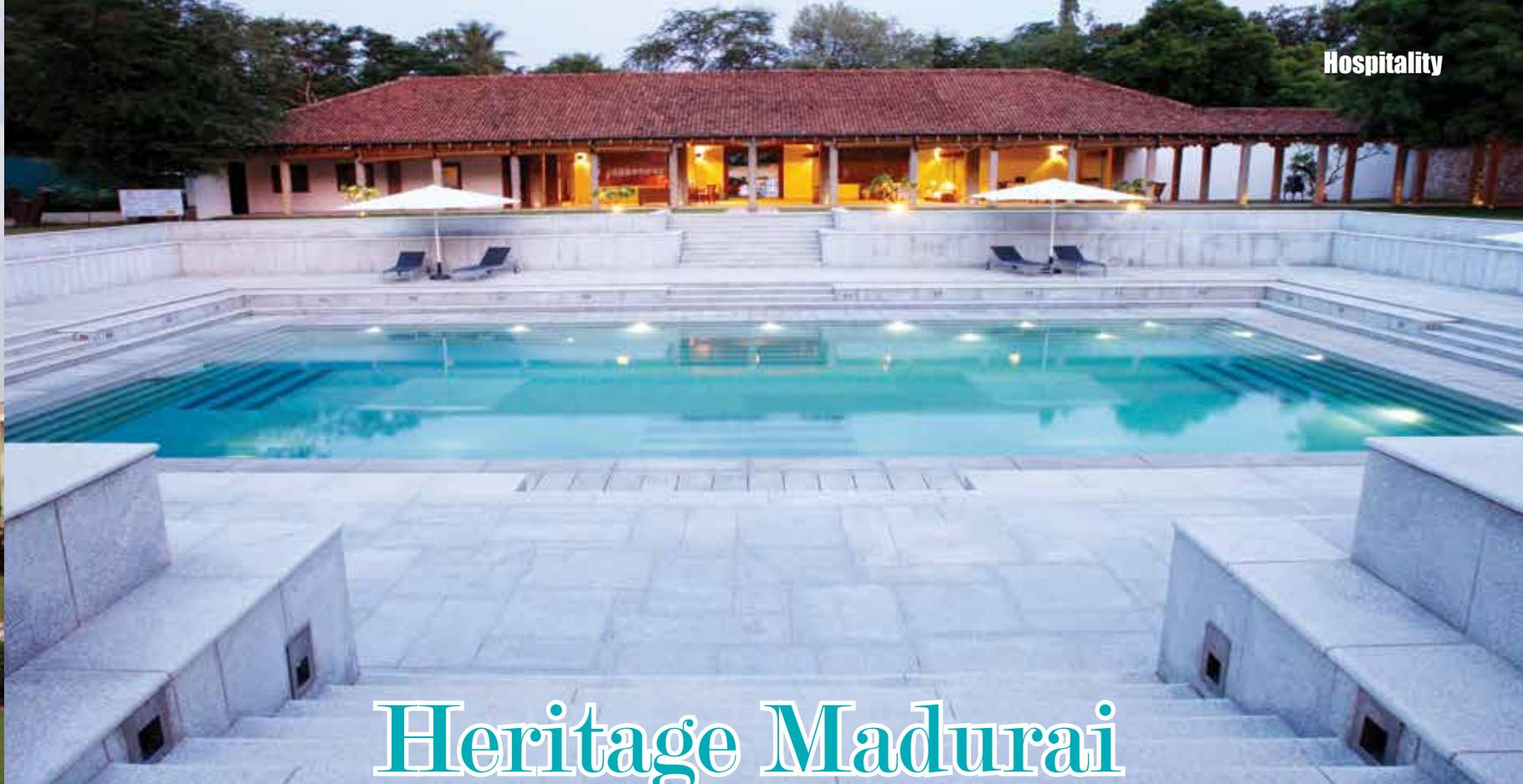
It's clear; for hotels to appeal to the modern traveller's desire for authenticity, and

to stand out from other hotels offering all the same features and amenities, they should focus on selling an experience, not just a pretty room. In other words, a hotel should be a destination in itself. This is where boutique and other independent properties have the upper hand and position to provide memorable stay experiences that reflect their local destination, the unique character of their property, and the desires of their target demographic. All it takes is a little passion and



creativity.”

While focusing on Chomu Palace as a “perfect destination weddings venue” Mr. Rathore stated “Chomu Palace truly reflects the splendor and charms of Royal Palaces of India. The historical palace hotel has become a favorite choice of accommodation for discerning travelers to the city. This heritage hotel in Jaipur hotel reboots the royal lifestyle of erstwhile rulers of Rajasthan and stands might and proud as a fine example of the country's heritage. The architecture of this hotel is thought-out as per the styles of Vastushastra philosophy of India.”



Heritage Madurai

Heritage Madurai was built in 1923 as the residence for the British officers of the Madura coats, a pioneering textile company.

In the 1970s the renowned Srilankan architect Geoffrey Bawa built the clubhouse on the grounds of the officer's bungalow.

Spread over 17 acres the Heritage Madurai combines buildings from the 1920's to the 1970s each retaining their identity.

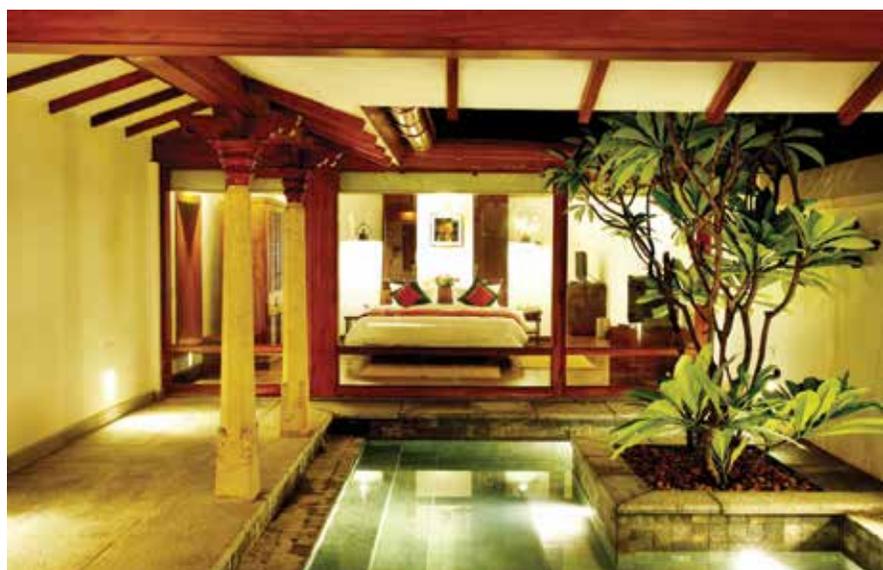
Eye-catching galore at Heritage Madurai is



the architecture of the rooms built for the British officers of Madura coats. Rooms holding an antique table fan from the British era. Mayur dwar from the 1700 century attracts all eyes in the lobby.

The attractions of the property are as given below:-

- Swimming pool theme based on the famous 'Thirumayam Temple Tank' near Karaikudi
- Heritage bungalow converted in Deluxe club rooms
- Retained Officers bungalow designed by famous Geoffrey Bawa as guest rooms
- Plunge pool in luxury villa





Post- La Villa Bethany

When we prefix heritage to any property, it ideally implies that it has remnants of the history and traditions from the past. Landour is a quaint little town that has a rich Irish and Scottish history. Every cottage here is anywhere between 100-

When Sunita and Amarjeet Kudle took over this property with the specific aim of running the cottage as a Bed and Breakfast, their sole aim was to provide the city dweller a place of succor. This is a place to come to do nothing. There is a very beautiful library at LVB and guests can spend hours reading. Landour is also known for its nature trails and heritage walks.

and can be aptly termed as veritable English Cottage. It has the elegance of Britishers when you enter Captain Young's Dining Room, it reflects erudition and love for reading when you visit Mackinnon's Study, it has the privacy when you go to Pahari Wilson's Cabin and it suggests the rich taste of British people when you walk through the Gardens; all at La Villa Bethany. It builds such a milieu that you feel that you are enjoying the magic of the colonial period.

Says Gita Chaudhry - La Villa Bethany is a fascinating heritage property in the region



200 years old as no new construction has been allowed in this town post Independence.

La Villa Bethany – your home in the Himalaya was built by a Dutch American Doctor, Ms. Frandsen Valborg who came to India as a 25-year-old to serve leprosy patients. She built the cottage with a lot of love and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the unfortunate. The Hebrew meaning of Bethany is “a place of rest and healing”.





Ramgarh Heritage

Ramgarh Heritage, a luxury boutique heritage hotel, is part of a living Haveli almost 325 years old with features reminiscent of the pre-independence era.

Located in Panchkula, abutting the planned city of Chandigarh, Ramgarh Heritage offers a refreshing change from the brash modernity of city life in its genteel old world charm environs. The hotel has every modern convenience set to international standards yet maintains its awe-inspiring heritage and historical background associated with the ruling families of yore. Its elegant, luxurious interiors are dotted with historic art and antiques, a legacy passed down from generation to generation.

Ramgarh Heritage offers 26 luxurious rooms and suites with distinct Interiors, each room being different and has something unique to offer. Whether it is the in-room artwork or the corridors leading to various rooms or the ceiling itself, there is something to look out for in each room. The rooms and suites have been painstakingly restored to their original grandeur incorporating the history, art and culture of the times gone by. Yet, the rooms offer mod-

ern comforts and are appointed with spacious bathrooms and premium amenities to meet the demands of a discerning traveller. The two Ramgarh Suites -The Lotus Suite and Peacock Suite -11 Luxury Rooms, 6 Premium Rooms are located in Jagjit Mahal. In addition, there are 3 Heritage Suites and 4 Heritage Rooms located in Jagdish Kutli, a Victorian bungalow built in 1937, adjacent to the Jagjit Mahal.

The Diwan-Khana, an- all day multi-cuisine dining area with indoor and outdoor seating, welcomes guests with its colourful and traditional interiors and the charm of dining in a pre Independence era courtyard. The Diwan-Khana has an interesting background as this is the hall where the 'Durbar' was held in the old days before.

India became a democracy and families gave up their princely rights. The 'Gaddi', where the erstwhile rulers sat still sits in the centre of the hall. The ceilings are adorned with intricate frescos including dancing deer and trophies won during the era when hunting was legal. The dining area also includes two private dining rooms for intimate and private meals or family celebrations. The menu at the restau-



rant revisits the Ramgarh family's age-old recipes and a selection of popular, contemporary delicacies from across India and the world. Adjoining the Diwan-Khana is the ShikarBar, unique hunting themed bar with lounge sitting.

The Shikar Bar has a range of fine alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and finger foods to accompany the mixes and drinks. In addition, there are two spacious air-conditioned banquet areas providing luxurious meeting spaces and unmatched event facilities. The Durbar Hall on the ground floor opens out to the magnificent poolside. It is designed for multipurpose events such as corporate meets, pre-wedding functions, cocktails, receptions, conferences and parties with a capacity of over 120 covers in theatre style and 250 covers in reception style along the poolside. Durbar Hall is

located on the first floor with a running verandah on two sides and overlooking the swimming pool. With a central feature acting as a royal backdrop, this is an ideal venue for family functions, corporate get-togethers, events and functions with a capacity of over 220covers in theatre-style configuration. A well-manicured, spacious lawn, the Baara, is also available for functions and can comfortably accommodate over 350 persons.

The property has been painstakingly restored and extensively refurbished. Great care has been taken to retain the old world charm and ambience and at the same time provide modern day comforts to all guests. Ramgarh Heritage is an ideal destination for weddings, corporate meetings and off-sites as well as NRI's looking for a temporary base for conducting a wedding or other family functions away from the hustle-bustle of the city





Kumarakom Lake Resort

“Heritage Hotels represent a unique holiday staying experience.” By keeping this statement in mind said “Today holidays are all about experiences travellers seek unique experiences that create great memories. A heritage ambience enhances such memorable experiences.

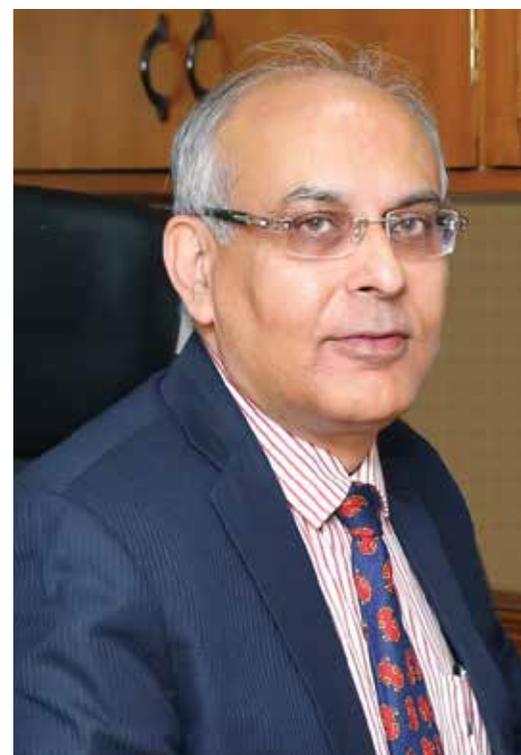
Kumarakom Lake Resort is a heritage resort that bespeaks the beauty and elegance of Kerala’s traditional architecture. Created from

over 106 ancestral homes each over a hundred years old, Kumarakom Lake Resort resonates of old world charm with the luxury of modern comforts. Thus we have striven to present the utmost luxury in an age-old setting which has been greatly enjoyed and appreciated by our guests.”

“Our property, Kumarakom Lake Resort, is growing to be known as a choice location for destination weddings. Many young

couples have chosen us as the venue for their weddings because of the picturesque location and views, the unique heritage ambience, the service that we strive to perfect at all times and the exclusivity we create for each wedding that is held with us, as each wedding is tailor-made to suit the individual preferences of the soon to be married and their families.” further added with reference to the perfect destination weddings venue.





Mr. Sanjeev K Nayar, General Manager, WelcomHeritage said “India is a vast country with diverse culture, and tourists love to take a dip in the authenticity of every location. Each destination of ours offers something different or the other and endeavors to showcase the rich cultural and traditional brilliance of the region, thus promising you an experience that is as diverse as India.

Our country has numerous palaces, forts or havelis. These properties, since a long time, were kept untouched; but over the years, many of them have been converted to heritage hotels. Our endeavour is to restore such property to its original condition so that it gives an experience of living in the royal era.

When it comes to heritage hotels, no two properties are alike. Guests can enjoy walking around the country’s first heritage village, use the furniture of that period or witness the fine architecture of 200 years old cluster of temples and forts and many more such experiences across our hotels spread over 37 locations. This is what stands as a foundation for

a unique staying experience we aim at providing.”

In the context of “perfect destination weddings venue” Mr. Nayar added “A- Palace wedding trend in India has been there since long, but for the past decade, it has seen a huge rise with not just national but international personalities opting for the same. WelcomHeritage has a range of properties which offer a unique experience of royalty mingled with a splendour which no big hotel can offer. These wedding venues bring guests and couples closer to the heritage and culture of our country and give them a chance to enjoy the bygone era with modern day facilities & comforts. Weddings at WelcomHeritage make

couples feel like a Maharaja and Maharani and at the same time, they are easy to manage. When it comes to cost, our properties offer value for money and experience to be cherished for a long time.

During wedding season some of our properties like WelcomHeritage Bal Samand Lake Palace, Jodhpur, WelcomHeritage Kasmanda Palace, Mussoorie, WelcomHeritage Ayatana Coorg, WelcomHeritage Woodville Palace Shimla and others remain completely sold out. In fact, WelcomHeritage Woodville Palace Shimla hosted lots of celebrities including the marriage of popular TV Actress Rubaina Dilaik and Abhinav Shukla and film shoot for the movie - Raima Sen starrer - The Overcoat.”



Raffles Welcomes New Hotels In China and The Maldives

Raffles Hotels & Resorts, renowned for bringing old world elegance, first class travel experiences and genuine charm to the world’s most fascinating cities and desirable holiday hot spots since 1887, is pleased to announce the opening of two

important new landmark hotels, Raffles Shenzhen and Raffles Maldives Meradhoo. Both hotels opened in early May and are now accepting reservations at raffles.com. Known as havens for royalty, film stars, writers and artists, many remarkable stories and cultural

moments have taken place within the plush confines of Raffles hotels and resorts.

“The Raffles collection now includes 14 properties across 12 countries, with a carefully curated list of distinguished addresses in leading markets around the world,” said Chris

Cahill, Deputy CEO, Accor. “With a storied history spanning more than 130 years, Raffles is currently experiencing a renaissance, with a robust project pipeline that will see the portfolio add an additional 8-10 hotels over the next few years.”



Hilton Celebrates 100th Anniversary with ‘Acts of Hospitality’

Hilton, the world’s first global hotel company and one of the fastest growing in Asia Pacific celebrated its milestone 100th anniversary on May 31, in the midst of the most dynamic year in the company’s storied history.

To mark the occasion, hundreds of hotels around the world, including throughout Asia Pacific, extended Hilton hospitality beyond their doors by taking “Acts of Hospitality” to their communities – everywhere from Sydney to Shanghai and Delhi to Tokyo.

As it looks ahead to its next century, Hilton also announced the creation of The Hilton Effect Foundation, which will help create a better world to travel by investing in both organizations and people having a positive impact on the communities Hilton serves. The Foundation is launching this week with 15 grants to organisations that will support 20 communities around the world. These initial grants will support programmes around the globe that are creating opportunities for youth, aiding in disaster recovery, and supporting water

stewardship and sustainability.

The Foundation builds on the impact already driven by Hilton through its Travel with Purpose strategy, which seeks to double the company’s investment in social impact while cutting Hilton’s environmental footprint in half by 2030. Since the inception of Travel with Purpose in 2011, Hilton’s Team Members have performed more than 1.3 million hours of volunteer service and the company has invested tens of millions of dollars in the communities it serves.

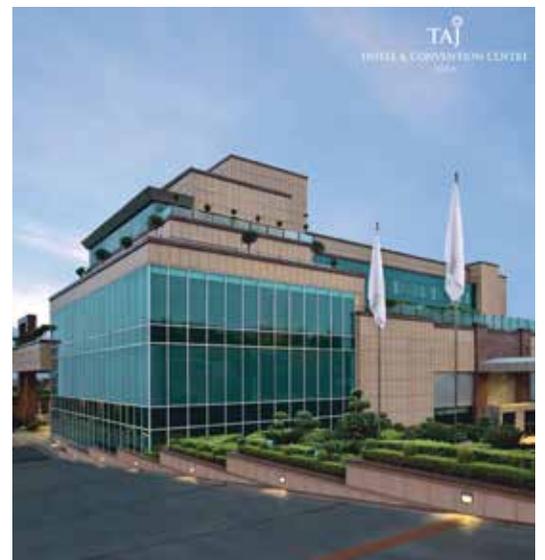
Taj Hotel & Convention Centre Opens its Doors in Agra

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), South Asia’s largest hospitality company, is introducing the iconic Taj brand in Agra with the opening of Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra.

Mr. Rohit Khosla, Executive Vice President – Operations, North and West India, IHCL, said “We are excited to bring the Taj brand to the historic city of Agra. Agra is renowned world over for being one of the most culturally rich cities. Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra offering spectacular views of the Taj Mahal promises to be a great draw for both, domestic as well as international travellers.”

The hotel spread over 4.5 acres is ideally located within walking distance from the

Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The 239 spacious rooms are elegantly designed in a contemporary style. The hotel offers multiple dining options such as Palato, the all-day diner, Daawat-e-Nawaab, the Indian specialty restaurant and two lounges - Liquid Lounge and Tea Lounge. The pièce de résistance is Infini- The Sky Lounge, a rooftop bar with stunning views of the Taj Mahal. Guests can enjoy a swim in the infinity pool which also overlooks the Taj Mahal.





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Bike Tourism

Akaryn Hotel Group, Thailand’s award winning luxury boutique hotel specialist, has become one of the first Asian hospitality companies to catch the cycling bug, as it launches a series of fully-equipped bicycle tourism adventures through the spectacular scenery of southern Thailand.

The group is positioning its two luxurious beach resorts, Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga Resort & Spa and Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi Resort & Spa, as “Bicycle Friendly Beach Resorts” – the perfect destinations for enthusiastic cyclists, training triathletes, Ironman hopefuls, or even just families who enjoy taking scenic bike rides together.

Both of these seafront boutique resorts now provide an extensive selection of complimentary services for cyclists, including route maps, bicycle stands, bike cleaning and maintenance kits, pocket Wi-Fi for map apps and mobile phones for emergencies. Bike repair shop services and local guides are also available, and guests who want to travel light can rent high-quality bicycles from leading local suppliers.

This focus on cycling tourism is a natural extension of AKARYN Hotel Group’s philosophy, which shines a spotlight on health, wellbeing and local experiences.

Guests at Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi can discover luxurious accommodation in a choice of spacious suites, villas and residences with

large living areas and multiple bedrooms – ideal for families and groups of cycling buddies. Long days can be spent riding through the exotic countryside along Thailand’s gulf coast, past traditional villages, jungle-clad hills, verdant vineyards and golden beaches.



A Dream Wedding in the Making

Shaadi by Marriott, the first of its kind customized wedding campaign created and launched by Marriott International Inc. in 2017, made its debut at Courtyard by Marriott recently.

The event was curated to perfection, reaffirming the brand’s commitment to creating a wedding experience that was superlative and unforgettable in every way, from ideation to execution.

“We at Marriott understand that a ‘Shaadi’ in India is not just a marriage of two individuals, but also the coming together of two families and their dreams. It’s about anticipating needs and fulfilling dreams, not just meeting expectations. ‘Shaadi by Marriott’ is a promise of quality

and value, curating unforgettable wedding experiences for the guests. When it comes to creating a dream wedding; our team of experts take care of everything, right from collateral to food to service to seeing off the guests. We do everything as if it’s one of our own relative’s wedding,” said Bhawna Verma, General Manager of Courtyard by Marriott Gurugram.

The event hosted by the Courtyard by Marriott Gurugram was a rich and extravagant affair, which highlighted décor and designs by the most prominent decorators of the city. The evening was celebrated with food and beverage curated to perfection, a blend of international delicacies and local flavors striking that perfect balance between simplicity and extravagance,

matched with a dynamic ambience and world-class service. The highlight of the evening was the exorbitant display of Swarovski’s Jewellery collection.



Ginger now in Dwarka, Gujarat

Ginger strengthens its presence in Western India, with the opening of a new hotel in Dwarka, Gujarat. With the addition of this hotel, Ginger will have 7 hotels across cities in the state.

Located off the Porbander – Dwarka (NH 51) highway, Ginger Dwarka houses 98 beautiful, well-appointed rooms in superior and

suite category; Makhan, an all-day diner which has an option of alfresco seating; a meeting room; a banqueting lawn and a fitness centre offering a truly seamless stay experience to its guests. The hotel is just five minutes from the famous Dwarkadeesh temple and the Dwarka Beach.

Deepika Rao, Managing Director and Chief

Executive Officer, Ginger said, “This is a proud moment for Ginger. The hotel complements Ginger’s growth strategy of building presence in key religious destinations in India.”

The city of Dwarka is situated at the opening of the Gomti River on the Arabian Sea. This destination enjoys significant importance in Hindu mythology and religion. For this reason, millions of pilgrims and historians visit Dwarka.

With the opening of this hotel, The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) will have 15 hotels across its brands in the state of Gujarat.





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8th Annual Global Day of Discovery

On the heels of its reimagined global design strategy, Renaissance Hotels, part of Marriott International, announced its continued brand evolution with a new “Discover This Way” marketing campaign that reinforces the brand’s promise of delivering the unexpected.

To commemorate this, Renaissance Hotels will help guests uncover the soul of their



neighborhoods around the world with exclusive experiences and perks from the brand’s This Way partners on its 8th annual Global Day of Discovery. The brand will also begin to introduce a new visual identity for the first time in nearly eight years which will reflect what they offer; a sense of clever theatricality and an open invitation to experience something a little

unexpected during guests’ travels.

This year’s annual Global Day of Discovery celebration, which takes place at 160 hotels in more than 35 countries, will spotlight the Renaissance Hotel Navigator, who -counter to a typical concierge - knows to show guests how to discover destinations like a local by handpicking discoveries that cannot be found in a guidebook.



The TWA Hotel now in JFK Airport

A sight for soaring eyes: The TWA Hotel opened at JFK Airport, where thousands of guests watched New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Tyler Morse, CEO and Managing Partner of MCR and MORSE Development, cut the ribbon in the iconic Sunken Lounge.

Celebrating the careful restoration of Eero Saarinen’s landmark 1962 former Trans World Airlines terminal — which now serves as the heart of the 512-room hotel — visitors were surprised by a flash mob bopping to period tunes. Excited TWA alums came out in droves, proudly wearing their lovingly preserved uniforms, reuniting with friends and sharing

memories. Speakers also included Rick Cotton, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; Queens Borough President Melinda Katz; Peter Ward, President of the New York Hotel & Motel Trades Council, AFL-CIO; Robin Hayes, CEO, JetBlue; and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson.

When the TWA terminal opened in 1962, it epitomized the glamour and optimism of the Jet Age. The structure was designated a New York City landmark in 1994 and, after its 2001 closure, was listed on the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places in 2005.



Festa da cibo delizioso

Prego – the Italian specialty restaurant at The Westin Mumbai Garden City recently hosted an authentic gastronomic sojourn with two Italian chefs coming together for a culinary face-off. Clash of the Italians, a one-of-its-kind event celebrating the nuances of the popular cuisine, witnessed a camaraderie of like-minded guests who appreciate exquisite food.

Hailing from Genoa - the capital city in the coastal region of Liguria in Italy, Antonello Cancedda, Chef De Cuisine, Prego - The Westin Mumbai Garden City showcased his expertise in seafood, while Marouane Rahali, Chef De Cuisine, Alto Vino - Bengaluru Marriott Whitefield hailing from Milan—located in the Lombardy region, - presented the specialities of this hilly province.

The menu during this 10-day festival,



features a unique amalgamation of sinfully scrumptious creations from the two talented chefs. Chef Marouane’s menu highlights dishes dalle colline (from the hills) like Pollo tonnato (chicken slow cooked and served with

tuna and capers sauce), Beetroot gnocchi, sweet blue cheese sauce toasted walnut, Polenta croccante cuore di Gorgonzola dolce, lenticchie e salsa alle, (crispy polenta with heart of sweet Gorgonzola cheese, puy lentils stew vegetable jus). This medley can be finished with a delectable Tiramisu decomposto (deconstructed Tiramisu, mascarpone, coffee Ice cream), and

Tartufo al cioccolato Belga zabaglione al liquore di nocciola frutti di bosco (Belgian dark chocolate truffle, hazelnut liquor, zabaglione, wild berries).



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The Sublimotion Gastronomic Performance

Sublimotion, the leading gastronomic performance in the world, will take place at the Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza where it will launch its sixth season and share all the experience acquired over the last 5 years with the public.

This development is based on the study and fusion of different disciplines, where haute cuisine, technology, music and staging bring this format into the realm of a new stage art.

For this new season, Chef Paco Roncero (2 Michelin Stars, 3 Repsol Suns) and his partner, creative director Eduardo Gonzales (Vega Factory), have invited great talents from the world of gastronomy, technology, cinema, conjuring, music, design and engineering to join the Sublimotion team.

In the field of food and drink, the Spanish chef wanted to put a menu together with some of the most prestigious chefs in the world. And so, one of the leading figures in Spanish cuisine, Elena Arzak (3 Michelin Stars), joins the team; the Peruvian Pía León (Best Latin American Female Chef 2018); the Slovenian chef Ana Ros (World's Best Female Chef 2017) and, from Singapore, the pastry chef Janice Wong (Asia's Best Pastry Chef 2015). They are tasked with bringing a new look to this innovative gastronomic performance.

Another of the important new developments this season is new member of the creative team, Spanish composer Lucas Vidal (2 Goyas and 1 Emmy). He has put together the Sublimotion soundtrack for this sixth edition.

The Spanish film director, Curro Sanchez (1 Goya for the documentary, "La Búsqueda"), will add all his visual skills to the Sublimotion technology mix.



Similarly, the 21st century illusionist Jorge Blass, the Spanish music producer and DJ, Wally López, the fashion designer, Roberto Diz, and the Alicante artisan Jose Piñero, complete the artistic cast that are part of the Sublimotion 2019 team.

This year will also mark the return of the Spanish actress and model, Ana Vide. She will once again be the mistress of ceremonies and in charge of leading this performance, now in its sixth season.

In the technological field, the Sublimotion R + D + I team is still committed to cutting-edge technology, and will offer diners an immersive experience in "Hybrid Reality". A development that will immerse the 12 guests in a completely virtual environment, where they can interact and taste haute cuisine in a real way. Engineers, designers and programmers work together to enhance the pleasure of enjoying haute cuisine, opening the way to hitherto unpublished formats.



Junior Hotelier

Hotels are fascinating places, especially for young inquisitive minds. Offering a behind-the-scenes insight into the workings of hotel life, Anantara Layan Phuket Resort in Thailand has launched an immersive 'Junior Hotelier' programme for children aged between 8 and 12.

The imaginative programme follows in the footsteps of the resort team as they make the preparations for new guests arriving at the luxurious Layan Residences by Anantara, located on the hillside above the resort. Activities include towel art with housekeeping, a cooking class with chef and mocktail making on the pool deck.

The 'Junior Hotelier' experience starts with a short tour of one of the 15 Layan Residences, while shadowing a villa butler, learning the traditional Thai greeting for new guests and hearing their fun facts and anecdotes of hotel life.

The young guests will be shown how to make the perfect bed, before getting creative with animal towel art. Like origami but with towels, they will learn the skill of creating jungle animals, including elephants and monkeys, which will be left on the

bed for the new guests.

In the villa kitchen, budding cooks will help the chef prepare for the meal that evening. From mixing and kneading dough for pastries, to using ingredients such as rice noodles, coconut oil and prawns to make a traditional Pad Thai. The trainee chefs will have a chance to taste their dishes while learning about the ingredients they are using.

No hotel is complete without a signature cocktail and following their cooking class the junior hoteliers will get busy making a mocktail at the open air bar by the infinity pool. Combining different fruits such as pineapple, mango and papaya, the mini mixologists will work together with the bartender to create their own fruit concoction or mock-jito.

The experience will end by following in the footsteps of the villa butler as they demonstrate the

art of a relaxing turndown service, leaving slippers out and a treat on the pillow.

Depending on their particular interests, additional activities can also be arranged including garland making and meeting Anantara Layan Phuket Resort's Head of Activities to organise a football game or yoga on the beach or learning the art of Muay Thai in the resort's own boxing ring.

Finally, the new hotel experts will be awarded a special thank you from the resort's Managing Director and receive a photo and certificate commemorating their achievements.





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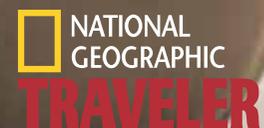
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Sri Lanka's First DIY Hot Lava Rock Restaurant

Rock Salt, the signature restaurant of Cinnamon Bey Beruwala is Sri Lanka's first eatery to offer hot lava rock cuisine wherein the meal is a toast to the coast: prawns, squids, and fresh fish.

With an open show kitchen, guests have the freedom to don the chef's hat and prepare their own meals with the best of ingredients and fresh produce of the island. With a trained chef for assistance, diners are presented with a variety of marinades, spices, oils and other ingredients including meat, seafood and greens to try out different combinations and sizzle-them to perfection with



their very own red-hot lava stone. A shabu-shabu style pot is also provided for an altogether different DIY cooking experience.

Rock Salt is an ideal fine dining space with pristine sea views where self-cooking can be done on one's table or guests can opt for any of the delicacies from the menu. Indulge in a fusion of flavours from around the world presented in a unique fashion, with food seared on hot stones at the table or poached in the

shabu-shabu pot.

The Turkish themed Cinnamon Bey Beruwala is one of the largest resorts along the southern coastline of Sri Lanka with the most eclectic dining options. It is the first ever resort hotel in the country to include eight food and beverage outlets which cater to a variety of Asian and International palates making it a one stop place for a global culinary carnival.



Martabaan

Abu Dhabi can expect the exceptional when legendary Chef Hemant Oberoi opens his newest restaurant Martabaan at the Emirates Palace on 12 June 2019.

Martabaan is a 'contemporary classic' Indian dining destination by famed master chef Hemant Oberoi. He is internationally recognized for his innovative approach to Indian cuisine. Deeply embedded in cultural traditions, his innovative recipes have revolutionized the Indian culinary world with delights such as Temple Cuisine, Iron Cuisine, and the Naza to name a few. His illustrious career has seen him raise the bar as the Grand Chef of

the legendary Taj Group of Hotels for over four decades. He has also charmed diners with his culinary pleasures at his exclusive restaurants in Mumbai, Delhi, Singapore, and San Diego. A "super chef," Hemant Oberoi has had the privilege of catering for royalty and other heads of state on several occasions. His enviable guest list includes Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, Margaret Thatcher and the Duke of Edinburgh, King Hussein of Jordan, Prince Albert of Monaco among others.

Martabaan will complement the luxurious culinary canvas at Emirates Palace. The opulent ambience, with splendid views of the Arabian Gulf's crystal blue waters and the Emirates Palace Marina, is a perfect complement for the mystic flavours and creativity, which await true aficionados of Indian cuisine. The "Tikka Le" Bar, which is a focal feature of the restaurant, adds a sparkling facet to the distinctive atmosphere with a fascinating medley of signature cocktails. The restaurant also highlights a truly aristocratic dining experience with elegantly appointed private dining rooms.

Commenting on the opulent new addition to Emirates Palace's already glamorous offerings, General Manager Martin Cramer says, "It's a daunting task to find a concept and a chef well suited to our luxurious hotel, but in Hemant Oberoi we found the right mixture of culinary craftsmanship and showmanship. We are delighted to offer our guests his fine cuisine served in such a glamorous manner. Martabaan at Emirates Palace is a true marriage forged between India's culinary heritage and Arabian hospitality."

Guests will relish forgotten classic recipes presented with a modern flourish. Indulge in a delectable feast with an imaginative menu featuring distinctive offerings as varied as the Varqui Crab, Dum ki Nalli, Masala Chai Creme Brûlée and more to satisfy every discerning palate in a meal fit to be housed in a palace.





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Israel Ministry of Tourism

Israel Ministry of Tourism is pleased to announce Mr. Sammy Yahia's appointment as the new Director of Tourism for India & Philippines markets effective 3rd June, 2019. He will be responsible to lead the tourism board's initiatives in India while overseeing the development of policies and strategies to strengthen Israel's reputation as a world-class tourism and travel destination. A champion marketer by profession, prior to his appointment to India, Sammy was the Director of Marketing & Communications for Israel Ministry of Tourism from 2012 to May 2019. The new Director brings great expertise and know-how to the role with extensive and holistic experience in tourism marketing, strategic government relations and investment facilitation.

Avani Hotels & Resorts

Avani Hotels & Resorts, one of Asia's fastest growing upscale brands, is delighted to announce the appointment of Javier Pardo as Vice President of Operations for Avani Hotels & Resorts. Javier reports directly to Robert Kunkler, Chief Operating Officer of Minor Hotels, and is based at the regional office in Bangkok, which will further strengthen Avani's presence and resources in this key market. Javier brings almost two decades of hospitality experience throughout Europe, with his last posting being Director of Operations and Commercial Director for the NH Hotel Group. Javier will be overseeing the operational excellence and financial performance for the brand, and he will also be leading new brand initiatives, following a refresh programme that was launched at the end of 2018.



Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield

Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield appoints Roberta Figueiredo as the Director of Human Resources. She is a versatile human-resources professional with hands-on experience of over a decade in the hospitality industry. In her new role, she will be heading the HR department of the hotel and will be responsible for developing strategies, objectives, policies and programs for the associates. Roberta will also forefront employee management, training, succession & workforce planning, and performance management. Prior to her current role at Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield, Roberta's last stint was with Conrad Bengaluru.

Double Tree by Hilton Pune Chinchwad

Akhilesh Sharma has been appointed as the Finance Controller at Double Tree by Hilton Pune Chinchwad. With over 20 years of experience, Akhilesh comes in as a seasoned professional in the hospitality sector. In his current role, he is heading the financial operations. Akhilesh has extensive work experience and in his tenure he has worked with various well-known brands like Sarovar Hotels, Radisson, Pride Hotels.



Andaz Delhi

Chef Manjul Myne has been appointed the new Pastry Chef at Andaz Delhi. With over 11 years of distinguished experience in the culinary space, Chef Manjul will be responsible of the pastry section of the kitchen across all three F&B venues and event spaces. In the past, Chef Manjul has worked with hotels like JW Marriott Chandigarh, The Oberoi Rajvillas and The Oberoi Vanyavilas. He is looking forward to taking the very popular pastry offering at Andaz Delhi to a whole new dimension.

JW Marriott Kolkata

JW Marriott Kolkata pleased to announce the appointment of Rahul Sabnani as Spa Manager. Committed, organized and diligent towards his work and blessed with the gift of the gab with excellent interpersonal skills, Rahul is an asset to the wellness arm of the hospitality industry. In his current stint with JW Marriott Kolkata, he is using his vast repertoire of experience with exceptional results to mentor a talented team of spa specialists. Overseeing complete operations of the Spa to further bolster guest services in tune with the brand's legendary hospitality standards is also a key responsibility area of his work profile.



The Westin Mumbai Garden City

Clifford Coutinho has been appointed as the Director of Sales at The Westin Mumbai Garden City. He is a seasoned hotelier with over 12 years of adept industry experience making him a collaborative leader with a strategic and analytical perspective. In his new role, Clifford will be responsible for leading and further evolving all aspects of the sales, driving revenues, promoting brand strategies and providing the best of The Westin Mumbai Garden City's hospitality experience to the guests. Prior to being promoted to his new position, Clifford was associated with The Westin Mumbai Garden City as the Assistant Director of Sales.

The Westin Mumbai Garden City

Aniket Das has been appointed as the Executive Sous Chef at The Westin Mumbai Garden City. A seasoned culinary professional with an illustrious 13 year career in the hospitality industry, Chef Aniket is a dynamic and hard-working individual with a passion for cooking and a deep understanding of kitchen operations. In his new role, he will adeptly develop menus, oversee daily operations, supervise and train the team. Prior to joining The Westin Mumbai Garden City, Aniket worked as the Executive Chef at Aloft Bengaluru and was previously the Head Chef at Fairfield by Marriott, Rajajinagar in Bengaluru.



Lifestyle



New Chapter of Ferrari

Ferrari introduces a new chapter in its history with the introduction of its first series production PHEV (Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle), the SF90.

The new model is extreme on every level and represents a true paradigm shift, because it delivers unprecedented performance for a production car. Figures such as 1,000 cv, and a weight-to-power ratio of 1.57 kg/cv, and 390 kg of downforce at 250 km/h not only put the SF90 Stradale at the top of its segment, but also mean that a V8 is the top-of-the-range model for the first time in the marque's history.

The car's name encapsulates the true significance of all that has been achieved in terms of performance. The reference to the 90th anniversary of the foundation of Scuderia Ferrari underscores the strong link that has always existed between Ferrari's track and road cars. A brilliant encapsulation of the most advanced technologies developed in Maranello, the SF90 Stradale is also the perfect demonstration of how Ferrari immediately transitions the knowledge and skills it acquires in competition to its production cars.

The SF90 Stradale has a 90° V8 turbo engine capable of delivering 780 cv, the highest power output of any 8-cylinder in Ferrari history. The remaining 220 cv is delivered by three electric motors, one at the rear, known as the MGUK (Motor Generator Unit, Kinetic) due to its derivation from the Formula 1 application, located between the engine and the new 8-speed dual-clutch transmission on the rear axle, and two on the front axle. This sophisticated system does not, however, make for a more complicated driving experience. Quite the opposite, in fact: the driver simply has to select one of the four power unit modes, and then just concentrate on driving. The sophisticated control logic takes care of the rest, managing the flow of power between the V8, the electric motors and the batteries.

The SF90 Stradale is also the first Ferrari sports car to be equipped with 4WD, a step necessary to allow the incredible power unleashed by the hybrid powertrain to be fully exploited, ensuring the car has become the new benchmark for standing starts: 0-100km/h in 2.5 sec and 0-200km/h in just 6.7 seconds.

Ferrari's engineers were able to further broaden the spectrum of dynamic controls by introducing the full-electric front axle, known as the RAC-e (electronic cornering set-up regulator). As well as exclusively providing propulsion in electric drive, the two front motors independently control the torque delivered to the two wheels, extending the concept of Torque Vectoring. Fully integrated into the car's vehicle dynamics controls, the RAC-e governs the distribution of torque, making driving on the limit much simpler and easier.

The introduction of this hybrid architecture was a challenge with regard to managing the additional weight which was resolved by an obsessive attention to detail and the overall optimisation of the whole of the car. For maximum performance in terms of overall

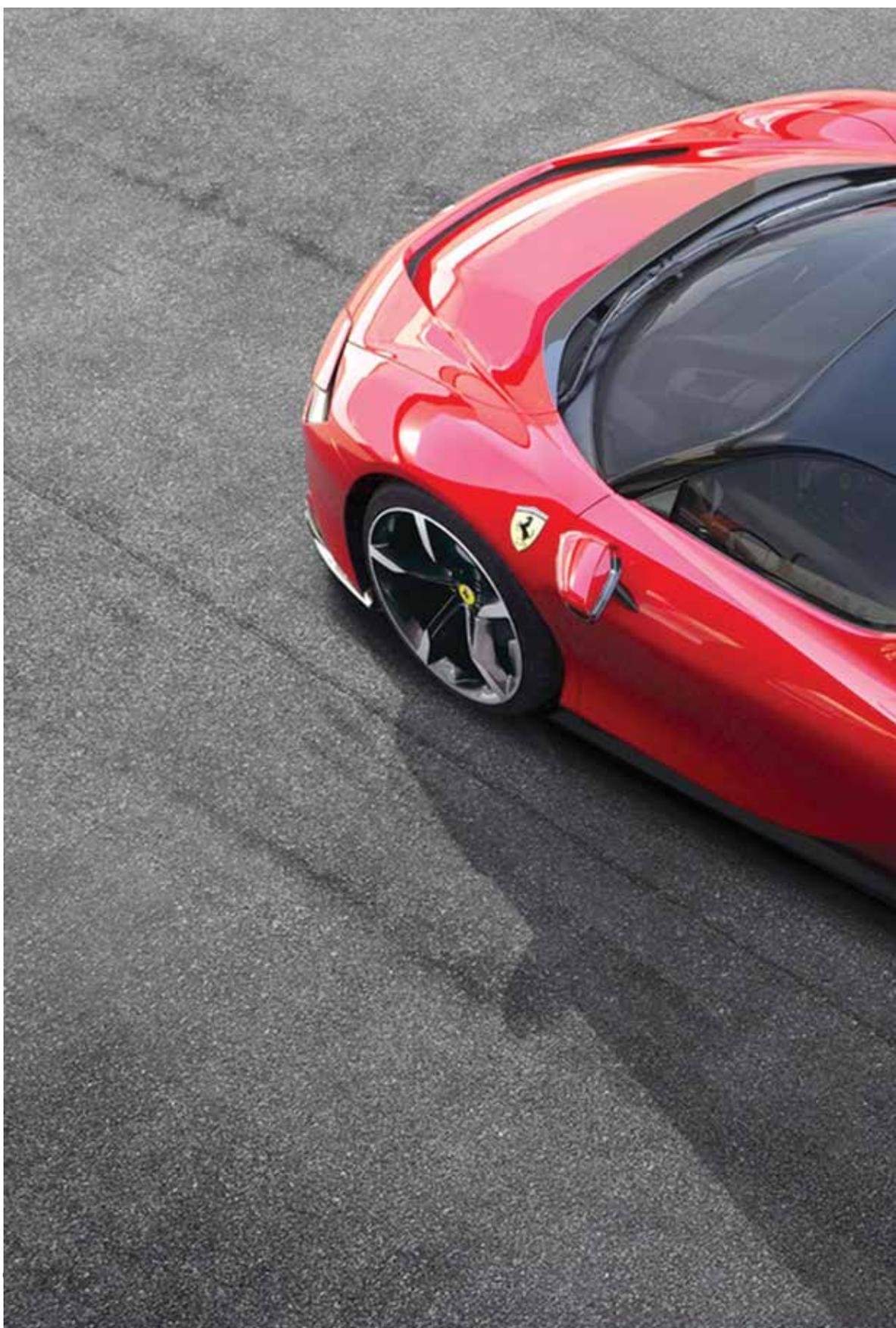
weight, rigidity and centre of gravity, the chassis and bodyshell of the SF90 Stradale is all new, built using multi-material technology, including, for example, carbon fibre.

The development of a hybrid car of this kind demanded the development of a series of innovative aerodynamic solutions. The significant boost in the power unit's performance brought with it an increase in the amount of heat energy to be dissipated and required the development team to carry out an in-depth review of the aerodynamic flows on the radiating masses. It also demanded new solutions to

increase downforce efficiently and guarantee maximum stability at all speeds and in all driving conditions.

Particularly noteworthy is the innovative shut-off Gurney, a patented active system located at the rear of the car which regulates the air flow over the upper body, reducing drag at high speeds with low lateral dynamics loads and increasing downforce in corners, under braking and during changes of direction.

The new car is epoch-changing from a stylistic perspective as it completely rewrites the mid-rear-engined sports berlinetta proportions



introduced on the 360 Modena twenty years ago, instead taking its inspiration from Ferrari's recent supercars. A good example is the cockpit, which has a smaller frontal section and is placed closer to the front of the car to reduce drag. This was also achieved without impacting on-board comfort.

The track-derived "eyes on the road, hands on the wheel" philosophy takes on a truly central role for the first time too, significantly influencing the ergonomics and styling of the interior. The result is an HMI (Human-Machine Interface) and interior layout concept that are a complete departure from previous models.

Another major innovation is the steering wheel which now has a touchpad and a series of haptic buttons that allow the driver to control virtually every aspect of the car using just their thumbs. The central instrument cluster is now entirely digital with the first automotive

application of a 16" curved HD screen which can be fully configured and controlled using the controls on the steering wheel.

On the central tunnel, improved ergonomics have been combined with an element from the past: the automatic gearbox controls are now selected by a grille-style feature that references Ferrari's legendary manual gear-shift gate. Thus past and present skilfully merge to point the new Ferrari towards the future.

The SF90 Stradale also sees the debut of the new ignition key with full keyless technology which will gradually be introduced across the rest of the range, personalised with the model's name. Thanks to a special compartment in the central tunnel, it becomes an integral part of the car's styling.

In addition to the sporty version, which references the shape and colour of the signature rectangular Prancing badge sported by Ferrari's

road cars, there will also be a more elegant metal-coloured version.

For the first time on a Ferrari, clients can choose between the standard car and a version with a more sports-oriented specification. The Assetto Fiorano specification includes significant upgrades, including special GT racing-derived Multimatic shock absorbers, extra lightweight features made from high-performance materials such as carbon-fibre (door panels, underbody) and titanium (springs, entire exhaust line), resulting in a weight-saving of 30 kg. Another difference is the high downforce carbon-fibre rear spoiler which generates 390 kg of downforce at 250 km/h. The Assetto Fiorano includes Michelin Pilot Sport Cup2 tyres designed specifically to improve performance on the track in the dry. They feature a softer compound and fewer grooves than the tyres provided as standard.



BMW X5 in India

The all-new BMW X5 launched in India. Mr. Sachin Tendulkar, the legendary sportsman unveiled the all-new BMW X5, which demonstrates a fresh modern design with refined interiors and authoritative driving attributes.

Locally-produced, the all-new BMW X5 is available in a diesel variant at BMW dealerships. The petrol variant will be available later in 2019.

Dr. Hans-Christian Baertels, President (act.), BMW Group India said, "BMW established the Sports Activity Vehicle (SAV) segment with the launch of BMW X5 in 1999. The BMW X5 has been the best-selling car in this segment for many years and has become one of our most successful models. The fourth generation embodies this model's typical characteristics – versatility, sovereignty and luxury. The all-new BMW X5 is bound to add another chapter to this success story by introducing a new interpretation of the letter X. Combining an elegant and strong design with supreme on and off-road ability, the all-new BMW X5 has an even greater blend of premium luxury performance, technology and comfort."

The all-new BMW X5 exhibits versatility by offering customers a choice of vehicle that expresses who they are and conforms to their personal preferences and lifestyle. Locally-produced, the all-new BMW X5 is available in three design schemes - Sport, xLine and M Sport. Sport celebrates the gust of adrenaline with sporty style and self-confidence. xLine puts on a powerful character that enhances the car's off-road looks. M Sport enhances the dynamic character distinguishing itself as an elite sports model.

The all-new BMW X5 is available in two diesel models – BMW X5 xDrive30d Sport and BMW X5 xDrive30d xLine. The petrol variant BMW X5 xDrive40i M Sport will be available later in 2019.

The all-new BMW X5 is available in the following metallic paintworks: Mineral White, Phytonic Blue and Black Sapphire. The all-new BMW X5 features Fine upholstery Leather 'Vernasca' as standard with the following combinations - Ivory White | Black, Coffee | Black, Cognac | Black and Black | Black.

BMW Service Inclusive and BMW Service Inclusive Plus are optionally available with the all-new BMW X5. These service packages cover Condition Based Service (CBS) and maintenance work with a choice of plans from 3 yrs / 40,000 kms to 10 yrs / 2,00,000 kms and starts at an attractive pricing of Rs. 1.55 per km. The all-new BMW X5 also comes with optional BMW Repair



Inclusive that extend warranty benefits from third year of operation to maximum sixth year, after the completion of the standard two-year warranty period. Together, these packages provide complete peace of mind and freedom to enjoy unlimited driving pleasure.

The design of the all-new BMW X5 makes a powerful statement. It has grown in all dimensions compared to its predecessor while retaining its character and proportions. Its design language has become more athletic, with more clearly defined surfaces and even more precise lines. The enlarged one-piece hexagonal kidney grille paired with a sculptured bonnet and short overhangs gives the iconic front an imposing appearance. BMW Laser Light technology with blue X-shaped elements makes a distinctive visual proclamation. The car makes a solid and dynamic impression on the road because of its muscular stance - an effect that is supported by the 3D wrap-around LED taillights that reach far into the sides.

The interior boasts an exceptional level of comfort and functionality in an extremely sporty ambience. Together with an elevated seat position and generously proportioned interior, the front and rear occupants enjoy ample accommodation. Folding down the 40:20:40 split rear seat backrest increases boot capacity from 650 litres to 1,870 litres, making the all-new BMW X5 suitable for all kinds of journeys. The absolute highlight in the interior is the new unique feature – 'Crafted Clarity' – which is a host of operational features crafted in exquisite glass that embellish the insert of the gear selector, the iDrive control wheel, the audio control button and the start/stop button. The Panoramic glass roof Sky Lounge with LED light graphics, Welcome Light Carpet appeal to the senses in many ways.

The Comfort Access System remotely detects the key within a 1.5 meter radius and unlocks the doors and the two-section tailgate. The Luggage-Compartment Package includes slide rails for easy loading and an electrical luggage compartment roller blind. Soft close function for doors adds to the increased levels of comfort for the all-new BMW X5.

A host of BMW ConnectedDrive technologies continues to break the innovation barrier in automotive industry – BMW Gesture Control, BMW Display Key, Wireless Charging, BMW

Head-Up Display and Wireless Apple CarPlay®. The modern cockpit concept BMW Live Cockpit Professional running on latest BMW Operating System 7.0 includes a 3D Navigation, with a high-resolution instrument cluster behind the steering wheel with a 12.3" screen and a control display also measuring 12.3".

The spread of driver assistance systems is more extensive than ever. Parking Assistant Plus with Surround View Camera makes parking in tight spots easier by taking over acceleration, braking as well as steering. The new Reversing Assistant provides unmatched support in reversing out of a parking spot or through narrow driveways. It keeps a record of the last 50 metres driven and assists by taking over the steering.

BMW TwinPower Turbo technology, the petrol and diesel engines meld maximum power with exemplary efficiency and offer spontaneous responsiveness even at low engine speeds.

BMW xDrive, an intelligent all-wheel-drive system, monitors the driving situation constantly and is quick to respond. Electronically controlled 'Automatic Differential Brakes/Locks' (ADB-X), extended 'Dynamic Traction Control' (DTC), Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control help to conquer every terrain. Dynamic Damper Control improves ride quality and suspension by stabilizing all irregularities of the surface. The Adaptive 2-Axle Air Suspension enables raising and lowering of vehicle at the touch of button and automatically adjusts the height of the car to suit any given driving situation.

BMW Efficient Dynamics includes features such as 8-speed Steptronic Automatic Transmission, Auto Start-Stop, ECO PRO mode, Brake-Energy Regeneration, Electronic Power Steering, 50:50 Weight Distribution, Driving Experience Control switch and many other innovative technologies.

BMW safety technologies includes six airbags, Attention Assistance, Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) including Cornering Brake Control (CBC), electric parking brake with auto hold, side-impact protection, electronic vehicle immobilizer and crash sensor, ISOFIX child seat mounting and integrated emergency spare wheel under the load floor.



Electric Double-Decker Bus by Hyundai Motor

Hyundai Motor unveiled an electric double-decker bus which is a first of its kind for Hyundai, and is part of the company's effort to help reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

The all-new electric double-decker bus is shown at the 'Land, Infrastructure and Transport Technology Fair' held in Korea, co-hosted by Hyundai and the national Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, lasting from May 29 to 31.

To develop the company's first electric double-decker bus, Hyundai worked for 18 months on a project supported by the Korean Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, which began in 2017.

The bus allows up to 70 passengers – 11 seats on the first floor and 59 seats on the second floor – 1.5 times as many passengers as compared to that of a regular bus. Through the implementation of two fixed-in-space wheelchairs, an automatic sliding ramp and low floor design, the double-decker bus secures added accessibility for disabled and mobility impaired passengers.

As part of the company's effort to increase efficiency and to reduce vehicle emissions, Hyundai equipped the all-new bus with a 384 kWh water-cooled high-efficiency polymer battery, with a maximum 300 km driving

range on a single charge. A full charge can be completed in 72 minutes.

The large electric double-decker bus is 12,990 mm long and 3,995 mm high. It runs on an independent suspension system in the first driving axle for a more comfortable ride, and a 240kW wheel motor axle combined with a motor in the second axle that minimizes loss of electricity. A rear-wheel steering system works in coherence with the steering system of the first axle, optimizing steering performance.

"The double-decker electric bus is an environmentally friendly vehicle optimized for global eco-friendly trends," said ByoungWoo



Hwang, Head of Commercial Vehicle Advanced Engineering team at Hyundai Motor. "This will not only ultimately improve the air quality, but also contribute greatly to easing commuting hour traffic congestion by accommodating more passengers."

Various advanced safety features are also equipped on the bus to ensure the safety of the passengers:

- Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) helps identify the driver's intended driving direction and maintain the vehicle in control.
- Forward Collision-Avoidance Assist (FCA) uses the car's front-facing camera to help detect an imminent collision and avoid impact or minimize damage by braking autonomously.
- Lane Keeping Assist (LKA) helps prevent accidental lane departure by sensing road markings.

Jaguar I-PACE on its High

I-PACE wins Best Electric Powertrain, Best New Engine, and the 350 to 450PS category at The International Engine + Powertrain of the Year Awards

Announced at the Engine Expo + The Powertrain Technology Show in Stuttgart, the panel of 70 expert motoring journalists from 31 countries took into account key characteristics including performance, driveability, energy efficiency and refinement.

These three titles recognise the technical excellence of the I-PACE's zero emissions powertrain, which was designed and developed in-house.

We've used all the benefits of state-of-the-art battery and motor technology to create a world-class electric vehicle. As well as zero emissions, the all-electric powertrain delivers an ideal balance of performance, refinement and range, together with outstanding responsiveness, agility and day-to-day usability. I-PACE is a true driver's car, and above all a true Jaguar.

IAN HOBAN, Powertrain Director, Jaguar Land Rover Said "We set out to make the world's best all-electric performance SUV: these awards reflect that, and are fitting recognition for what the engineering team has achieved."

I-PACE's 90kWh lithium-ion battery enables a range of up to 292 miles (WLTP). It's capable of charging from 0-80% in just 40



minutes using a 100kW DC charger, or in just over ten hours when using a 7kW AC wallbox – ideal for overnight charging at home.

A suite of smart, range-optimising technologies includes a battery pre-conditioning system: when plugged in the I-PACE will automatically raise (or lower) the temperature of its battery to maximise range ahead of driving away. A heat pump can scavenge energy from the outside air – even in sub-zero conditions – to reduce the amount of battery energy used by the climate control system. It can even utilise heat generated by the propulsion system to warm up the cabin, further reducing demand on the battery.

The battery is placed centrally between the two axles, and as low down as possible. This location enables perfect 50:50 weight

distribution and a low centre of gravity: together with the advanced double wishbone front and Integral Link rear suspension this is fundamental to the I-PACE's agile handling and outstanding ride comfort.

The permanent magnet motors are hollow, with the driveshafts passing through the centre. As well as being light – together with the transmission they weigh just 78kg – they're also exceptionally compact. This contributes to the I-PACE's spacious cabin, 656-litre luggage compartment volume and SUV ground clearance.

Integrating the motors into the front and rear axles delivers all-wheel drive for outstanding traction and control in all conditions. They also enable high levels of regenerative braking – up to 0.4G. This maximises range, and also enables intuitive 'single pedal' driving in many conditions.



GT Open Race

Norbert Siedler and Mikaël Grenier led a comfortable Team Emil Frey Racing one-two in the second International GT Open race of the weekend at the Hockenheimring, beating team-mates Albert Costa and Giacomo Altoè, who took the lead of the championship.

It is the second win of the season for Siedler and Grenier, after the pair took their Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evos to victory at the opening round at Paul Ricard in April. Having dominated qualifying, Siedler and Altoè maintained their front row positions off the line and led into the first corner. Siedler, who beat Altoè to pole by a mere five thousandths of a second, opened up a lead of nearly three seconds over Altoè, who in turn valiantly fended off the attentions of third-placed Henrique Chaves in the McLaren.

While Siedler's advantage over Altoè at the front dropped to 2.1 seconds, the #14 Lamborghini remained in the lead after Grenier took over from the German at the mandatory driver-change pit-stops. Altoè swapped with Costa, but the #63 Huracán slipped behind Oliver Wilkinson's Aston Martin to third place. The Spaniard then put in a fantastic second stint to overhaul Wilkinson to re-take second place and begin closing the gap to leader Grenier

entering the final stages. Following their fifth place - and third in Pro-Am - during Saturday's opening race, Altoè and Costa consolidate their championship lead.

They now hold a seven-point margin over Grenier and Siedler. The next International GT Open round will take place at Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium, on the 8th/9th June.



Most Improved Residual Value Brand 2019

Standing true to its testament of offering a value-for money proposition, Volkswagen, Europe's largest car maker recently received the title of the 'Most Improved Residual Value Brand 2019' by the Indian Blue Books (IBB) Residual Value Awards.

The independent analysis conducted by IBB collected data from over 8500+ touch points from both wholesale and retail channels from the last year. Post data collection, the average prices were compared for each model vis-à-vis last year, assuming it was being realized either in the first, second, or third year up to the fifth year.

The results of the findings revealed an upward increase in residual value by 3 to 7 per cent across Volkswagen's product range. Thus, making it even more appealing and a prospective choice for customers within the pre-owned car segment.

Speaking on this announcement, Mr. Steffen Knapp, Director, Volkswagen Passenger Cars said, "We're quite delighted to share that Volkswagen has received the title of the 'Most Improved Residual Value Brand 2019'. This

title reiterates our commitment to our Indian customers and truly reflects our dedication towards providing a value-for- money proposition. We extend our gratitude towards

the esteemed jurors who have recognized our efforts of making Volkswagen carlines affordable and accessible in the Indian market.



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The history of Heritage Indian jewellery is as old as Indian civilisation. It was around 5000 years ago when the curiosity to beautify themselves by adorning some jewelry pieces arose in people.

• Vedika Sharma

Heritage jewellery from India has been attracting the attention of the West since the 1920s and the 1930s. We have always heard the term – Old is Gold which actually fits right in the present culture. No matter how vastly an Indian culture has got influenced with contemporary

fashion, the charm and fascination of traditional values can never fade away.

Jewellery in ancient times was not only an adornment, but each stone was endowed with a mystical quality and used as a protection against evil forces. The navaratna or nine gems, each sacred to

a planet, are worn in a particular order for the same reason to this day. The maniratna, called the serpent stone, was used as a talisman to protect the wearer. Rudraksha and Tulsi seeds and sandalwood beads are worn even today during Hindu worship.



Highlighting the exclusivities of the heritage line of jewellery brand and insights of the patterns that are being the talk of town Mr. Susham Singla, Director, Jagdish Jewellers, Chandigarh said “Adding Heritage aspect to any Jewellery set can definitely bring back the splendor of a bygone era. A complete replica of emotions, values and ethics of our past generations, the Heritage profile is a stunner now and forever. It truly exhibits an absolute blend of royalty, ethnicity and traditions which are fragments of our iconic heritage. The diligent, painstaking polki(uncut diamond) and kundan work is a proof that our craftsmen have been the jewel

smiths to the regal and royal women of Patiala and we have been enduring this Bejeweled Legacy since, a century and a half. Some of the majestic ensembles in our outlet have been inspired by the Royal courts of Rajasthan and Gujarat, which also portray the technical and aesthetic knowledge of our craftsmen who have taken the contemporary Bridal Jewellery to the next level.”

“In the mysterious hues of fresh greens,



Emeralds have been doing the rounds since long, which makes a Bridal Ensemble ‘Nature’ inspired and can be perfectly contrasted with any color Bridal Attire.

Other than that, Diamonds and Solitaires have always been customers’ favorites in rings and bracelets. Rubies and Blue Sapphires sets



also makes a wearer stand out of the box.

Opal is being customers’ new pick in casual ensembles.

Besides this, South Sea and Tahitian Pearls are used to add an elegant factor to any set as a whole.” He commented on the major in-demand precious stones and the pearls that are popular with your jewellery brand.

While focusing on the special jewellery that will hit the floor in this wedding season he added “Going as per the latest trends and customers’ demand, magnificent Bridal sets with Kundan-PolkiKaarigari, layered or studded with colossal Emeralds will definitely rock this wedding season. Also, we are witnessing rise in demand for jewellery with exquisite Meenakari and Enamel work in pastel shades, especially rose pink, turquoise and sea green.”



SUBHASH NAHETA, CHAIRMAN, JAIPUR JEWELS

“Business is not run by profit but by people. You must show people that you believe in them.... In turn, they will believe in you and make your dream a reality.”

Subhash Naheta’s unique philosophy stems from his firm belief in punctuality, quality, reliability, speed and transparency (or PQRST). He believes that one must follow a vision so unfaltering, that the path not only becomes obvious, but is crystal clear. His pioneering leadership has been the driving force behind Jaipur Jewels – reflecting the highest levels of professionalism and integrity. These qualities have influenced customers to return to Jaipur Jewels, generation after generation, with unswerving loyalty.

His years of experience have earned him the proud privilege of being an Approved Government Valuer, conducting valuations of jewellery for a number of clients, including important business families.

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1. Highlighting the exclusivities of the heritage line of your jewellery brand, please provide us the insights of the patterns of that are being the talk of town.



With a rich heritage of over 150 years, spanning across seven generations, it is significantly apparent,

that Jaipur Jewels has been creating magnificent masterpieces. Evolved from creating the finest jewellery for royalty and have become one of India’s oldest families in the jewellery industry



today. Bridal jewellery and wedding jewellery for the entire family including the groom would be Jaipur Jewels USP. It is a one stop destination for the family for any occasion and any sensibility. Exquisite craftsmanship and superior quality of gem stones, pearls and diamonds is also our strength. Here are some trends that will be talk of the town coming wedding season:

- While polki jewellery will continue to rule the wedding season, Jadau enamelled jewellery in hues of pink, blue and white will add freshness to the trousseau of the experimental bride to be.

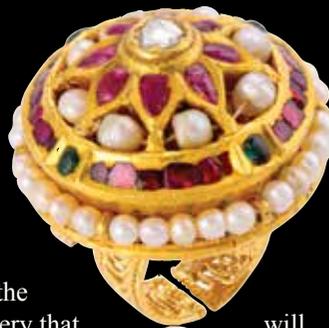


- Over sized naths and haathphools are a must haves for a bride to be to make a wedding statement on her day.

- While classic jewellery designs are an important part of any bridal trousseau infusing contemporary elements will make the jewellery more versatile, making it adaptive to suit both Indo and western ensembles.

- Apart from this the headpieces like big tikkas and chipkas, elaborate mathapattis will continue to trend.
- Statement accessories like knuckle and palm rings will be in vogue for the pre wedding showers and cocktail evenings to kick start the wedding.

2. What are the major in-demand precious stones and the pearls that are popular with your jewellery brand?
Natural diamonds, emeralds and rubies are amongst the precious stones are the favourites for every brides. South Sea pearls and real basra pearls are the most sort after.



3. What will be the special jewellery that hit the floor in this wedding season?

The new Indian bride is far different from her predecessors. She is classic but with an international world-view. She seeks meaningful experiences and isn’t afraid to be individualistic. Our new collection to be launched

acknowledges that there are things of far greater value than precious metal and gemstones. That’s why it has made room to incorporate the things that are precious to the wearer.

Like a special person from the past, their hope for the future, a memorable without a Here



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- The collection of jewellery at Mehrasons Jewellers take you back to the glorious past, when royal families were seen bedecked with gems and jewels and every handcrafted creation was a piece of art. Our Heritage collection is inspired from varied eras and cultures, personifying the heritage of India with a modern, eclectic twist. The revival of granulation, filigree, stacking, layering and antique finishing can be seen trending in our heritage jewellery line.



Question 2. What are the major in-demand precious stones and the pearls that are popular with your jewellery brand?

- Since the beginning of time, mankind has been fascinated with gemstones. Precious stones and pearls are preferred by people for various reasons, from adding 'color' to the ornament to using it for astrological

purposes. Single gemstone jewellery, gold and diamond jewellery embellished with a few stones or pearls and strings of pearls and gemstones may be found in the collection of jewellery available at Mehrasons Jewellers

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- As each marriage is representative of its own unique love story, Mehrasons Jewellers endorse the same sentiment by offering exclusivity in our designs and follow the motto of 'one piece, one design'. From antique to contemporary, Mehrasons Jewellers offers an eclectic and vast range to choose from for the brides.



mond) jewellery will be in high demand. And the bridal fest which is coming in next few months you will see a lot of polka jewellery there, as the demand for uncut diamond jewellery is continuously increasing, we can expect a huge demand for polka jewellery in the near future.

- Whatever heritage design we have, we got them in legacy from our fourfathers that only we are taking forward. To learn some work it takes an era and the person have to sacrifice many things to be the best. We are taking all that art which we have learned from our fourfathers and taking all that designs according to today's demand.
- Navratan was always in tradition and is



still going strong apart from this, larium and aqua are popular with jewellery brands these days people are looking for jewellery attached with some stones as stones makes a jewellery much more eye-catching. And these days there are many variety of precious stones available in the market.

- This wedding season polka (uncut dia-



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- The brand that is the brainchild of business mogul and designer extraordinaire, Praveen Goel, an acclaimed name in the world of jewellery making and retail. From predicting trends and styles, to material selection and design, to giving a well scrutinized nod to the final product he is a connoisseur par excellence. He believes that a combination of art, imagination and craftsmanship enables one to rise above the ordinary and create jewellery that is truly magnificent. In the field of jewellery making since 2001, today he brings forth the most ambitious project of all – Sunar, a jewellery brand which believes in establishing a new benchmark for jewels and ornaments. The brand creates visual poetry with pieces that embrace contempo-



rary styles and modern innovations while preserving the traditional designs. Sunar believe in the power of craftsmanship and is devoted in creating timeless masterpieces. Inspired by Sunar, in the timeless tradition of the goldsmith is an artist by heart who works his magic on gemstones and metals. Here the artist creates his pieces, his art, inspired by his muse. The muse who lives in every consumer of the brand. And the only focus is to ensure that each muse find something that echoes with his/her individual sense of aesthetics. The best part about their luxurious designs is that not only do they feature the contemporary styles, but also blend modern innovations to make something perfect for a modern woman who loves to balance tradi-



tions and her confident style.

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- Sunar focuses on creating signature pieces which can be handed down for generation. It offers an impressive collection of designer bridal ornaments, fine cut jewels in Polki, diamonds, ruby and other magical gemstones and precious metals. It presents range of rich look Polki series with Gems crafted which shows the Craftsmanship in design to look elegant, exclusive and extraordinary.

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- Sunar Jewels specializes in providing brides-to-be with amazing jewellery for their upcoming wedding day. Nothing complements the bridal look more than stunning jewellery to match the wedding dress designs. With a wide array of designs to choose from, the overall bridal look will be a sight for sore eyes! This season Sunar offers an exquisite jewellery line for modern brides. The jewellery is a tribute to the new age women who is well travelled, informed and independent. Mr. Praveen Goel says, “We want to redefine the concept of luxury bridal destination for Jewellery, and offer an avenue for a bride to feel like royalty because that’s how every girl should feel on their wedding day.”



Cheers!

Karisma Kapoor gives away

AQE Awards 2019



Xel Research organized its Asia's Quality & Entrepreneurship awards 2019 Presented by The Nail Artistry & associates with Dosa Factory Asia's Best organizations and professionals from different Industries (i.e Beauty & Wellness /Healthcare / Education | Manufacturers / Hotel & Restaurants Industry) at hotel Radisson Blu Paschim Vihar with the aim to encourage the professionals for doing hard work and bringing positive impact in their prospective field with Quality Services.









Empire Outlets

Thousands of New Yorkers, state and city officials, and business leaders celebrated the grand opening of Empire Outlets.

New York City's first-ever outlet center. Empire Outlets' unique combination of high-quality retail outlets, green public open spaces, dynamic art installations, and world-class dining embody the future of the New York City shopping experience.

Visitors to Empire Outlets will be treated to outlet-priced merchandise in a modern, airy, light-filled setting designed by the world-renowned SHoP Architects. Across 340,000 square feet, Empire Outlets boasts scores of designer stores including Banana Republic, Brooks Brothers, Columbia Sporting Goods, Gap Factory, H&M, Jockey, Nike Factory, and Old Navy among many others. Additional retailers, including Nordstrom Rack, American Eagle Outfitters, Crocs and more will open their stores throughout the spring and summer. Later this summer, a 40,000-square-foot food and beverage deck with unmatched sweeping views of Manhattan, will open with dozens of food concepts including MRKTPL, Staten Island's first-ever artisanal food hall.

"The opening of Empire Outlets is a historic day for Staten Island and for BFC Partners," said Donald Capoccia and Joseph Ferrara, Principals of BFC Partners, developers of the property. "We set out to revolutionize the shopping experience in New York City and we are proud to have successfully created a unique and unforgettable shopping destination for New



Yorkers and visitors from around the world."

"We are so pleased to welcome the opening of Empire Outlets to the St. George waterfront. With so much to see, do and discover across Staten Island, we hope the opening will not only encourage visitors and New Yorkers to shop and dine at St. George's newest destination, but also explore more of the diverse cultural, recreational and culinary opportunities readily available across this remarkable community," said Fred Dixon, NYC & Company's President and CEO.

"Protection of skin and hair from Pollution"

Protecting your skin and hair from pollution and specially this weather should always be on priority list for every being.

No matter it is summer or winter, autumn or monsoon, one needs to protect their skin and hair from the damage. Whether a person is working outdoor, even indoors, there is noise and air pollution. The gas exhaled from the air conditioners, refrigerator and microwave is harmful for your skin and hair.

In order to combat this damage, hair and makeup expert Aashmeen Munjaal of Star Salon and Academy sharing some day-to-day tips to control the damage -

- You need to pamper the skin and hair by cleansing, toning and then moisturizing to soothe the skin and make it feel less heavy and calmer. Nourishing is required for hair in order to get rid of frizz and dryness caused.
- Use an anti - pollution spray for your hair before going out. For skin also you need to have good protection by applying sunscreen, aloe vera gel and other skin protectors which laminates your skin and form a protective layer. It locks your skin for 6-7 hours and helps to control damage from pollution.
- Regular exfoliation and scrubbing, applying glow pack is also necessary to keep skin hydrated and rejuvenating. Homemade packs can also be great to fight with the toxic pollutants when you move out.





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Prediction for June 2019 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

Very soon you will be able to build your own house. You panic a lot, control yourself a little. You really need a break a complete change will come. Finances will improve but due to other affairs you may not be able to enjoy it. Watch out as a friend or colleague may cheat you. Your illness is bothering you change the course of

treatment.

Lucky color: Dark Green
Lucky number: 6



TAURUS

You will understand your responsibilities now and become more goal oriented. Make some changes in your organizations. You have attempted many different professions unsuccessfully with the result there is insecurity and frustration, but whatever you will do now will bring stability. Be strong don't bend under pressure. You are very self-centered, not good,

as others need you too.

Lucky color: Yellow
Lucky number: 5



GEMINI

The unexpected will happen. But you must let go off your negative thinking. You are misunderstanding people around for no fault of theirs. There will be some monetary gains towards midweek. Property transactions will also take place. You will get relief from legal problems. For women- keep yourself

busy as your idle mind is the devils workshop. Your health will be good.

Lucky color: Silver
Lucky number: 2



CANCER

The opportunities are coming in full swing but you are not availing them at all. Discipline yourself, set some deadlines. There will be money gain in three days. You are slowly climbing the ladder to success.

Face tough competition bravely. There could be politics at workplace but pay no heed to it. Listen to your intuition. Watch out for small accidents.

Lucky color: scarlet
Lucky number: 1

**LEO**

The confusions in your mind will now clear; you will be guided in the right direction. Your love life will strengthen; something new and exciting will happen. You are thinking about marriage very strongly now. Get rid of the negative energy in your house or else you will be troubled. Finances will

move slowly. Do not lend any money to a friend- you will lose him. Health will be fine.

Lucky color: Navy Blue
Lucky number: 5

**VIRGO**

You have become very spiritual but don't neglect your family. Your children need your attention. Your elder child is facing concentration problems help her/him. Don't make any investments yet. You will meet an old friend soon. Travel towards the sea is strong. Watch out for knee problems, they might even need a replacement.

Lucky color: Blue
Lucky number: 6

**LIBRA**

Good news will come from the seas. Be a little bold and aggressive. A court case will be resolved but not in your favor. Don't lose hope you will find an alternative. You are going through a strained marital relationship, be careful or it will snap. Your children will make you happy in their own way. There will be improvement in your financial condition. Health will

be fine.

Lucky color: burgundy
Lucky number: 9

**SCORPIO**

This week you will make some important contacts. There will be positive changes in your job/business. Financial situation will become better. A lady in the family will conceive a child. Its time now to find your spiritual guru. You are ignoring some important issues don't do so. A new romantic alliance will be made, something very needed. You

may undergo aches and pains especially in your legs.

Lucky color: Royal blue
Lucky number: 3

**SAGITTARIUS**

Projects will near completion finally relieving you off stress. Finances will start moving. Try and conquer over your weak points or you will become target to them. A chance to start a second business will come up through a friend. Your boss will be of great support. Travel is strong on the cards. Develop new ideas. You

will feel a little tired and depressed.

Lucky color: Black
Lucky number: 8

**CAPRICORN**

You are feeling disconnected as there is something lacking or missing somewhere. Do not sign any document without reading them, as there could be trouble. You will get money from an expected source but not all of it. People will disappoint you so be prepared. Be neutral in your judgments; listen to your inner voice. Don't get into any arguments. Health reads fine.

Lucky color: Violet
Lucky number: 8

**AQUARIUS**

A very hectic week ahead. Success will come in, but little by little. A person will bring positive changes in your life. Control your moods, have patience. You may have a problem getting your lost money back. Lie low this week, as things may not go too well for you. There will be lack of peace at home. Don't worry, as nothing is permanent. You may have

problems related to insomnia.

Lucky color: Sea Green
Lucky number: 7

**PISCES**

You are going to take part in some group activities. Business will increase and you will get help from your subordinates. A good time emotionally, there will soon be a settlement. Ideas and proposals will come but you will not cultivate all of them. You will have a misunderstanding with a friend so be careful. Control your blood pressure or else you

will develop a heart problem.

Lucky color: Red
Lucky number: 9



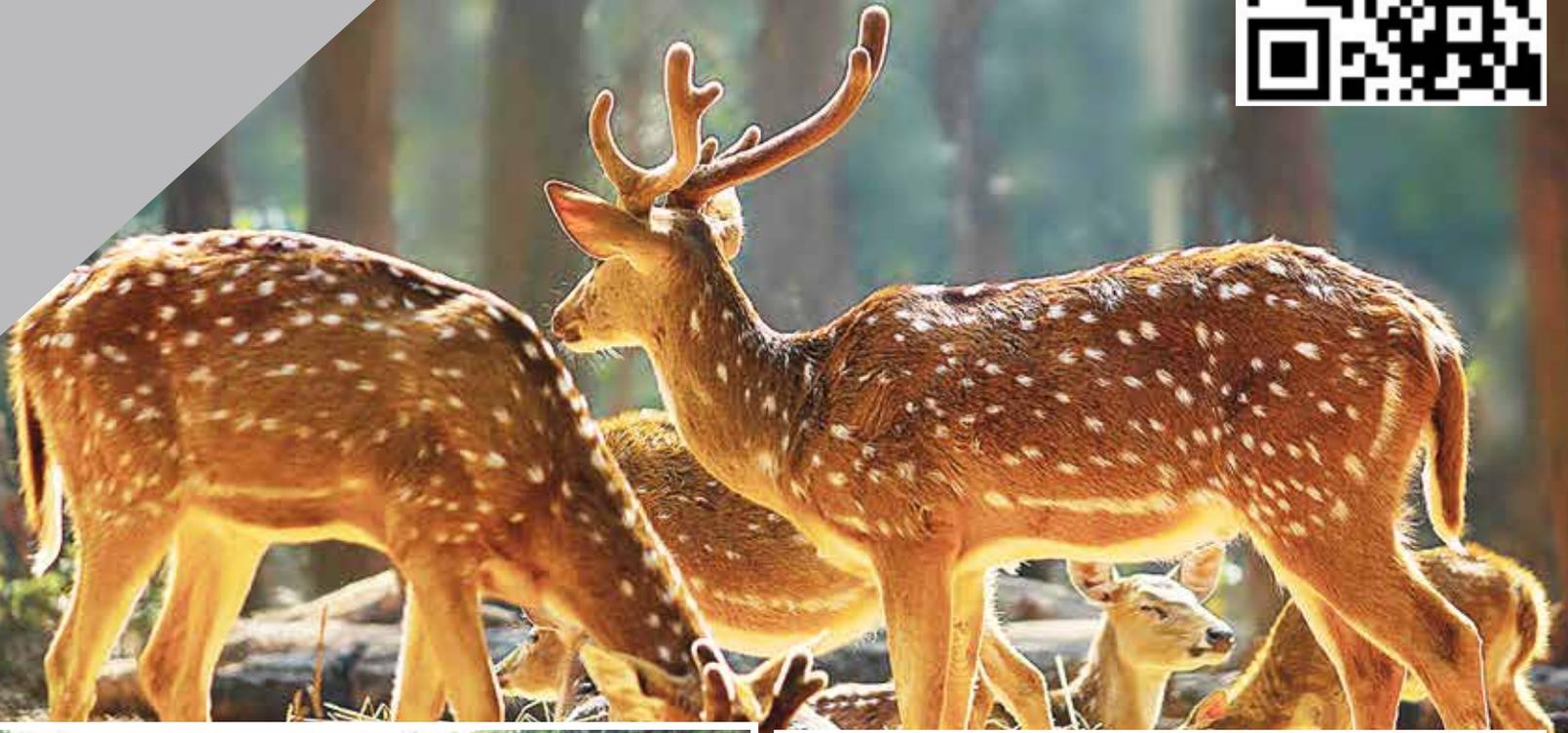
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