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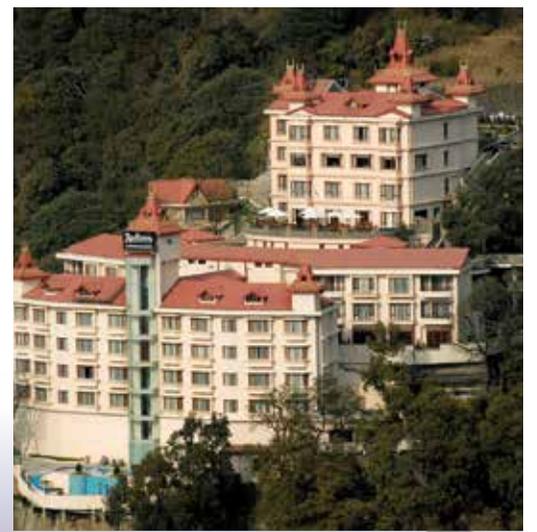
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Dear Reader,

When you will bring the October issue of T3FS you will get to know a lot about honeymoon destinations. India can be a one-stop destination for experiencing unparalleled wonders which can give couples myriad of interesting and romantic honeymoon spots. From the beach-haven Goa to the snowy valleys of Kashmir India spell romance like no other destination.

The best honeymoon destinations in India promise to allure you the most. You would be surely surprised to see the variety of options. So, get ready to create the first amazing memory of your married life that you will cherish forever.

The feeling of anxiety and excitement of spending quality time with your partner is unmatched and to add feathers in the cap of excitement are the beautiful destinations of India. India's beguiling mix of ancient forts, pretty palaces, shimmering lakes and gorgeous beaches is bound to get many travellers feeling the love.

One of the oldest civilisations in the world, India is a mosaic of multicultural experiences. With a rich heritage and myriad attractions, the country is among the most popular

tourist destinations in the world. It covers an area of 32, 87,263 sq. km, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which gives the country a distinct geographical entity.

In hospitality, you will enjoy the worldwide updates of Hospitality sector and of course mouth watering food.

In lifestyle we focused on a beautiful topic love and relationship. Love is like life. Each moment is not easy and each moment does not bring happiness.

A relationship is an intricately woven bond which has its pros and cons. It often falls apart due to misunderstandings, peer pressure, betrayal, jealousy and insecurity. A large number of teenagers become depressed when their relationship falters and ends abruptly. Social and economic reasons can be the driving force behind a failed relationship. In India, the people are so class conscious that they sometimes put a hindrance in the love affair.

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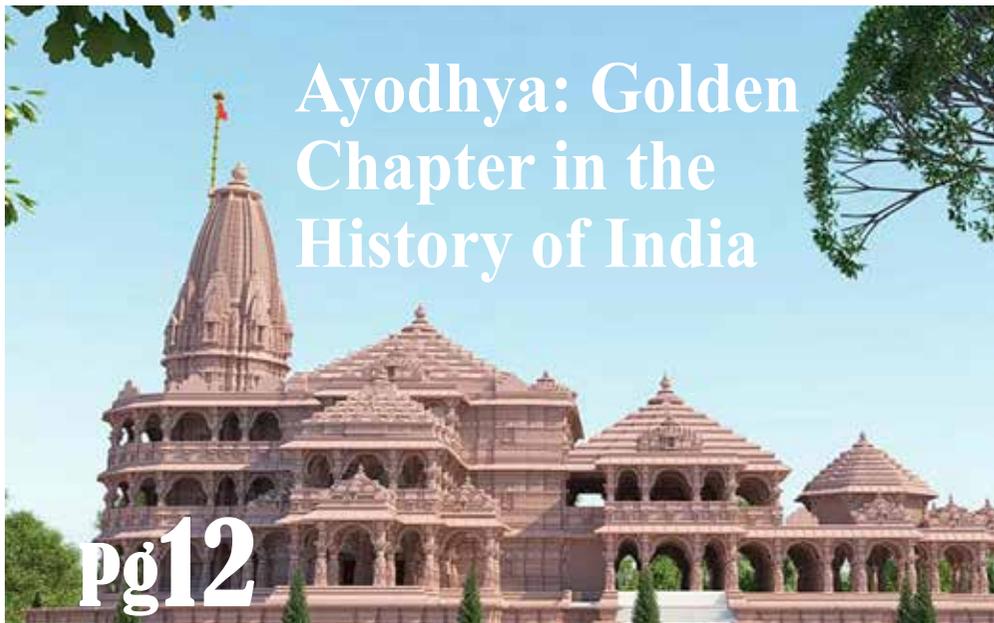
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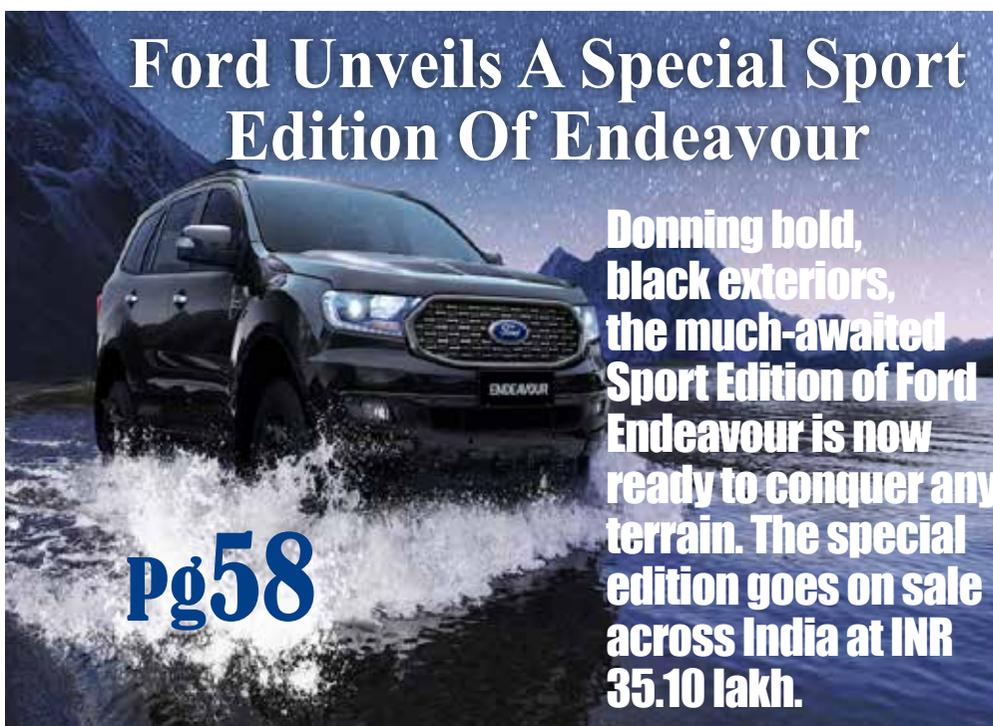
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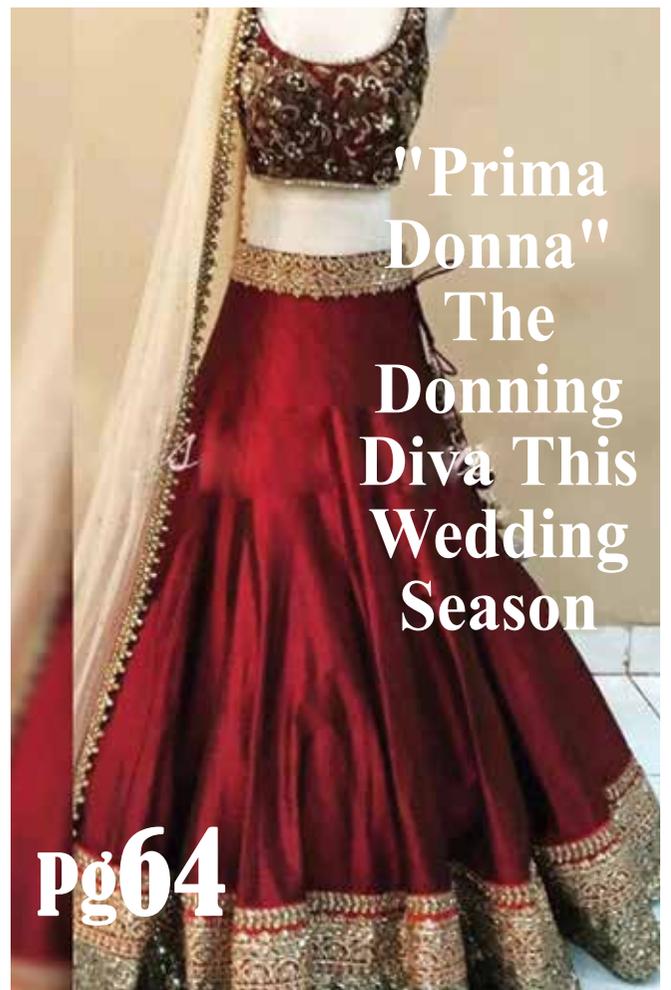
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The season is here, so is the confusion... And to trick that confusion, I suggest few of my picks for this wedding season which are quick and easy stratagem to get that twinkling glam in every wedding. you mark your presence!!!

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Rural Tourism: From Previous Niche to Future Norm

The Ministry of Tourism Dekho Apna Desh Webinar series titled Rural Tourism: From Previous Niche to Future Norm on 26th September 2020 focused on the villages, people, farming, culture and the idea of sustainability, responsibility and community living. While millions of 'White Collar' workers lost their jobs or took a steep cut in salaries due to near-total collapse of urban industries, another few million of 'Blue Collar' workers who built our cities & urban industries are back to their villages after their arduous journeys, with the real possibility of most of them creating an alternative ecosystem in rural India. The city-slicker who is tired of consumerism is now looking for a traditional grandpa's village to fix their nature

deficit & emotional deficit, while some are looking for a hip & cool glocal village. This new & upcoming genre of tourism is permeating into the segment of elderly for nostalgic reasons, and into the segment of millennials for exotic reasons. While we all understand that long-haul travel is going to halt for a while, so this webinar took us through the beautiful villages of India virtually to witness the paradigm shift in the space of tourism, through Rural Tourism.



SAATHI

Ministry of Tourism celebrated World Tourism Day through virtual platform. Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was the chief guest of the event, Union Minister of Tourism and Culture (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel also graced the occasion. Secretary, ministry of Tourism Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Director General, Tourism Ms. Meenakshi Sharma, joint Secretary, Tourism Shri Rakesh Kumar Verma, Addl DG(Tourism), Ms Rupinder Brar and other officials of Tourism Ministry also participated in the virtual event. This year United Nations World Tourism

Organisation (UNWTO) has designated 2020 as the Year of Tourism and Rural Development. This Year is an opportunity to promote the potential of tourism to create jobs and opportunities. It can also advance inclusion and highlight the unique role tourism can play in preserving and promoting natural and cultural heritage and curbing urban migration. During the event SAATHI Application was launched by the chief guest Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. SAATHI is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism with Quality Council of India to assist the hospitality industry to continue to operate safely and thereby instill

confidence among the Staff, employees and the guests about the safety of the hotel/unit. Shri Pradhan also launched a film 'Pathik', an initiative on Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification Programme (IITFC) and an ICPB MICE Promotional film. The objective of the ICPB Mice Promotional film is to communicate a positive message for welcoming events to India when competing destinations are already actively marketing their products. The tone of joy and confidence in getting back to business, warm hospitality, safety protocols in place and assurance of a delightful experience is the core message of the film.

Motorcycle Tourism

On the occasion of the World Tourism Day India tourism, Chennai and the Big Biking Commune organised the flag-off of the 'Ride in India' campaign, an initiative to promote Motorcycles as a safe and responsible way to promote and boost domestic tourism. The flag-off event was held during the morning hours at the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Taramani, Chennai. The tourism sector, one of the biggest employment and forex generator has been largely affected due to the ongoing pandemic situation. With the markets opening up in a phased manner, there is a ray of hope for the tourism industry, and in a bid to boost domestic tourism and support local businesses, India tourism, Chennai along with the Big Biking Commune, one of the largest aggregator platform for the motorcycle community, jointly launched the 'Ride in India' Campaign to promote Motorcycle tourism, a new and growing trend in the country. The event was flagged off by Shri Shreevats Sanjay, Deputy Director General (DDG) & Regional Director (South), Ministry of

Tourism, Government of India, who while addressing the bikers and media said, "India ranked 3rd among 183 countries according to the World Tourism Council in 2018 and tourism is a big sector that contributes significantly to the GDP. Currently, we are very concerned in reviving the tourism sector, keeping in mind the need for safe and responsible travel. Motorcycle tourism is a fast growing sector now where many bikers and organised clubs are using motorcycles as a means of travel and to experience new destinations. On the occasion of the World Tourism Day, we are happy to start this Ride in India initiative that encourages bikers to not only travel safely but also promote, support and boost domestic tourism within



the country."

Around 24 million Indian tourists travel abroad every year and spend atleast \$ 25 billion. "We can encourage these travellers to explore destinations in India, considering the difficulty in international travels at the current situation," he added.

Future of Travel & Tourism and Strategies to Revitalize the Industry

“The impact of COVID-19 has caused a paradigm shift for the Travel, Hospitality and Tourism Industry, which is one of the most severely impacted sectors.” – By Mr Vishal Kumar Dev, Commissioner– cum– Secretary, Tourism and Sports and Youth Services Department, Govt of Odisha.

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There is a lot of pent up demand to travel. What is crucial now is our ability to generate and inspire confidence among the people that travelling is safe. Odisha Tourism is focusing on safety and health, domestic tourism and promotion on curated and niche experiences. Odisha has been working on a number of innovative products over the past three-four months to enhance the brand value of the state. These include houseboats, river cruises, culinary tourism, to promote the Odia cuisine and the makeover of the Niladri beach, which will soon be among the first ‘Blue Flag’ beaches in India. The Konark glamping festival had received a positive response last year and we plan to launch the same at four new destinations in Odisha this year.



Mr Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, Director & Addl. Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha

The Government is positive about the recovery and revival of Tourism sector and we are taking steps in this direction. The earlier we open, the earlier we will learn to revive tourism. While our response to the pandemic has been tactical, our approach to restart tourism has to be strategic and we must set our priorities right.

Mr Dhruv Shringi, Co-Chair, FICCI Tourism Committee, Chairman, FICCI Travel Technology Committee and Co-Founder and CEO, Yatra Online Inc

It is high time that we focus on expanding the purview of domestic tourism. It will become more localised and we need to work with the authorities to promote hidden gems which have otherwise been unknown.



Ms Anita Mendiratta, Global Advisor and Author-Tourism & Development and Special Advisor to Secretary General, UNWTO

We have to first recognize that this is a global and humanitarian health crisis that has caused an economic travel and tourism crisis. Our industry is vital when it comes to supply chain and comprises of 80 percent of SMEs. Travel and Tourism have become the solution and the basis of recovery of the global economy and society; trust is the new currency to restart this industry.

Mr Dipak Deva, Co-Chair, FICCI Tourism Committee and Managing Director, Sita, TCI & Distant Frontiers

The tourism industry is a huge job creator and has the largest number of SMEs that has shown the way for an Atmanirbhar Bharat. Tourism will revive in a strong way, provided that we take the right steps now. However, we must ensure that travellers return to travelling in a sustainable way.



Mr JK Mohanty, Co-Chair, FICCI Tourism Committee, Chairman, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) and CMD, Swosti Group

This is the best time for the government to offer incentives for investment in hotel infrastructure in the state. A project like ‘Disneyland’ will also boost tourism to the state. society; trust is the new currency to restart this industry.

Mr Anil Chadha, Chief Operating Officer, ITC Hotels

We all have to co-exist along with the pandemic and make the best of it. The new code for hotels now is sanitization before personalization. Safety in hotel operations is the first assurance that a customer now looks for.



Chef Ranveer Brar, Renowned Celebrity Chef, Author and TV Host

We need to rework the way we look at food and be proud of our cuisine. The narrative for food should involve the traveller to make it experiential and valued.

Mr Ashish Kumar, Co-Chairman, FICCI Travel Technology Committee & Thought Leader

We need strategies and policy changes in the private sector to revive the tourism industry.



FITUR 2021



FITUR 2021, the first tourism industry major annual event brings together professionals from the meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions tourism at its FITUR MICE section. The event, organised by IFEMA, will celebrate its 41st edition from the 20 to 24 January at Feria de Madrid, and offers among its varied content a strategic area that is a meeting point for the specialised offer and demand in this segment, which is key to boosting the tourism industry worldwide.

As every year, the FITUR MICE section will have the collaboration of MITM Events, a company specialising in MICE tourism events, and support from the network of IFEMA Branches around the world. It will also offer its own area for two days prior to FITUR 2021 (18 and 19 de January), so that these meeting can be held in an exclusively professional environment, aimed at establishing efficient contacts and generating business.

The meetings schedule offers participating exhibitors an agenda with pre-established appointments with company executives, who are thoroughly selected based on criteria that will assess their level of business potential and purchasing decision. The professional profiles summoned for this event include corporations, associations, incentives companies, Business Travel companies and event and congress organisers. An average of 30 appointments are scheduled for each participant. FITUR MICE will be complemented by a networking program, comprising various social activities that will lead to increasing contacts and strengthening bonds among participants.

ICPB: 13th CIC as a hybrid event

With the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, ICPB is happy to announce its flagship event, the 13th Conventions India Conclave (CIC) – as a hybrid event with the theme – ‘Physical & Digital Meetings – A Harmonious Blend’, to be held on 30 – 31 October 2020 to promote India as a Safe and Attractive MICE destination, post COVID19. This year when the COVID19 crisis has disrupted the meetings industry, with the need for social distancing and other safety protocols, ICPB with the support of members and Industry, is using these challenging times to demonstrate the resilience of the industry in hosting the 13th CIC as a ‘Hybrid Event.’ At present, due to restrictions in the number of participants permissible, 100 attendees will be participating at the event in person and about 800 participants are expected to participate virtually including 100-150 potential buyers, exhibitors, stakeholders of the MICE industry, tourism students, government officials, industry colleagues etc. for networking, updating and forging new alliances to kickstart MICE business post the pandemic crisis. Amaresh Tiwari, Vice Chairman - ICPB and Convention Chairman says, “The MICE Industry in India is slowly and steadily gaining momentum. As the apex body of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, we at ICPB have to set an example and be at the forefront of getting the events industry back on its feet. The venue partner for the hybrid event is JW Marriott Aerocity, New Delhi which will host the event showcasing their world class MICE facilities, applying all safety protocols in compliance with govt. guidelines. Government of Gujarat is Supporting State Partner for the Conclave. We have received positive response from the industry as people are now eager to cautiously return to the MICE arena. Challenging times call for innovative approach and with this hybrid-event we are setting an example for others to follow.”

Trade Registration Opens for WTM Virtual



Travel trade professionals from around the world can now register for WTM Virtual (9-11 November 2020) to access the unrivalled range of online conference sessions, briefings and meetings.

Included in the ticket price will be access to London Travel Week Virtual – a set of events designed to celebrate the travel and tourism industry, taking place between 30th October – 5th November.

WTM Virtual will replace the live events of WTM London, Travel Forward and London Travel Week. The platform will follow the WTM Portfolio’s purpose and pledges to offer the best opportunities for travel industry professionals to connect, learn and do business. WTM London’s Senior Director Simon Press said: “Thousands of travel trade professionals from around the globe will take part in WTM Virtual, as we all come together online to help our industry recover, rebuild and innovate.

This is an excellent opportunity for industry leaders to connect and collaborate across the industry to confirm, predict and tackle pressing business issues and trends; conduct business transactions, form trusted partnerships, and provide opportunities for business growth. Building on our 40 years of experience, we are crafting an unmissable event designed to help delegates seal deals and create a roadmap to recovery. As well as learning about ways the industry is dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, delegates can conduct business during one-to-one virtual meetings.

There will be four virtual theatres to host webinars and debates, including our popular annual Responsible Tourism session.”

Safe Travels Stamp

OTOAI (Outbound Tour Operators Association of India) has recently joined the list of Global Travel Trade Associations to have been granted the WTTC Safe Travels Stamp. Achieving the Safe Travels Stamp is not an easy task as there are a bunch of protocols to be followed and commitments and criteria to be met. OTOAI has become the second Association in India to receive the prestigious accreditation. While it is essential that each industry within the Travel & Tourism sector develops clear and practical protocols so as to enable the sector’s recovery, the approach of receiving a Safe Travels Stamp is even more important for tour operators given their dependence on other tourism entities such as destinations, airlines, hotels, transportation, travel insurance as well as government policies such as border restrictions, as tour operators are often responsible for guests throughout their journey.

“As a user of the stamp, OTOAI will have the opportunity to assume the role of a Safe Travel Ambassador for its members, advocating the implementation of the Safe Travels protocols and the uptake of the Safe Travel stamp to the association members and ensure their ongoing compliance with the said protocols. We are delighted to receive this accreditation and will ensure that all of our members too follow the protocols and get the WTTC Safe Travels Stamp,” said Riaz Munshi, President, OTOAI.

For the purpose of alignment across industries within the Travel & Tourism sector, WTTC has divided the protocols in four pillars namely – Operational and Staff Preparedness; Delivering a Safe Experience; Rebuilding Trust & Confidence and Implementing Enabling Policies. A detailed document mentioning the protocols and procedures has been put up on the OTOAI website for the members to observe and follow. For those needing any kind of assistance, OTOAI office bearers are available round the clock.

Holiday with Confidence

Reiterating its customer commitment towards building a safe travel environment with the highest standards of hygiene, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd., India's leading integrated travel services company, along with its Group Company SOTC Travel Ltd., have collaborated with leading hospitality company, Marriott International, to launch the Holiday with Confidence portfolio—holidays inbuilt with comprehensive protocols that ensure safe travel in the COVID-19 era.

The launch is a continuum of a series of meaningful customer-first health & safety

initiatives from Thomas Cook & SOTC: The Assured Safe Travel Program in partnership with Apollo Clinics, tie-up with ICMR accredited labs to deliver end-to-end contactless COVID-negative certification services pan India and the Safe Holiday Helpline - a free service to support customers in safe holiday planning.

According to the Thomas Cook India & SOTC Holiday Readiness Travel Report, a significant 75% respondents indicated health & safety as their over riding concern; 72% displayed a preference for reputed travel brands. Therefore, in an endeavour to build consumer confidence

and offer them a safe and stress-free holiday experience, the companies have collaborated with Marriott International to launch the Holiday with Confidence portfolio that incorporates the collective expertise of the Thomas Cook & SOTC Assured Safe Travel Program in partnership with Apollo Clinics, and Marriott International's Commitment to Clean.

The Holiday with Confidence international selection includes- attractive discounts on spa treatments to shark feeding attractions, fun and exciting water sport activities in key resort destinations, and more.

Mr. Madhavan Menon, Chairman and Managing Director, Thomas Cook (India) Ltd.

Health & Safety form a critical element of our customer-first strategy at Thomas Cook India & SOTC and this is reflected in the series of meaningful initiatives aimed at building customer confidence: our Assured Safe Travel Program in partnership with Apollo Clinics, our COVID-negative certification services and Safe Holiday Helpline. I am hence delighted to announce our association with Marriott International that reiterates our customer promise of health & safety with the launch of our Holiday with Confidence portfolio. This partnership brings together the power of our collective brands in delivering comprehensive hygiene and safety protocols via the Thomas Cook & SOTC Assured Safe Travel Program and Marriott's Commitment to Clean designed by the Marriott Global Cleanliness Council. As part of our Holiday with Confidence program, our customers also benefit from the exceptional hospitality of Marriott International, combined with the holiday expertise of Thomas Cook India and SOTC.



Mr. Rajeev Menon- President -Asia Pacific (excluding Greater China), Marriott International

The travel-related implications (of Covid-19) have been unprecedented and fast-changing. As restrictions and lockdowns are becoming more relaxed, there is a cautious return-to-travel, with consumers putting their faith in brands they trust. In keeping with our endeavour to restore confidence in travel & stays across our hotels, Marriott International is very pleased to partner with Thomas Cook & SOTC in bringing the Holiday with Confidence portfolio of experiences to our guests. With Marriott's Commitment to Clean initiative and Thomas Cook & SOTC's dedication to responsible travel, we have developed a harmonized set of health and cleanliness protocols, that will enable guests to re-experience the joy of travel through elevated and unique hotel experiences.

Booking.com Introduces Long-stay Rates

Search trends from Booking.com, one of the world's largest travel companies reveal that travellers are increasingly looking to stay in a single place for longer, bringing them the opportunity to experience a destination in a whole new way. Innovating to respond to this growing demand, Booking.com recently introduced an easy way for its property partners to implement weekly and monthly rate plans to attract travellers looking for longer stays with a great price. Targeting new customer segments The weekly rate plan requires a minimum length of stay of seven nights and the monthly rate plan requires a minimum length of

stay of 28 nights. Partners can set these as foundational rate plans with flexibility based on their business needs, time of the year and cancellation policy of choice. While any property partner on Booking.com can implement these new rate plans to help boost occupancy by capturing new types of guests, for many longer stay travellers, the privacy, space and additional amenities of homes and apartments will be key reasons to book and hunker down in their new abode. The introduction of the program is testament to Booking.com's commitment towards its accommodation partners and steady industry revival.

"Our current search trends reveal that travellers are increasingly looking at staying in a single place for longer. With an aim to meet such evolving travel needs we have introduced weekly and monthly rate plans on our platform. These rate plans will not only benefit our customers who are looking for an extended getaway and a change of scenery, but also help our accommodation partners capitalize on new sources of demand while boosting occupancy and increasing revenue as the travel industry begins its recovery journey." said Ritu Mehrotra, Country Manager - India, Sri Lanka, Maldives at Booking.com

Safe and Gradual Resumption of Cruising

In line with the calibrated resumption of economic activities in Singapore, safe cruises will be piloted from November 2020 with enhanced safety protocols for two cruiselines that are homeported here. To provide assurance for safe cruising, the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) is developing a mandatory CruiseSafe certification programme, which sets out stringent hygiene and safety measures throughout the passenger journey – from prior to boarding, to after

disembarkation.

The safety and well-being of our local community, as well as passengers and crew remain the top priority. In light of this, the pilot cruises will be:

- round-trips with no ports of call;
- sailing at a reduced capacity of up to 50 percent; and
- only open to Singapore residents

To allow time to review the operationalisation of enhanced safety protocols, the pilot cruises will start from 6 November with Genting Cruise Lines' World Dream. Royal Caribbean International's Quantum of the Seas will begin sailing in December.

The Government will monitor the outcomes of the pilot sailings carefully in the coming months before deciding on the next steps for cruises.

Ayodhya:

Golden Chapter in the History of India

Located on the east bank of River Saryu, Ayodhya is brimming with the remnants of a bygone era. The famous epics, Ramayan and Shri Ramcharitmanas exhibit the splendour of Ayodhya.

An episode of Ramayan, a page of ancient history and a cluster of tourist attractions, this town has been a major centre for pilgrims, historians, archaeologists and students alike.

Ayodhya is widely considered as the birthplace of Lord Ram. It is a place which attracts pilgrims from various parts of the country and overseas to seek divine blessing and understand the Hindu religion. Ayodhya is situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India which comprises of tourist destinations all over the place. The religious sites have historical significance and mythological tales. Ayodhya is considered to be one of the most sacred places in India by the Hindus. Apart from spiritual and religious locations, Ayodhya is also has wonderful locations and scenic beauty.

Ayodhya is frequently visited by travellers to enjoy and gain religious guidance. Although the city appears evergreen throughout the year but it is usually visited from October to March. The weather becomes pleasant during such a time frame where you can travel, wander and visit the most preferred destinations. If you ever come, then don't worry about the lodging facilities because the city offers affordable hotels, homestays and lodges.

Ayodhya is undoubtedly reputed for its ancient temples, museums, markets, streets, gardens and abundance of holy places. There are a large number of temples which highlight the culture, traditions and religious values of Ayodhya.

If you are an ardent follower of Hinduism then **Ramjanma Bhoomi** temple will be an appropriate place for you to worship Lord Ram. This temple is considered to have been the birthplace of the Hindu God, Ram. As per the Indian epic Ramayan, Ram and Lord

NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER, INDIA

India is witnessing a golden historic moment with the blessings of the mighty Lord Bhaskara on the banks of the auspicious river Saryu. Across the length and breadth of India, from Kanyakumari to KsheerBhawani, from Koteshwar to Kamakhya, from Jagannath to Kedarnath, from Somnath to Kashi Vishwanath, SametShikhar to ShrawanBelagola, from Bodhgaya to Sarnath, from Amritsar to Patna Sahib, from Andaman to Ajmer, from Lakshadweep to Leh, the entire country is encompassed by and for Lord Rama!

The whole country is ecstatic and each heart is illuminated. The entire country is emotional and overwhelmed to be a part of history and witness this long-awaited historic moment.

Several generations have made selfless sacrifices for several centuries for the construction of the Ram Temple. Today marks the culmination of that centuries-old penance, sacrifices and resolve. There were sacrifice, dedication and resolve during the movement for the construction of the Ram Temple and that dream is being realized today because of their sacrifices and struggle. I, on behalf of the 130 crore people of the country, salute them and bow before them for their sacrifices which have led to the foundation of the Ram Temple. Today, all the powers of the Universe, everybody who was involved in the sacred struggle for the construction of the Ram Temple, are watching this programme. They are all very happy and blessed on this occasion.

Shree Ram Temple would be the modern symbol of our culture and I am intentionally using the word 'modern'. It will symbolise our eternal hope. It will epitomise our national feeling. This temple will be the emblem of the collective will power of millions of people. This shrine would inspire hope, devotion and determination in the minds of the future generations.

Once the shrine is constructed, not only the grandeur of Ayodhya would become multi-fold but the entire economy of this region would undergo a massive transformation. There would be new avenues & new opportunities in every sector. Imagine people from across the world would visit here. The entire world would come here for the darshan of Lord Rama and Goddess Sita. How radically things will transform here!



Vishnu's seventh manifestation is believed to have grown along Ayodhya's river Sarayu.

Hanuman Garhi is a 10th century temple which is dedicated to Hindu God, Lord Hanuman. Hindus strongly believe that Lord Hanuman lived at this temple site guarding the city of Ayodhya. Kanak Bhawan is situated in the northeast corner of Ram Jhanbhoomi in Tulsi Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. This is indeed a holy site built in the memory of Lord Rama and his wife, Goddess Sita.

Treta Ke Thakur Temple looks wonderful as it houses a lot of idols such as Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman, Bharat and Sugreev. Ramkot is another such religious place which has temples and shrines.

Devipatan Temple is one of the major attractions of the city which houses an idol of Lord Shiva.

Festivals and fairs are some beautiful activities that add color to Ayodhya. Ram Navami Mela, Ram Lila, Parikramas, Anantgarhi Parikrama are the most relishing and fun-filled festivals that attract people from various corners of the country. Ram Lila is a folk drama that re-enacts the life of Lord Ram ending up in a ten-day battle between Lord Ram and Ravan signaling the arrival of autumn. Parikramas are a series of Hindu worships which completes in a day wherein a devotee is dipped in the holy river of Saryu and is walked through various religious sites. These colorful festivals tell us how dedicated and devoted the residents of Ayodhya are towards Hinduism. When you want to visualize something beautiful and eye-catching, then don't forget to visit Gulab Bari, Bahu Begum Ka Maqbara, Guptar Ghat and Mani Parbat. Gulab Bari (Garden of Roses) is located in Vaidehi Nagar. It is a tomb of Nawab-Shuja-ud-Daula, the third Nawab of Oudh and his parents. The greenery around and the pristine infrastructure makes a congenial ambience where fresh air blows every time. The timings are from 4 am to 7 pm. Bahu Begum Ka Maqbara is situated on the Maqbara Road in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh. It is unique, artistic and is the tallest monument in the town. There is no entry fee in this site so you can easily invite all your family members and friends. Guptar Ghat lies on the bank of river Sarayu which is a reserved site primarily famous for its historical relevance.

Ram Mandir, a Hindu Temple in Ayodhya has often come in television and print news. Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath initiated the construction of this temple. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on 5 August 2020. PM Modi performed Bhoomi Puja during the ceremony while CM Yogi Adityanath monitored the arrangements of the same. This temple will gain a lot of appreciation, honor and love.

Keeping these things in mind, while visiting the market you will see vendors and sellers selling idols, jewellery and items such as Haldi, Kumkum and Chandan which glorifies the place. The local food and cuisine such as Aaloo Paratha, Bariya, Chilla, Boondi, Chaat, etc. Makes your mouth water and can fill your tummy to the fullest. Cafes and restaurants are the most reliable in the city. They serve the best food, beverages and are hospitable in nature. Ayodhya is an amalgamation of religious, cultural, social and artistic places that can be your best destination till date. So what are you waiting for? Come, backpack and enjoy. This is once in a lifetime experience. You never know how meaningful and lovely your trip can be!

Ayodhya waits for your arrival. Are you coming to make your journey the best of all?



**YOGI ADITYANATH,
CHIEF MINISTER,
UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA**

After five centuries, the resolution of 135 crore Indians is being fulfilled. The temple is being constructed with democratic methods in the country. Many generations have passed by waiting for this. The temple would open new vistas of tourism in the near future.

Ayodhya is known worldwide as Lord Ram's birthplace and has an immense mythological significance. All development works in the town must be executed while keeping its ancient culture intact. Ayodhya, once developed, will also spur the development of the other districts in the eastern UP region.

All ghats of Ayodhya will be conserved and beautified. A riverfront, stretching from Guptar Ghat to Naya Ghat, will be developed. The upcoming multi-level parking project will tap its commercial potential. The work on underground power cables will also be expedited. Development work would be fast-tracked and funding will not be an issue. The state government is expecting that there would 6.8 crore tourists every year in the coming years.

Ayodhya is fast emerging as a religious tourism hub. The developmental plan should be chalked with an aim to keep the historical and religious heritage of Ayodhya. Efficient professionals will be consulted to restore historical and religious importance places. 160 acres of land have been obtained for the airport.



#ShuddhDesiRomance



India can be a one-stop destination for experiencing unparalleled wonders which can give couples myriad of interesting and romantic honeymoon spots. From the beach-haven Goa to the snowy valleys of Kashmir India spell romance like no other destination.

• **Vedika Sharma**

The best honeymoon destinations in India promise to allure you the most. You would be surely surprised to see the variety of options. So, get ready to create the first amazing memory of your married life that you will cherish forever.

The feeling of anxiety and excitement of spending quality time with your partner is unmatched and to add feathers in the cap of excitement are the beautiful destinations of India. India's beguiling mix of ancient forts, pretty palaces, shimmering lakes and gorgeous beaches is bound to get many travellers feeling the love.

One of the oldest civilisations in the world, India is a mosaic of multicultural experiences. With a rich heritage and myriad attractions, the country is among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. It covers an area of 32, 87,263 sq. km, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which gives the country a distinct geographical entity.

Fringed by the Great Himalayas in the north, it stretches southwards and at the Tropic of Cancer, tapers off into the Indian Ocean between the Bay of Bengal on the east and the

Arabian Sea on the west. As you travel the expanse of the country, you are greeted by diverse nuances of cuisines, faiths, arts, crafts, music, nature, lands, tribes, history and adventure sports. India has a mesmerising conflation of the old and the new. As the bustling old bazaars rub shoulders with swanky shopping malls, and majestic monuments accompany luxurious heritage hotels, the quintessential traveller can get the best of both worlds. Head to the mountains, enjoy a beach retreat or cruise through the golden Thar, India has options galore for all.



Here's the list of best honeymoon destinations in India for you to pick and plan your honeymoon.

Kutch Gujarat



A land of colour, culture and spectacular topography, Kutch with its rustic beauty is nothing less than a pictorial wonderland. Kutch, the land of the creators, myriad colors, and infinite variety is the place where time has left its footprints. A large part of the Kutch, commonly known as the Great Rann of Kutch, submerges in water during the rainy season and becomes dry during the winter season. There are many places to explore in Kutch as given below:

Mandvi Beach

Mandvi Beach lies close to Mandvi Kachchh and is a wonderful attraction and tourist location. This golden sandy beach of Kachchh is worth a visit and is not a frequently visited tourist beach. So you can truly enjoy moments of bliss with your family and friends.

White Rann Of Kachchh

The Rann of Kachchh is a salt marshy land in the Thar Desert in the Kachchh district of western Gujarat. It lies between Gujarat in India and the Sindh province in Pakistan. It comprises around 30,000 sq. km of land which includes The Great Rann of Kachchh, The Little Rann of Kachchh

and Banni grassland.

The Rann of Kachchh is famous for its white salty desert sand and is reputed to be the largest salt desert in the world. 'Rann' means desert in Hindi which in turn is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Irina' which also means desert. The inhabitants of Kachchh are called Kachchhi and have a language of their own with the same name. Most of the population in Rann of Kachchh comprises of Hindus, Muslims, Jains and Sikhs.

The Rann of Kachchh region is also home to a range of ecologically rich wildlife such as the flamingos and the wild ass that can be spotted around the desert often. Rann is also a part of a few sanctuaries such as the Indian wild ass sanctuary, Kachchh desert wildlife sanctuary etc. It is a paradise for wildlife photographers and nature enthusiasts alike.

The government of Gujarat holds a three month long festival known as 'The Rann Utsav' every year starting from December to February. This is the main source of income for the locals around who welcome visitors from across the globe to savour local delicacies and to witness the culture and hospitality of Kachchh.

Pingleshwar

Pingleshwar Beach lies close to Mandvi Kutch and is a wonderful attraction and tourist location. This golden sandy beach of Kutch is worth a visit and is not a frequently visited tourist beach. So you can truly enjoy moments of bliss with your family and friends. Lying about seventeen kilometers from the Coastal NH 8A, it also has proximity to the bird sanctuary of Nalia. The beach is also very popular as a wetland and also beautiful wind farms wherein wind energy is trapped. It also attracts a plethora of migratory birds that come here.

Kachchh Desert Wildlife Sanctuary

This 24km national park Conservation of another precious ecosystem can be discovered at the Wild Ass Sanctuary of Little Rann. The unique white desert terrain and landscape are irresistible to tourists. Safaris by jeeps and bird watching trips during winter add to the excitement.

Being the world's only natural habitat for wild ass, the sanctuary of course draws people to watch these magnificent creatures. However, over 4000 km of sanctuary harbours a large variety of bird population.



Best Time to Visit: October to February

How to Reach

BY AIR

The nearest airport to Kutch is in the city of Bhuj, which is around 80 km from the Rann desert.

BY ROAD

You can take your own vehicle or hire a cab from Bhuj to reach Kutch.

BY TRAIN

The nearest railway station is in Bhuj city.

Gavi Kerala



Gavi Eco-Tourism, a project of the Kerala Forest Development Corporation, has caught the attention of tourists for a while now. The project is exclusive in many respects and the majority who visited were nature lovers and adventure tourists. Over a short period of time visitors to Gavi gradually increased, especially after 'Alistair International' the world acclaimed tourism major listed it among the leading eco-tourism centres and one of the must-see places in India.

A highlight of the Gavi Eco Project is the involvement of the local populace in its activities as guides, gardeners and cooks. This provides livelihood for the locals and also helps to create awareness on the conservation of nature. Gavi, located in Pathanamthitta district offers its visitors activities like trekking, wildlife watching, outdoor camping in specially built tents and night safaris.

The road leading to Gavi is blanketed by tea plantations, which itself is a refreshing experience. En route to Gavi are places of interest like Mundakayyam, Kuttikanam, Peermedu and Vandiperiyar from where the road deviates to Gavi.

Once you reach Gavi the serene eco-lodge 'Green Mansion' awaits you like a mother to embrace you in its protective fold. From the 'Green Mansion', one can savour the spectacular view of the Gavi Lake and the adjoining forests. Besides the accommodation provided in 'Green Mansion' visitors can also try out the tree houses here and can even pitch tents in the wilderness. Here one can have outstanding trekking experiences, which are overseen by trained local people. Those who would love to be left alone can do so in the tranquil environs of Gavi or may even go canoeing in the placid waters of the lake or enjoy a breathtaking sunset. Visitors are usually provided vegetarian food and snacks, which further adds to the eco-friendly ambience of the place.

The place is rich in flora and fauna. There are hills and valleys, tropical forests, sprawling grasslands, sholas, cascading waterfalls and cardamom plantations. Endangered species including the Nilgiri Tahr and Lion-Tailed Macaque are often sighted at the outskirts of Gavi. With more than 260 species of birds including the Great Pied Hornbill, Woodpecker and Kingfishers, Gavi is a paradise for birdwatchers.

Some of the breathtaking viewpoints at Gavi like the Valley View offer a spectacular view of the deep ravine and forest below. From Kochu Pampa, a point near Green Mansion eco-lodge, one can track the grazing Nilgiri Tahrs.

The famous pilgrim destination, Sabarimala is a short trek from Gavi. For those interested in observing nocturnal wildlife, night safaris to Kullur, Gavi Pullumedu, Kochu Pampa and Pachakanam provide ample opportunities for wildlife viewing.

Another unique feature of Gavi is camping in the forests. One can pitch a tent in the camping site, which is a rarity in many Indian forests. As the dusk stretches into the silence of the night, one can feel the presence of wildlife in the middle of nowhere, an experience that cannot be explained in words. There are also tree top houses where one can enjoy avian life to the fullest.

Active involvement of tribals in Gavi makes it a unique venture of its kind in the country. Traditional knowledge of the forest and its way of life helps Gavi to sustain its surroundings in its original state.

Gavi is bound to cast its magical spell on every visitor and is surely a place that should not be missed in one's lifetime. Gavi is pristine, and it belongs to the wild, which is a reminder that

visitors are responsible for their intentions and actions, which will have a bearing on the upkeep of Gavi for a long time to come.

Best Time to Visit: September to February

*How to Reach
BY AIR*

Madurai Airport (Tamil Nadu), about 140 km away and Cochin International Airport, about 190 km

BY ROAD

Vandiperiyar is the nearest accessible point to reach Gavi. It is a small town located in the NH-22 and is around 30km from the hill station. Visitors can also reach Gavi easily from Thekkady which is around 51km from Gavi.

BY TRAIN

The nearest railway station is Kottayam which is about 114km.



Kanatal Uttarakhand

Kanatal is a hidden paradise, nestled away in the state of Uttarakhand. Kanatal is located in a very scenic setting surrounding by mountains and rivers, with breathtaking views and scenery. This is mainly because the town of Kanatal lies near Mussoorie, which is a popular tourist hotspot. Tourists mainly flock to Mussoorie, and the town of Kanatal is mostly left untouched.

You can also take a walk through Kodia Jungle, which is a dense forest area located at a distance of around one kilometer away from Kanatal. You can spot a few wild animals by taking a ride through the jungle in a jeep, and you can also see Tehri Dam and many natural springs that are quite prevalent in the region.

Kanatal has a picturesque location, with breathtaking panoramic views of the Himalayas which is blessed with majestic snow-clad mountains, gigantic and ecstatic peaks, and dense forest. There is plenty of options available in and around Kanatal such as Kodia Jungle, New Tehri, Dhanolti and Chamba.

Kodia Jungle

A route diverts to the left after 1km from Kanatal towards Chamba. An easy trek of 5-6kms amidst dense forests will end up at vast expanse of undulating hills and valleys. Many natural springs can be seen during the trek. Kakar (the barking deer), Wild Boar Ghorals and musk deer can be seen in Kodia Jungle. It is an ideal place for bird watching and nature photography. The track is jeepable and do carry lunch with you.

New Tehri

New Tehri is a newly established township and district headquarter of Tehri Garhwal. It is situated at an elevation between 1550 to 1950 meters above sea level. A modern and well-planned town, only 11 Kms. From Chamba & 24 Kms. From Old Tehri, it overlooks a massive artificial lake and a Dam called Tehri Lake and Tehri Dam respectively. It has become an important center of attraction on the completion of the dam.

Dhanolti

Dhanaulti is fast emerging as a gem among the major travel destinations in Uttarakhand. It is on Mussoorie – Chamba road, at an altitude of 2,250m. It comes as a pleasant surprise for the enthusiastic weekend travelers, who find it peaceful, relaxed and laid-back. It's a different experience altogether.

Dhanaulti is away from the crowds, busy market places and pollution. Set amidst thick virgin forests of Deodars, Oaks and Rhododendrons, it is an ideal location that ensures absolute peace of mind and soul. The green meadows, towering trees, breathtaking view of the Himalayan peaks, make Dhanaulti an enticing hideaway for tourists. Dhanaulti is the base point for numerous treks into the snow-capped Himalayas, especially to the Tehri region of Garhwal. The most popular treks are through the dense alpine forests that take you to Surkanda Devi, Chandrabadni and Kunjapuri, the sacred three Shaktipeeths of the holy Devi Darshan triangle. Best time to visit Dhanaulti is between March and June.

Chamba

At an altitude of 1676 m above sea level, on

the foothills of the Himalayas lies Chamba. Unexplored, untouched, overlooking the snow-clad peaks on one side and offering a magnificent view of the valley. An unspoiled territory and covered with lots of pine and deodar trees, Chamba offers you a never explored break.

It is an excellent place to relax and enjoy and is just a drive away from the city blues. After the submergence of old Tehri, Chamba is the fast-emerging tourist spot in Tehri Garhwal. The snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas, the awe-inspiring views of the green gorges and the enchanting valleys all around the river Bhagirathi will undoubtedly leave you spellbound, amidst rich apple orchards.

Best Time to Visit: October to March

How to Reach

BY AIR

The closest airport from Kanatal is the Dehradun Airport.

BY ROAD

Kanatal is connected to major cities of Uttarakhand and neighbouring states via well-maintained roads.

BY TRAIN

Rishikesh (75 km) and Dehradun (85 km) are the nearest railway stations to Kanatal.



Yumthang Valley Sikkim (Valley of Flowers)



A Himalayan wonderland, Sikkim is nestled in the foothills of the eastern Himalayas and nature has gifted this state with unique beauty. The state is bestowed with a greater variety of vegetation and undisturbed valleys, five climatic zones, total sanitation, peaceful environment, hospitable and humble people and a rich cultural heritage – which is unmatched and would be hard to find anywhere else. Among its mountains is the fabulous Kanchenjunga is the third highest mountain in the world. Sikkim is also the least populous state in the Indian union. Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim is situated at a height of over five thousand feet above sea level.

For honeymooners, one of the best locations is Yumthang Valley. Yumthang Valley is a grazing pasture surrounded by the Himalayan Mountains in the district of Sikkim. A mesmerizingly serene place which holds a very significant spot, the Yumthang valley is the marvel of nature decorated in the Northern region of the Sikkim state. It lies at an elevation of 3,575 m and is located at a distance of 24 km from Lachung and approximately 150 km from Gangtok. The Shingba Rhododendron Sanctuary lies in between Lachung and Yumthang Valley and has over twenty four species of rhododendrons which bloom from April to May end.

It is an awe-inspiring feeling to be in Yumthang valley in the springtime when the boulevard leading to Yumthang valley is gulped up by striking hues of Rhododendron trees. The valley is trapped in the natural beauty of snow-clad peaks, the treeless Tibetan plateau stretching far off into the distance and a placid brook curving in the middle of them. A number of hot springs are scattered in the valley providing an unexpected opportunity to feel the warmth of the water even in freezing temperature. Rich in sulfur these springs are believed to have miraculous healing power. Situated further up at a distance of 16 km, at an altitude of about 16,000 feet is Yumesamdong, a valley grazed by yaks and their nomadic shepherds. This place is also dotted with sulfur hot springs. The valley is also known as the valley of flowers due to the large stretch of land filled with the various species of the Rhododendrons. The



enormous landscape adorned with the vivid flowers and the beautiful, bustling water of the River Teesta is the paradise for the nature-loving tourists. The village of the Lachung is the base destination to visit the Yumthang Valley. On the way to the Yumthang valley, the view of the pristine waterfalls and streams, as well as the magnetic view of the mountain peaks are very soothing to the eyes.

Best Time to Visit: February to June and September to December

How to Reach

BY AIR

The closest airport from Yumthang Valley is the Pakyong Airport near Gangtok.

BY ROAD

Yumthang Valley is 30km away from Lachung. It will take nearly 2 hours to reach Yumthang Valley as the roads are in a bad shape.

BY TRAIN

The closest railhead is the Darjeeling Railway Station. It connects to major cities in India.





Pali Rajasthan

The romantic weather and beautiful landscape of this place will perfectly compliment your celebratory mood. You can visit the beautiful tourist attractions and enjoy quality time with your better half. Carved out of erstwhile state of Jodhpur, Pali flaunts its rich heritage and culture in the form of beautiful Jain temples and other elaborate monuments. Resembling an irregular triangle, this district shares a common border with eight districts in Rajasthan namely, Nagaur and Jodhpur in the north, Barmer in the west, Rajmasand and Udaipur to the south-east, Ajmer to the north-east and Sirohi and Jalore in the south and south-west respectively.

The best location to visit when in Pali

Jawai Dam

Built across a tributary of the river Luni, Jawai dam was constructed by Maharaja Umaid Singh of Jodhpur. It is believed to be the biggest dam in western Rajasthan. Besides being a primary source of water for nearby villages and Jodhpur city, Jawai dam is also famously a winter paradise for migratory birds and leopards and houses crocodiles.

Ranakpur Dam

Ranakpur Dam is a popular tourist destination where you can have some laid-back time moments. The dam is located in a cosy village called Ranakpur. Situated close to the Ranakpur

Jain Temple, the dam is a sight of sheer beauty, and offers a perfect respite from the city life, making it a perfect weekend getaway. The splashing water amidst the backdrop of clear mountains is a view that is sufficient to tug at the heart of an explorer. Surrounded by lush greenery, the dam looks the most beautiful at the time of sunrise or sunset. One visit to the place is enough to lure your senses and steal a self-indulgent moment from time. You can easily locate the dam and catch glimpses of nature at its best.

Samand Lake

The Samand Lake also called as Sardar Samand Lake, is situated 60km south-east of Jodhpur off the Jodhpur-Pali route. Developed by Maharaja Umaid Singh in the year of 1933, the lake is situated near the Sardar Samand Lake Palace. Credited as being a bird watcher's haven, the lake is beautiful to look at. The lake attracts numerous local as well as migratory birds, which makes for a breathtaking view. Upon visiting the lake, you can easily spot beautiful birds in the skyline or floating in the

Best Time to Visit: October to April

*How to Reach
BY AIR*

The nearest airport to Pali is the Jodhpur Airport, which is nearly 77 km from Pali.

BY ROAD

Pali is well connected to other Rajasthan districts by road (NH14).

BY TRAIN

There are regular trains from Beawar & Jodhpur to Pali.



lake, such as the Himalayan griffon, yellow-legged green pigeon, Dalmatian pelican, and many other lovely birds. Plan a trip to Samand Lake to witness the raw beauty of nature. The lake looks calm

amidst the Sardar Samand Lake Palace. On your way to the lake, you will come across a wildlife area where you can spot animals like Chinkara, Neelgai, and Blackbuck. Plus, you will also come across Bishnoi villages where you can witness the Bishnoi tribal community, which enriches the experience even further



Sandakphu West Bengal

Sandakphu is the highest peak in the state of West Bengal, India. It is the highest point of the Singalila Ridge in Darjeeling district on the West Bengal-Nepal border. The peak is located at the edge of the Singalila National Park and has a small village on the summit with a few hostels. Four of the five highest peaks in the world, Everest, Kangchenjunga, Lhotse and Makalu can be seen from its summit.

From Sandakphu, the best view of the mountain Kanchenjunga is possible, which is known as the Sleeping Buddha or the Sleeping Shiva. Sandakphu, situated at a height of 3636mtrs above sea level, might not be famous for any tourist destinations, but is a true paradise for all adventure lovers. Trek to the highest point on this hill station and you will get the never seen before views of the Himalayan Range. A long stretch of Himalayas starting from Bhutan till Mt. Everest is visible. River Teesta flows through Sandakphu at quite a pace. The thundering River Teesta also offers a great option for adventure sports especially river rafting. Sandakphu is the only place in the world where you will find a rhododendron and silver fir forests. To reach Sandakphu, one has to nearly trek for 12 hrs from Maneybhanjan, which is the gateway to Sandakphu.

Tourist attraction in Sandakphu:

Trekking

Trek is perhaps one of the best and certainly the most popular of all the treks in Sandakphu for those having a limited time at their disposal. It offers travelers an excellent view of the Kanchenjunga and the Everest group of mountain peaks in Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan.

Everest Family from Sandakphu

As the first sunlight strikes, tourists will



see the dazzling peaks of the Everest family in Nepal at the far west including the gorgeous Mt. Everest. Tourists will find it along with other peaks like Lhotse and Mt. Makalu. If tourists look further west, they will see the Chamlang that stands like a square wall of snow.

Kanchenjunga from Sandakphu

Other peaks close to Kanchenjunga include Kabru (24,026 ft), Kumbhakarna (25,294 ft.) and Pandim (22,010 ft). Between Everest and Kanchenjunga you will see the peaks of Three Sisters. East of Kanchenjunga, you will see the great Tibetan peaks of Narsing, Dongkya and Chola and then you can spot Chamolhari in Bhutan.

Best Time to Visit: October to March

How to Reach

BY AIR

The nearest airport is Bagdogra (Siliguri).

BY ROAD

Bus services are available from Siliguri to Maneybhanjan via Sukhiapokhri. From here, a trek route is there to reach Sandakphu.

BY TRAIN

The nearest railhead at New Jalpaiguri (Siliguri).



Bali

4D3N Bali Safari

| USD 278

based on 4 hotel
(1Night at Mara River Safari Lodge +
2Night at South Bali)

BALI SAFARI & MARINE PARK



Includes :

- Safari Journey at Bali safari Park
- Breakfast with Lion at Tsavo Lion Restaurant
- Indian Cuisine Lunch or Dinner where available and specified

3D2N + 3rd Night Free

Relaxing Me

| USD 158

based on 4 hotel

Inclusion :

- 3 Nights stay at selected hotel with breakfast included
- Return airport transfer
- FREE : 1x 60Mins Massage OR 1x Meals at certain hotel
- FREE : Hard Rock Cafe Meals Voucher
- Choice of 1x Full Day Tour OR 1x White Water Rafting

3D2N

Villa Indulence

| USD 278

based on 4 hotel

Inclusion :

- 2 Nights Stay at Selected Villa with breakfast included
- Return Airport Transfer
- FREE 1x 60mins massage (Min. 3 nights stay)
- FREE 1x Full Day Car at Disposal with English Speaking Local Host
- FREE : 1x Indian Cuisine Voucher at all outlet Gateway of India Restaurant

5D4N Bali Safari

| USD 258

based on 4 hotel

(1Night at Lovina Beach +
3Night at South Bali)

Inclusion :

- Wild Dolphin Searching at Lovina Beach, 2 full day tours
- Indian Cuisine Lunch or Dinner where available and specified in the program
- Free 1 x 60mins massage or set meal at certain hotel



Borobudur Temple, Jogja

Bali - Jogja

5D4N Discovery

USD 308

2 Night at Bali + 2 Night at Jogja
based on 4 hotel



Gedung Sate, Bandung

Bali - Bandung

5D4N Discovery

USD 338

2 Night at Bali + 2 Night at Bandung
based on 4 hotel



Sand Island, Lombok

Bali - Lombok

5D4N Discovery

USD 328

2 Night at Bali + 2 Night at Lombok
based on 4 hotel

***The rates is based on land arrangement only excluding Internation & Domestic airfare**



Uttarakhand: A hit amongst adventure buffs!



“Adventure Tourism has become a key to Uttarakhand Tourism Revival” - Dilip Jawalkar, Secretary, Uttarakhand Tourism.

• T3FS Desk

With the recent Unlock 4 guidelines coming into play and movement starting to normalize, the Uttarakhand tourism sector has started to revive at a slow but steady pace. In order to breathe life into tourism industry during the ongoing COVID-19 scenario, the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) has been coming up with several guidelines which are being issued in accordance with the pandemic. Sharing his views on the revival of tourism industry, Secretary, Uttarakhand Tourism, Dilip Jawalkar, says, “UTDB has been coming up with several schemes during the revival period to support various sectors in the tourism industry. To ease the travel of visitors coming to Uttarakhand, we have removed all kinds of movement restrictions for tourists having the mandatory COVID-19 negative test report. Such people are allowed to enter the state and stay in a hotel for any number of days they want. We are also planning to deploy tourist facilitation counters at all important state borders and provide on-the-spot COVID-19 testing facility to visitors not carrying the COVID-19 negative test reports.” He adds, “Simultaneously, it is our collective efforts at UTDB to constantly be in touch with all the stakeholders and to thoughtfully and mutually come up with apt guidelines, in order to support the industries at every step during these difficult times. For instance, recently we held an online meeting with the stakeholders and effective steps during the revival period of adventure tourism were discussed.”

Adventure Tourism contributes to a majority part in the state’s overall tourism industry. Uttarakhand is a heavenly destination when it comes to offering various adventure activities to tourists. Through this article, UTDB intends to give an insight on 6 best adventure destinations in the state which can be opted for by the adventurers in the coming time:

White Water River Rafting

Rishikesh is the name that pops-up when someone talks about River Rafting. This is the place where Hollywood actor Brad Pitt spent six hours doing white water rafting in the Ganges. Shivpuri in Rishikesh is quite popular among adventure enthusiasts, as it offers one of the best river rapids ensuring utmost adrenaline rush. Tourists can either plan for a fairly simple half to one day trip or a more adventurous four to five-day trip, depending on their choice of rapids. One can also opt to stay in the picturesque River Rafting Camps set up along riverside and beaches.

Suitable Time Period – The most suitable time to visit Rishikesh for River Rafting is from September mid to December and from early March to May.

Water Sports

Tehri in Uttarakhand houses one of the largest man-made lakes in Asia – Tehri Lake. Bollywood movie ‘Batti Gul Meter Chalu’ was majorly shot in Tehri because of its mesmerizing beauty. Tehri Lake plays host to a number of exciting water sports activities, such as Boating, Jet Speed Boat Ride, Water Skiing, Zorbing, Banana Boat Ride, Bandwagon Boat Ride, Hotdog Ride, among others. Apart from water sports, tourists can indulge in the beauty of the gigantic Tehri Dam, which is the highest dam in India. Suitable Time Period – Although Tehri Lake can be visited at any time of the year but the most suitable time to visit for water sports activities is in the summer months of April to June.

Trekking

Uttarakhand, having abundance of vast and splendid mountain ranges, offers the best adventure destination for Trekking and Hiking enthusiasts. Some of the most popular trekking destinations are Kakkhusandi Trek, Chandrashila Trek, Deoria Tal Trek, Roopkund Trek, Valley of Flowers Trek, Pindari Glacier, among others.

Suitable Time Period – The suitable time for Trekking varies from trek to trek, but ideally one should avoid the monsoon season due to risk of landslides.

Bungee Jumping

Bungee Jumping is indeed a bucket list choice amongst adventure junkies and Uttarakhand takes immense pride in offering world-class Bungee Jumping facility in Rishikesh. Conveniently located in Mohan Chatti in Rishikesh, Jumpin Heights is the highest bungee jumping spot in the country. It is also considered as one of the best bungee jumping locations in India by adventurers. It should be noted that this is the only place in India where bungee jumping can be done from a fixed platform. To all the adventure buffs out there, this is surely the best spot to test your adrenaline rush!

Suitable Time Period – The best time for Bungee Jumping is actually anytime of the year, though it’s advisable to avoid in the monsoon time.

Paragliding

The grandiose hills of Uttarakhand make for a perfect location for Paragliding. Some of the ideal Paragliding locations in Uttarakhand are Naukuchiyatal, Bhimtal, Pithoragarh, among others. A series of state-of-the-art Paragliding opportunities are offered for both novice and experienced enthusiasts. One can also opt for cross-country Paragliding to cover

long distances.

Suitable Time Period – The most suitable time for Paragliding in Uttarakhand is from May to September.

Wildlife Safari

Corbett and Rajaji National Parks in Uttarakhand are quite famous among tourists for their exhilarating Wildlife Safaris. The Safaris are tactfully done in several zones by means of authorised jeeps and on elephant back, offering the best of wildlife views and sightings.

Suitable Time Period – Though Corbett and Rajaji National Parks can be visited at any time during the year, but the most suitable time for Wildlife Safari is from November to February.

Skiing

One of the most popular adventure sports in Uttarakhand is Skiing. Auli Ski Resort in Auli is known for offering world class skiing facilities. The natural slopes provide outstanding opportunities for several Skiing events such as slalom and cross-country.

Suitable Time Period – The best time period for Skiing in Auli is during the months of November to March.

Talking about including adventure sports in the itinerary of their upcoming Uttarakhand trip, Tapasay Bhatnagar, a Delhi-based tour operator, says, “We are getting a group of 16 people from Delhi on a 7-day tour to Uttarakhand later this month. As Uttarakhand is known to offer a long list of adventure sports, we have included some in our itinerary such as cliff jumping and rock-climbing in Rishikesh, as well as Jet Skiing in Tehri Lake. We are looking forward to having an amazing time in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand!”



Jumpin Heights Resumes its Operations in Goa

Among many other restrictions, the pandemic led to cancelled or limited events, vacations, large celebrations, festivals, concerts and outdoor activities. Now that government has steadily uplifted many restrictions, there is plenty of room to make up for lost time, albeit with a new normal.

In fact, seeking out travel seems even more necessary now, after being locked down for most part of the year. When the world is desperately attempting to head back to some sense of normalcy, Jumpin Heights, India's first Extreme Adventure zone, has good news for all the travel enthusiasts and adventurers. The company is restarting its Bungy Jumping operations in Goa from the 1st October. After submitting a 4 page safety protocol including all preventive measures to be followed on the jump zone against covid-19, Jumpin Heights has received official permission to resume operations.

Being pioneers of commercial extreme adventure in India, Jumpin Heights is best known for offering global standards of the adrenaline-pumping experience of Bungy Jumping. The brand follows the Australian and New Zealand standards for safety regulations, and after a decade of operating over 80,000 jumps in Rishikesh, are known to have redefined safety in India. As there is a need to proactively and aggressively mitigate the pandemic impact on Hospitality, Tours and Travel industry and bring it back on track while ensuring the safety and



For people across the country, the summer of 2020 has been like no other in recent memory.

hygiene, Jumpin Heights aims to resume COVID free operations at Goa.

As this time when COVID-19 has a far reaching and uncontrollable spread, safety remains a concern. To ensure this, the company will follow certain SOP such as - installation of anti COVID preventive equipment in the premises, such as masks, sanitisers, mask disposal mechanisms, mandatory temperature and oximeter checks of crew, staff and jumpers upon entry, discontinuation of handmade food items in the cafe, sticker markings for social distancing, only 2 chairs per table with a transparent acrylic sheet between the 2 occupants, make sure that preventive measures are observed by staff members and a strict set of daily operations & maintenance including regular sanitisation of all equipment, work stations and additional points of contact. All consignments coming into the premises will be sanitised before stocking. As such, there will be a special emphasis on COVID hygiene and

sanitation.

Additionally, COVID-19 DOs & DONTs will be disseminated to the guests in the briefing room; oxygen level of staff and guests will be monitored at reception; regular sanitisation of card machines, documents, POS machines and office equipments will be followed and also, there will be provision of manually operated digital thermal gun for temperature monitoring.

Speaking on the occasion of resuming the operations, Mr. Rahul Nigam, Director, Jumpin Heights, said, "Jumpin heights has always stood for the highest safety standards and now, as we come through a pandemic, will be no different. While we reopen our operations, it will remain our responsibility to ensure the safety of our crew and jumpers. We understand the safety concern as well as the urgent need for a break, the need to get out, explore and travel in equal measure and will ensure to meet both of these with equal sincerity."

Human by Nature

Kerala Tourism wrapped itself in glory as its internationally-acclaimed 'Human by Nature' campaign today bagged the prestigious PATA Grand Award 2020 for Marketing, giving a huge stimulus to tourism industry in the state that is grappling with the adverse aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tla Tourism is that it has bagged one of the three PATA Grand Awards, which were announced live during a virtual presentation ceremony in Beijing.

The distant event was attended by Tourism Minister Shri Kadakampally Surendran, Tourism Secretary Mrs. Rani George; Tourism Director Mr P. Bala Kiran; PATA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Mario Hardy; and Macao Government Tourism Office (MGT) Director Ms Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes.

It was for the first time that this year's PATA Gold Awards, supported and sponsored by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), were announced virtual since its inception in 1995. This year's awards recognised the achievements of three Grand title winners and 21 Gold Awards.

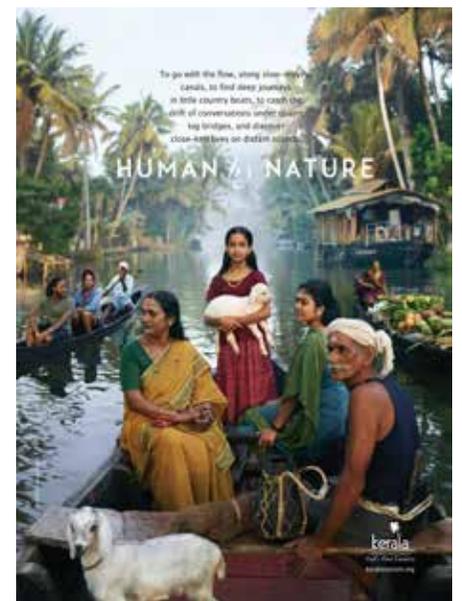
Expressing happiness over winning the top award, Shri Surendran said 'Human by Nature' was a brilliant marketing strategy to revive tourism that had suffered a severe knocking in the wake of the 2018 floods and the outbreak of the Nipah virus.

The idea of a new campaign showcasing the culture and daily life of the people of Kerala put forth by Kerala Tourism was conceptualized and scripted by Stark Communications.

The campaign which was carried out in national and international channels, newspapers, magazines, portals and airport displays in key cities helped in achieving Kerala's record growth rate of 17.2 per cent in 2019, the highest growth rate in tourism arrivals in 24 years.

"I believe the latest award would provide a huge stimulus to the state's ongoing efforts to rev up our tourism sector through innovative means as it is the mainstay of Kerala's economy and contributes around 10 per cent of the state's GDP. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have to reboot the travel sector with focus on domestic tourism and safety at every point of destination," the minister noted.

Smt. Rani George said: "The PATA Grand Award is a huge affirmation of the creative brilliance of our marketing campaigns and it shows that the



Human by Nature campaign has struck the right note with global travellers."

"Right now we are in the process of supporting the tourism sector with revival package schemes. Our efforts are also geared towards putting in place SOPs for the tourism stakeholders and be a responsible tourism destination, thereby giving the tourists confidence to visit the State," she added.

Tourism Director Shri P Bala Kiran said, "We are trying to rejuvenate our tourism sector by innovative business models that would create reassurance for travellers and ensure a responsible and sustainable tourism industry. We need to win the trust of travellers. That is going to be the cardinal driving force for tourism industry in the state."

GNTO strengthen presence in the Indian travel market

With an objective to re-establish its connection with the travel trade fraternity in India and further entice Indians to visit Greece, GNTO participated in the first ever virtual event of SATTE, South Asia's largest travel and tourism exhibition, SATTEGenX, which was held between 5th-6th October. The event witnessed engagements from leading partners and business associates that reflected the reawakening spirit of the global travel and tourism industry.



Mr. Dimitrios Fragakis, Secretary General, said “Health first - has been our imperative since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. And I am proud to say that we have been successful. The Greek government designed detailed health protocols, in consultation with the leading experts. The protection measures have been implemented professionally, consistently and credibly by the businesses and the Greek state, since the reopening of borders in July of 2020. My clear message as the Secretary-General of the Greek National Tourism Organisation is that this summer Greece managed to keep its visitors safe, by implementing all health protocols in tourism. The South Asian market, and in particular the Indian market, is a new dynamic and exciting field for the Greek Ministry of Tourism and the Greek National Tourist Organisation. We are looking forward to enhancing our collaboration with the Indian market.”

Electric Road Pilot



OTel Aviv-Yafo Municipality, in partnership with ElectReon and Dan Bus Company, has launched a pilot project to install wireless electric roads for charging public transportation in the city. The project, the first of its kind

in Israel, will be carried out between Tel Aviv University Railway Station and Klatzkin Terminal in Ramat Aviv – a two-kilometer route which includes 600 meters of electric road.

The pilot project will enable specially equipped electric buses, capable of being charged directly from under-road electric infrastructure, to travel on the route. Following the completion of tests and integration of the technology (within approximately two months), Dan Bus Company electric buses will commence regular journeys on the route, serving passengers traveling to Tel Aviv University.

The execution of the pilot project forms part of a municipal policy attaching great importance to electric vehicles and reducing air pollution in the city. This will be carried out by constructing electric roads to encourage energy independent public transportation - placing EV charging stations in public spaces - and adopting innovative initiatives and technologies in various fields, including transportation. Tel Aviv-Yafo Municipality signed a collaboration agreement last week with Israeli company ElectReon, the developer and installer of electric road systems for charging electric vehicles while traveling.

#TakeMeBackToKorea

Korea Tourism Organization (KTO) launches a new campaign - #TakeMeBackToKorea for holidaymakers to wander in Korean reminisce. With travel being restricted, people are reliving their past adventures and dreaming about moments where they explored their favourite destinations with a hope to travel again.



To encourage positivity and inspire travellers to look forward to good times in South Korea, the latest campaign is a journey through the destination's modern and exciting offerings; from World Heritage sites, Instagram-worthy locations to traditional Korean cuisine and unrivalled shopping spots. Based on the desire of vacationers to “escape” from the confinement of their homes and look back on their travel memories, #TakeMeBackToKorea seeks to evoke exhilaration to visit this vibrant destination soon. Young Geul Choi, Director Korea Tourism Organization, New Delhi Office said “India has always been a priority for South Korea and we are going digital to remain at the top of the traveller’s mind. We have conceptualized #TakeMeBackToKorea to engage people across India and remind them about the beauty and uniqueness of travelling to South Korea. Once travel opens up, there will be a sudden demand for travel to places which not only entertain but provide a healing experience as well. With carefully, curated strategies in place, safety measures and abundant private locations to explore, we look forward to welcoming visitors to our abode soon.”

Maldives Border Miles

The year 2019 was a remarkable one in the history of Maldives’ tourism, with a ground-breaking record of 1.7 million tourist arrivals to the country. 2020 started off with more diversified and aggressive marketing activities with a target of reaching 2 million tourist arrivals by the end of the year.

However, due to the ongoing global pandemic, Maldives had to close its borders on 27th March 2020. As the tourism industry accounts for the majority of foreign exchange earnings, it was majorly hit due to the stringent measures taken to curb the spread of COVID-19. After almost four months since the suspension of on-arrival tourist visas, the tourism industry reopened on 15th July 2020, with enhanced precautionary measures against COVID-19.

A safe tourism guideline was issued by the Ministry of Tourism, along with a certification program to ensure the safety and hygiene standards of all tourism facilities. Resorts and liveaboards on uninhabited islands have resumed operations whereas guest houses on inhabited islands will resume operations on 10th October 2020.

In light of these events, during a special virtual ceremony held to mark World Tourism Day 2020, the Minister of Tourism Honorable Abdulla Mausoom has inaugurated the “Maldives Border Miles” program, aimed to boost tourism in Maldives.

This is the first of its kind loyalty program developed in the entire world. The Minister of Tourism Honorable Dr. Abdulla Mausoom stated, “The Maldives Border Miles” program which was launched today is a program which will increase the popularity of Maldives as a tourist destination and provide a path for more marketing and advertising opportunities. In addition, I think that this will further enhance the popularity gained in the key markets of Maldives tourism.”

Messages from New Zealand

Tourism New Zealand virtually launched its new campaign ‘Messages from New Zealand’ in the presence of Mr. Steven Dixon, Tourism New Zealand’s Regional Trade Marketing Manager, Asia and His Excellency, Mr. David Pine, New Zealand’s High Commissioner to India.

‘Messages from New Zealand’ features everyday New Zealanders sharing video messages of hope and care with their international whānau (family), presenting a unique Kiwi perspective about what is important to them. The campaign showcases locals who embody the values of manaakitanga (hospitality) and kaitiakitanga (care for the land) through positivity and encouragement. This beautifully captures their wholesome messages of kindness and compassion to family, friends and loved ones all around the world.

The hero film asks, “If you could encourage the world to do one thing, what would it be?”, New Zealanders responded to the theme with a range of heartfelt messages, such as “listening very carefully to one another”, “stop polluting the earth”, to “stay positive”, “make amazing

memories”, and “talk to a stranger, ask them how they are”.

To bring to life the campaign in India, Tourism New Zealand will be partnering with its Indian whānau, including influencers – who have a strong affinity with New Zealand – highlighting their own personal experiences and connections with the country.

Commenting on the campaign, Mr. Steven Dixon, Tourism New Zealand’s Regional Trade Marketing Manager, Asia says, “The travel industry has been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis tremendously in the past few months and it is important now more than ever, that we stay connected to visitors and our travel trade friends in India. New Zealand is a place where manuhiri (guests) become whānau (family). These relationships are something that we, as New Zealanders, are proud of and want to celebrate and continue in perpetuity. Through Messages from New Zealand, we are staying in touch with our international whānau, including those right here in India, and letting them know that we are waiting to welcome them to our shores again when the time is right and borders reopen.”



The campaign will be released through social and digital channels. Each of these ‘Messages’ will show that New Zealand is a country which is driven by what matters in life, underpinned by the purity of its values such as Manaakitanga and Kaitiakitanga.

One example of how Tourism New Zealand has been keeping connections strong in India, is its response to a survey conducted in May 2020 among travel trade representatives. The survey highlighted that 99% of travel trade contacts were interested in attending Tourism New Zealand hosted webinars during the lockdown period.

To meet this need, Tourism New Zealand conducted ten webinars during the lockdown period in India, which saw 5,000 travel agents across India participate.

Beauty and Grace of Switzerland Alpabzug

Every year, at the beginning of fall, travellers in Switzerland can witness a fascinating live tradition called Alpabzug also known as the Alpine Cow Descent. The people of Switzerland are known to love their cows and pride upon them as they form an irreplaceable part of the Swiss culture and agriculture. The cow parade during these alpine descents is a way for the Swiss to praise and appreciate their beloved cows even more! After spending the summer grazing on mountain pastures with fresh herbs, the cows are ushered down by the Swiss farmers dressed in traditional attire, to spend their winters in the barn. Attending an alpine descent is your only chance to appreciate the beauty and grace of those magnificent animals. The farmers decorate their herds with the biggest bells, flowers,

herbs and flags. Along with the aesthetic satisfaction, the rhythmic sound of the cow-bells accompanying the procession have a surprisingly calming effect. There are dozens of alpine descents that happen all across the country, but the biggest take place in popular towns of Engelberg or Gstaad. The festivities are more than just pretty cows, during the parade you will hear alpenhorns and yodeling, see traditional dancing, and flag-throwing. And what would be a Swiss festival if it didn't involve food-think raclette, sausages of all kinds, baked delicacies, cheese and so much more! The Alpine Cow Descent is often combined with a farmer’s market, giving travellers an opportunity to try some traditional Swiss specialties prepared by the locals!



EXPAT Travel Deal 2020

The ‘Expat Travel Deal 2020’ organised by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) from 11 to 13 September, 2020, saw a majority turnout of female visitors, highlighting the role of women as decision-makers in choosing travel destinations.

The event, the first of its kind targeted at the nearly three million expatriates in Thailand, was held at the Quartier Gallery, EmQuartier shopping mall in Bangkok. It was designed to offer domestic tourism promotions to encourage them to travel more domestically, and enjoy Thailand’s many attractions.

According to a TAT survey, the event recorded a total of 9,957 visitors, generating an immediate revenue of 7,427,021 Baht. Females comprised 53% of the visitors and males 47%. Most of the attendees were in the business and commercial professions, but also included foreign diplomats

and teachers at international schools in Thailand.

The preferred destinations were: South Thailand 31%, North Thailand 28%, Eastern Thailand: 15%, Northeast 14%, and Central Thailand 11%.

The preferred promotions were: Hotel Discount 49%, Special Airfare 32%, Free Transfers 12%, and Others: 6%.

Mr. ChattanKunjara Na Ayudhya, TAT Deputy Governor for International Marketing (Asia and South Pacific) said, “We are very pleased with this initial effort and plan to do more to reach out to the large expatriate population, many of whom have strong links with the kingdom and who express great love for Thailand and its people.” The Expat Travel Deal 2020 showcased travel



products and services from all five regions of Thailand (North, Central, South, East and Northeast), demonstrations of local arts and crafts making skills; such as, ceramic bead bracelets and Thai reed mats, as well as tourism-related talk sessions.



Experiences that are Ideal for Families and Couples

Known for its fascinating history, beautiful gothic buildings and amazing culture, the Czech Republic is one of the most visited destinations in Europe.

• T3FS Desk

However given the current pandemic, Czech Republic encourages you to stay safe today so that we can travel again tomorrow.

With an array of places to visit, it is often difficult to find hidden gems in Czech Republic which further elaborates the beauty of the destination. Thanks to its advantageous location as well, which is in the heart of Europe, there are a number of lesser-known marvels which are sure to surprise you and can definitely be added to your bucket list when you visit the Czech Republic. Here are the top 5 experiences which you should not miss!

Plzeň beer experiences

It's no secret that as far as per capita beer consumption is concerned, the Czechs occupy top spot in the world. Brewing great beer is simply part of the national identity which has been passed down from generation to generation. The reputation of Czech beer has reached every continent, but it's only in the Plzeň district that you can experience the real deal. From the centuries-old traditional breweries to the beer spas, this hidden gem, provides visitors some of the most extravagant beer experiences in the country.

Jemniště Château in Central Bohemia

Described as the Baroque Pearl of Central Bohemia, the Jemniště Château is located in Central Bohemia south of Prague. This beautiful chateau is still used as a residence by the descendants of the old Bohemian aristocratic family of Sternberg. While visiting this Chateau, you can book the guided tour which will show you around several rooms and you will see how noble families lived in centuries gone by. If you get really mesmerized by the chateau, you can also book an apartment there for a romantic getaway.

Explore Tábor - an ideal medieval city

It's not often that a city in Central Europe receives a biblical name. One exception is Tábor, named after Mount Thabor near Nazareth in Israel. Its founders, who were supporters of the Czech Hussite reform movement, built it with the determination to create a new commonwealth that rejected human laws and was governed only by the law of God. During your journey in Tabor, visit the museum in the Old Town Hall, one of the most important Gothic buildings in the Czech Republic. Near the town hall you can climb the top of the local church tower, where you will have a wonderful view of the entire historical heart of the city followed by a visit to the former castle of Kotnov with its circular tower.

Discover Jizera Mountains in Liberec

The Jizera Mountains, located at Liberec city is an incomparable terrain and also natural and historical attraction which draws many visitors every year. On your next trip to the Czech Republic, don't forget to add Jizera mountains in your itinerary, these Mountains will simply take your breath away with their scattered peaks, forests of spruce and beech, tall cliffs, picture-perfect valleys,



mountain villages and countless chapels, churches and cottages. Here you can discover the history of the Czech Republic's northernmost mountain range and leave with the memorable experiences.

Czech Wine Wellness in Hustopeče

You don't need to be a sommelier to appreciate the wonderful taste and qualities of Moravian wine. Allow yourself to be pampered at First Czech Wine Wellness in Hustopeče, which offers over 20 curative and relaxation procedures. While in Hustopeče, you can also discover the story of wine at a winemaking exhibition. In the part of the cellar that serves as a museum, you can admire the beauty of the historical vaulting and view equipment used in the vineyards and for the production and storage of wine. Elsewhere in the cellar, a series of wine tastings is led by a sommelier.



Dream Now, Travel Later

Wanderlust has always been the top priority for all of us, and travelling is the best way to get out of our daily routine. As India continues to be in the unlock phase, we urge you to dream about your idyllic vacation. And, we are here to help you rediscover life's simple pleasures once more, and start planning your next trip to Monaco!

Monaco is within a two-hour journey, more or less, from the major European capitals, by air, rail, road, and sea. Visit the Principality of Monaco and explore its countless hidden delights. You might be forgiven for thinking that Monaco's splendour is reserved exclusively for an elite group, but that is not the case at all. In Monaco, there's always fun as the Principality has plenty of activities all year round. Whether you're looking for someplace to eat, walk, explore or swim, you'll find a multitude of activities to enjoy under the Monaco sun. Sit and sip a coffee in the square by La Condamine market, which you'll find every morning bustling with stalls selling the most delicious, fresh local produce. If it's culture that interests you, there are the plentiful museums offering a host of different ways for curious visitors to expand their horizons, learning while having fun. A stroll through the streets, avenues and

gardens in the shade of centuries-old trees, you can wander through the charming alleyways of the Old Town, or take in the unrivalled view from the Exotic Garden.

You will perhaps be surprised to discover the Principality as an affordable luxury destination. It's possible to savour top-class gastronomy in a Michelin-starred restaurant with a host of fabulous lunch menus. The Principality of Monaco is a tiny State, nestling between France and Italy, with over seven centuries of Mediterranean influences, culture, cuisine, and art de vivre.

"Rediscover the Simple Pleasures in Life"

The Principality is the perfect place to savour the finer things in life, in a prestigious environment where everything possible has been done to ensure a level of safety like no other. The Principality of Monaco is without doubt one of the world's safest destinations.

Throughout the year, there are highlights

and events for everyone. In Monaco, there is something for you, whatever your age or background. All those who come here spend an exceptional experience in this little paradise. Whether you attend a concert, a ballet or a theatre performance. Whether you're with family or friends, you can visit, relax with a drink or a fine meal, and soak up the sun. With over 300 days of sunshine per year and a temperate Mediterranean climate, conditions in Monaco are ideal all year round. The sun and sea make it a surprisingly varied destination, where you can wake up by the water, spend a day skiing, and dine in the heart of the Principality when evening comes.

Carpe diem! Seize the day, take full advantage of everything life has to offer, and take the opportunity to plan your upcoming vacation to a stunning destination - the Principality of Monaco.



Alluring Retreats Await You in **JAMAICA**

From stunning sunsets, to intimate catamaran cruises, to moonlit dinners, even romance is outsized in JAMAICA. Couples will return home with a deeply emotional and transformative experience to remember.

• **Vedika Sharma**





Jamaica is a land of unique culture, engaging adventurous activities, breath-taking landscapes and panoramic views. It is the perfect place to spark romance and with so many options, the possibilities for creating spectacular memories are endless.

The destination has always been synonymous with romance and is home to several one-of-a-kind hotels that deliver just the right mix of Jamaican culture and romantic amenities to keep couples coming back for more. There are adults only all-inclusive resorts, high end luxury hotels, villas, apartments, and boutique properties. Each resort area has a wide range of hotels to make your romantic holiday unforgettable. Our top accommodation picks are Half Moon Jamaica, Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall, Round Hill Hotel & Villas, Breathless Resorts & Spas, Secrets Resorts & Spas and Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay, Rockhouse Hotel & Spa, The Caves, & Sunset at the Palms in Negril, Jamaica Inn, Golden Eye & Couples Tower Isle Jamaica in Ocho Rios and Kanopi House and Goblin Hill Villas at San San in Port Antonio.

Starting from Jamaica's jagged coastline of thick foliage that opens to breath-taking waterfalls, idyllic secluded beaches, stunning sunsets, intimate catamaran cruises, moonlit dinners and much more, Jamaica oozes romance. So, what might the perfect romantic vacation in Jamaica look like?

Here are 9 romantic things you can only experience in Jamaica which will make your vacation the most memorable experience for you and your sweetheart!

Relaxing ride down a river on a Bamboo Raft is one of Jamaica's most iconic activities and is perfect for lovers with time to spare. Experience being steered lazily down the picturesque Martha Brae River on an authentic bamboo raft for two surrounded by lush tropical paradise for blissful

relaxation.

Take a night cruise on the Luminous Lagoon and witness the most spectacular wonder. Phosphorescent waters reveal the outline of fish and streaks of light as they swim around.

You can experience luxurious Spa treatments available for two that will revitalize the body and ignite passion. World class spa retreats are found around the island at several of our exquisite resorts and hotels.

Witness nature adventures as you hike to the Reach Falls in Port Antonio for a blend of adrenaline rush, lush green scenery, a waterfall cascading into a refreshing emerald pool and a hidden cave. A trip into the Blue Mountains in Kingston reveals a dreamy and majestic ambience where couples can feel hidden from the rest of the world.

Enjoy climbing the Dunn's River Falls together, feel the bliss of the clear blue sea and spend the most intimate moments, away from it all.

Get into the Rhythm of Jamaica in Negril, the perfect spot to stroll along with your partner and to enjoy live music on the Seven Mile Beach and West End. Every Monday and Saturday night heats up with live reggae shows at Bourbon Beach.

Experience Jamaica's vibrant nightlife and lively atmosphere at Rick's Café, which is the best place to watch an evening sunset. There is nothing more magical than an evening sunset here.

Enjoy Romantic Horseback Rides, saddle up on a horse with your partner and pass through trails



of lush foliage, stonewashed cliffs, and breath-taking ocean views. This is one of the ultimate romantic experiences for vacationing couples in Jamaica.

Sail away along the beauty of the Jamaican coastline, in the wake of a romantic Catamaran Cruise, with your loved one. Choose from any of the island's catamaran cruise tours. Not only will you spend three hours of quality time together, but catamarans also allow you to take in Jamaica's charming sunset and soak up stellar views of the cool blue Caribbean waters.

Did you know? Jamaica has won the "World's Leading Wedding Destination" award at The World Travel Awards in 2014, 2016 and 2017. To date, the country consistently ranks at the top of wedding and honeymoon destinations booked by travel agents.

The vibe and beauty of Jamaica offers an adventurous and laid-back lifestyle that you will love to experience. This is the place to visit when you are in search of adventure, romance, and non-stop fun!

Perfect Getaway to Rejuvenate Your Soul



Experiences define our lives marking the many memories and milestones that are to be cherished forever. Even though the current situation has brought life to a stand-still for most of us, it has also made us realise how important it is to live our lives to the fullest and savour every moment.

So, make sure you focus on the best experiences with your loved ones when the world opens up and welcomes travellers. A cruise vacation with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) is the perfect getaway to rejuvenate your soul and soak in the beautiful sights that your sore eyes have been missing all this while. With a fleet of 17 ships offering itineraries to over 300 destinations across all seven continents in 2021, family-friendly activities, top-notch entertainment, luxurious accommodations, and exquisite culinary options, your next vacation is easy with NCL.

NCL - Bliss Haven

Here are five reasons why:

- **The Perfect Family Getaway**

NCL has an array of top-class amenities and activities to ensure that neither you nor your children get bored at any point in time. On board, not only can you admire the sweeping picturesque views of the sea at leisure, you can also have a blast at the majestic waterparks with exciting rides or spend the entire day frolicking at the swimming pools. At NCL's Splash Academy (Kids Club), kids can play dodgeball, decorate cupcakes and even enjoy face painting. There are a host of onboard activities for all ages such as the world's only racetrack at sea and open-air laser tag arenas on board its newest ships – Norwegian Joy, Norwegian Bliss and the recently debuted Norwegian Encore. The Galaxy Pavilion, a dedicated virtual reality and gaming complex, is also available on Norwegian Joy and Norwegian Encore, offering an immersive virtual experience for guests to enjoy.

- **Norwegian Spirit - Aerial View**

To ensure your family or group stays close together, NCL has ample accommodation options including family mini-suites, two-bedroom suites with balconies and ocean views, or inside studios and interconnecting staterooms. Another major draw for multi-gen cruisers seeking a first-class cruise experience is 'The Haven' by Norwegian - the company's ship-within-a-ship concept known for

its luxurious and spacious accommodations and top line customer experience. 'The Haven' guests can indulge in the unparalleled personal service of a certified, 24-hour butler, and concierge team, who will make all of their arrangements on board and on shore including priority embarkation and disembarkation. 'The Haven' offers the intimacy of smaller vessels without foregoing the variety of activities and amenities enjoyed on larger ships.

- **Award-winning Entertainment**

The distinct, one-of-a-kind performances on all NCL ships promise an out-of-the box experience to everyone on board. Some of the best entertainment options aboard the newly launched Norwegian Encore include Tony Award®-winning musical, Kinky Boots, as the headlining show. Additional entertainment includes the highly energetic The Choir of Man; the interactive cocktails and theater show, Happy Hour Prohibition: The Musical; and guest-favorite The Cavern Club, transporting audiences back to the legendary Liverpool club with live musical performances from a Beatles cover band.

- **WE time with your Better Half**

You can spend quality time with your significant other leaving the cares of the world behind as soon as you step onboard NCL. The newly refurbished Norwegian Spirit has an array of onboard offerings that you can truly enjoy with your partner. Go for a couple's massage at the doubled-in-size Mandara Spa, complete with a new thermal suite, relaxation area with heated loungers, a new Jacuzzi room, a sauna, steam room, and unforgettable water therapy experience. Or, spice up your night at the newly debuted Bliss Ultra Lounge and Spinnaker Lounge, which features the Humidor Cigar Lounge, as well as the adults-only retreat Spice H2O, a daytime lounge featuring two new hot tubs and a dedicated bar, which transforms into an after-hours entertainment venue.

Norwegian Spirit offers stunning itineraries to the Greek Isles that include long stops in some of Greece's most popular ports. Rediscover the romance with a walk through these charming

islands. Or, explore itineraries for 2021-22 from NCL's Extraordinary Journeys collection that are designed to offer immersive and meaningful experiences in stunning settings.

- **Pamper your Taste Buds**

Food can either make or break your vacation. At NCL, you have the freedom and flexibility of Freestyle Dining, which means no fixed dining times or pre-assigned seating. So follow your mood, not a schedule. You can indulge in a hearty, sumptuous meal or flatter your taste buds with some of the most complex and diverse world cuisines. NCL's diverse culinary selections offer world-class dining experiences with a choice of up to 40 restaurants and bars across its fleet. If you want to try something unique and authentic, you can reserve a seat at one of the many specialty restaurants and steakhouses. You can pick from a wide array of food options including Asian fusion and customized Indian menus. Under the Free at Sea promotion, guests seeking to further elevate their dining experience can also choose to take advantage of NCL's specialty dining package.

- **Stunning itineraries**

NCL has recently opened more than a year of wish-list worthy sailings for 2021 through 2023, with voyages to over 20 new destinations across all seven continents, including Antarctica for the first time. If grand cathedrals and colosseum are your thing, you can opt for the 7-day Western Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona or explore the wonders of the Baltics on a 9-day Scandinavia and Baltic capitals from Copenhagen. If picturesque landscapes, wildlife and a taste for adventure is what gets you going, NCL offers a wide selection of 7-day cruises to Alaska with calls to a variety of naturally beautiful destinations including Icy Strait Point. Don't forget the amazing Greek Isles itineraries, ideal for a romantic getaway, like the 7-day roundtrip from Athens, visiting Santorini, Mykonos and Rhodes, on the all-new Norwegian Spirit.

With extremely comfortable and beautifully decorated rooms, quality service, a wide range of entertainment, top class amenities and thrilling itineraries, your holidays with NCL will be an unforgettable experience.



Aviation

Qantas Sporting Partnerships

Qantas has reviewed its five key sporting sponsorships as it continues to manage the fallout from COVID on the aviation industry.

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The review examined how the national carrier could continue its association with existing partners using in-kind support (for example, commercial flights as well as access to Qantas-owned channels for marketing), given its need to conserve cash while travel restrictions remain in place.

As a result of the review and negotiations with partners, Qantas will continue its association with Cricket Australia and the Football Federation of Australia on an in-kind basis over the next 12 months, with a further review at that time.

The national carrier will also continue its association with the

Australian Olympic Committee and Paralympics Australia, with a view to supporting our athletes at the rescheduled Tokyo Games in 2021.

Regrettably, Qantas is not in a position to continue its 30 year relationship with Rugby Australia beyond the end of this calendar year.

Qantas remains committed to its work with Indigenous and regional communities, including through its five-year Regional Grants program. The national carrier will continue to work closely with Tourism Australia and state-based tourism bodies to provide in-kind support to stimulate domestic tourism as borders re-open, and promote Australia to the world once international travel resumes.

Stephanie Tully, Chief Customer Officer, Qantas



In an environment where thousands of our people have lost jobs and thousands more are stood down while they wait for flying to restart, we can't maintain these sponsorships in the way we have in the past. While we're dealing with this crisis and its aftermath, the cash cost of our sponsorships has to be zero.

Without exception, our partners have been incredibly understanding of the situation, particularly as most are facing their own COVID challenges.

Qantas has had a very long association with Rugby Australia and the Wallabies, and we've stuck with each other during difficult times. Unfortunately, this pandemic has been the undoing. Like all Australians, we'll continue to cheer them on from the sidelines.

Sadly, we will have to end several of our arts and community sponsorships, but we've agreed to maintain a connection with a number of them, including the National Gallery of Australia and Museum of Contemporary Art in the hope there are projects we can work on together in future.

Our focus right now is getting through this crisis, which unfortunately means lots of difficult decisions like these. We know things will eventually recover and, when they do, we'll be ready to support Australian cultural and sporting life, in whatever form that takes.

Virgin Atlantic onsite pre flight COVID 19 testing

Virgin Atlantic has announced that it is the first UK airline to introduce Covid-19 pre-flight testing at its Heathrow base for its cabin crew and pilots.

Launched on the 30th September on flights to Shanghai and Hong Kong, the airline plans to extend the trial to Barbados and select services later in October, before a wider roll out to test every operating crew at least once per month.

In partnership with GeneMe UK, official distributor of the FRANKD test, the airline trial is offering crew and pilots a

rapid Point of Care Covid-19 RT LAMP test. In independent laboratory tests, FRANKD is shown to be 100% specific and 97% sensitive to detecting SARS-CoV-2. Through integration with the digital ID platform Yoti, the test process is fast, secure, paperless and does not require a lab. After a swab is taken on site, results are processed and delivered on the Yoti app within 30 minutes.



Corneel Koster, Chief Customer and Operating Officer, Virgin Atlantic



The introduction of onsite pre-flight Covid-19 testing for our crew and pilots ensures we remain at the forefront of the aviation industry's safe return to the skies. As testing technology and Covid-19 requirements around the world develop, we want to utilise technology that is relevant, accurate and available to keep our teams and customers healthy and safe. While the Covid-19 testing landscape evolves, we continue to be in discussions with multiple providers offering different technologies to guarantee the best solution possible, while absolutely ensuring that we do not compete with the NHS for vital resources.

This trial is a first step in our phased plan to introduce regular testing for all of our teams in the air and on the ground, in order to instil confidence in flying. However, we continue to call for the swift introduction of a wider coordinated passenger testing regime. We need urgent action from UK and US governments to introduce pre departure testing, to remove the need for quarantine and to minimise travel restrictions, while protecting public health and half a million UK jobs associated with the sector. As long as the UK's 14 day quarantine is in place, demand for travel will not return and the UK's economic recovery, which relies on

free flowing trade and tourism, cannot take off.

285 Routes Operationalized under RCS-UDAN

Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 48 Crores for Jagdalpur (expenditure incurred INR 45 Crores), Rs. 27 Crores for Ambikapur (expenditure incurred INR 27 Crores) and Rs. 33 Crores for Bilaspur (expenditure made INR 20 Crores) under UDAN scheme for up-gradation and development of 3 Airports in Chhattisgarh, said Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, MoS, I/C, Civil Aviation.



Speaking at the inauguration of flight operations by Alliance Air from Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh) to Raipur (Chhattisgarh) and Hyderabad (Telangana) under UDAN scheme, Shri Puri said that this air connectivity will fulfil the aspirations of people of the region and provide impetus to the local economy. Shri Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Prem Sai Singh, In-charge Minister, Bastar, Shri TS Singh Deo, Chhattisgarh Minister for Rural Development and Health, Shri Deepak Baij, MP, Bastar, and other senior officials also joined the virtual event. The dignitaries interacted with the first time passengers who seemed to be very delighted with the inauguration of the new air route under UDAN.



Shri Puri further informed that the Airports Authority of India has planned for the investment of about 900 crores to develop and expand Raipur airport which includes expansion of the terminal building. Recently, the Ministry of Civil Aviation had approved the bid of Alliance Air for the operation of RCS Flight from Bilaspur to Bhopal under UDAN 4.0 which is expected to commence shortly.

Air India's wholly-owned subsidiary, Alliance Air was awarded this route under the UDAN 3

bidding process. The airline will operate daily flights & will deploy 72 seater luxury ATR 70 aircraft on this route. With the commencement of the Jagdalpur-Raipur-Hyderabad route, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has operationalized

a total of 285 routes under RCS-UDAN.

Jagdalpur airport is situated in Bastar, an aspirational tribal district with a huge tourism potential for its unique tribal culture & heritage. Moreover, Jagdalpur is a business hub as well due to the presence of many furniture factories and rice mills in the region. Subsequently, many people travel frequently between Jagdalpur and the nearest metro city Hyderabad for business purposes. Flight operations between these two cities will reduce the travel time to 75 minutes from the current 12 hours spent on road and train trips. People from Jagdalpur can now reach the capital city Raipur in just 45 minutes as compared to 7 hours on-road journey.

Commencement of flight operations on these routes not only fulfil the long standing demand and brings down the travel time drastically between the new destinations but will also help in promoting the tourism potential of the region. Jagdalpur is popularly known as paradise land and termed as escapist's dreamland, as the city is famous for Chitrakote falls, which are also called as 'The Niagra falls of India.' Jagdalpur is also known for its wildlife, temples, caves, lakes, museums, and historic monuments.



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Indigo partnered with Accor

IndiGo, the country's largest airline, partnered with Accor, a global leader in augmented hospitality, to offer accelerated 6E Rewards on spends across stay, dining and work from hotel across India.

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The partnership will offer a range of hotels, from Luxury to economy category, to Ka-ching card holders enabling them to earn 3% on 6E Rewards card and earn 6% on 6E Rewards XL credit card. Under this partnership with Accor, Ka-ching cardholders would be able to earn 6E Rewards across multi-properties in key cities.

As a part of this partnership, Accor and 6E Rewards by IndiGo will come up with exciting offers every month for the card members including hotel stays, food and beverage experiences, and the latest offering being 'Work from Accor'. Seamless travel and stay experiences will be extended in association with other featured partners.

Welcome benefits – Gift Vouchers:

Special benefits for 6E Rewards IndiGo HDFC Bank Credit card holders as welcome benefits

- Flat 50% discount on room nights when booked through Accor Website
- INR 1000 discount voucher for spends

on Food & Beverages across Accor Hotels, Restaurants & Bars

Monthly offerings:

- Through this partnership of Accor and 6E Rewards, will be offering exclusive monthly offers to members in addition to the other benefits. These special offerings will be applicable on Accor Hotel Room nights, Restaurants, Work from Accor and other product options.

Work from Accor offer – Accor Hotels newly launched option for Corporates and Business personnel considering current COVID 19 restrictions in the country:

- Special offering for 6E Rewards members: Book a room for the day and enjoy high-speed internet, a designated workstation, complimentary meal box, and countless cups of coffee along with the signature Accor experience

Amit Srivastava, AVP-Customer Loyalty, Indigo said, "We strive to keep offering unique

experiences to our customers through 6E Rewards program. We are excited to indulge them through our partnership with Accor hotels, wherein they not only earn on stays, but also on dining spends through their 6E Rewards Credit card at Accor properties. IndiGo and Accor will continue to engage customers and enable memorable experiences through new product offerings."

Kerrie Hannaford, VP, Commercial, Accor India and South Asia said "At Accor, our philosophy is to provide the best customer experience and to demonstrate the value of Accor's Live Limitless - our loyalty program. We are delighted to be the official hotel accommodation partner of the IndiGo's 6E Rewards Program across India. This partnership will offer IndiGo and Accor's guests the opportunity to earn rewards while enjoying world class hospitality and impeccable food offerings at Accor's extensive network of Fairmont, Sofitel Pullman, Movenpick, Grand Mercure, Novotel, Mercure, ibis and ibis Styles hotels in 23 cities."

Travel Safe with Philippine Airlines

The Philippine flag carrier – Philippine Airlines (PAL) – has been recognised as one of the top 10 airlines in the world with the highest safety credentials for travel during COVID-19.

PAL was one of more than 150 airlines audited on its COVID-19 safety credentials by Safe Travel Barometer, an independent subsidiary of travel industry advisory and consulting firm VIDEA. In the assessment, PAL secured a 4.2 rating out of 5.0, the highest score.

Gilbert Santa Maria, President and Chief Operating Officer, Philippine Airlines, says, "We are grateful for the unexpected recognition, and honoured to be recognised for doing the right thing. PAL shall continue to maintain the highest standards of safety and the protection of the health of our colleagues and all the passengers in our care."

As the archipelago gradually opens up to tourism with such safety and hygiene measures in place and being recognised as one of the best, tourism to the region is on the path of recovery and growth.

The flag carrier's safe travel score tied with China Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, AirAsia Malaysia and UAE's Emirates. The rating system provided a score for each stage of the travel journey – pre-flight, the actual flight and post flight – and included COVID-related hygiene and safety measures announced by airlines for



travellers and between cabin crew and passengers crew.

Philippine Airlines has been carrying out the following safety protocols for COVID-19:

- Providing

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for cabin crew for use throughout the flight

- Carrying out disinfection of aircraft surfaces before and after every flight with high-grade eco-friendly cleaning agents
- Using High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters to cleanse cabin air of bacteria, viruses, and impurities with 99.99% efficacy
- Carrying out simplified in-flight food service to minimise contact



Air Cargo Sector Transformation-Way Forward

A Virtual Conference organized by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on "Air Cargo Sector Transformation-Way Forward".

Vandana Aggarwal, IES, Sr. Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation

We have mega challenges and opportunities in the air cargo industry. During the times of pandemic, air cargo has been strong on the pillars with the help of strong infrastructure, equanimity, robust versatility business model and innovation. With the initiatives are undertaken by Indian enterprises, we can say that Indian enterprises are beginning to look towards the future and find ways forward that transform their business in these changing times. Despite the challenging times, we ensured the swift movement of carriage on passenger aircraft by increasing dedicated freighters and ensuring the shift movement of cargo at airports. She highlighted that we grew hugely in the export of agriculture produce.



Keku Bomi Gazder, CEO-AAICLAS, AAI Cargo Logistics, and Allied Services Company Ltd

COVID-19 helped in the rearranging of business engineering, understanding process simplification, lifestyle disruption, identifying and mitigating risks. It is important for us to understand, appreciate, deliberate, and find ways to ensure that we don't face similar risks in the future. The risk we faced had been related to infrastructure; cyber and IT; physiological fear of COVID-19; business continuation; operational; communication and skilling and, reskilling of the team. We need to ensure that we need to resolve these risks in such a way that we are ready to take any challenge in the future and help the industry to meet the demand of the nation.



Steven Polmans, Chairman of TIACA & Director Cargo & Logistics, Business Development, Brussels Airport Company

We understood the challenges, strengths, and weaknesses of the industry and making it flexible, speedy, and change in working in this industry. We need standardization, digitization, increase efficiency, upgrade technology, speeding up sustainability, and collaboration of all stakeholders for curbing the challenges.



Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Strategy and Development (S&D) Officer Bangalore, International Airport Limited (BIAL)

Covid19 allowed us to value the cargo and logistics to the widen supply chain to keep our economy running during the period of lockdown. In these times of crisis, the industry has come in a collaborative way to help each other to make sure the business is running.



Sanjiv Edward, Chief Commercial Officer & EVP, Delhi International Airport Ltd & Secy, Air Cargo Forum India

We have opened India's first trans shipment center and building a strong pillar of infrastructure by adapting to innovations which were pivotal for air cargo and working on a system of processes driven by digitalization. We have been trying to build strong connectivity across the world for smothering movement of goods. Delhi Airport has handled the transportation of a lot of medical supplies and adapted to the changes in a speedy manner.



Roland Weil, VP Sales Cargo, Frankfurt Airport

Our main goal has been on connecting global airports for connecting with the global supply chain, especially in the Asian market. We are looking for increasing business volumes and cooperation among counties. Digital data transformation and transparency is the key to transformation in the future.



Sanjiv Gupta, CEO, SpiceXpress

Innovation and collaborations driven by the Government of India have led to swift movement in the industry. India's cargo fraternity has mostly seemed like an area of massive opportunities and, at least a few months are a very significant transformation across most of the industry. We have realized that we need to have a system of digitalization, ease of doing business, and use the geographical advantage of India.



#Let'sWearMask

The national airline Garuda Indonesia officially launched the special mask livery on Airbus A330-900 Neo at Hangar 2 GMF AeroAsia (01/10).

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The special livery has a mask on the front (nose) of the aircraft, which also makes Garuda Indonesia as the first airlines in Indonesia with the special mask livery. The launch of the special mask livery is the part of Garuda Indonesia's support to the government's education program through the "Let's Wear Mask" campaign.

President & CEO of Garuda Indonesia, Irfan Setiapatra said, "Garuda Indonesia is always committed to support the government in preventing the spread of Covid-19, one of which is through the "Let's Wear Mask" campaign.

"It is an honor for us to become the first national airline in Indonesia with the special mask livery on our aircraft. This is also in line with our commitment in prioritizing passenger safety and comfort during the new normal era – especially in ensuring that all health protocols are implemented optimally and consistently in all lines of flight operations".

"We realize that efforts to prevent the spread of the Covid -19 pandemic requires full support from various parties or stakeholders. Hopefully, our efforts can increase public awareness of implementing health protocols, especially through the wear of mask in daily activities", explained Irfan.

The total number of aircrafts that will use the masked livery are about 5 fleets, these special aircrafts will serve domestic flight routes as well as international flight routes, including to Singapore and Japan. However, currently the total number of aircraft that have been designing with special livery is 1 and the rest of the aircrafts will be implemented in stages.

Furthermore, Garuda Indonesia consistently continues to ensure that the health protocols are implemented optimally in all flight operational lines, including through physical distancing between passengers, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for cabin crew, meals provided in mono use packaging, frequent disinfection of the aircraft cabin and through campaign towards the passenger about the air filtration system in aircraft which can filter dust, particles, and virus up to 99.97 percent.

Chairman of KPCPEN, Erick Tohir said, "We proudly appreciate Garuda Indonesia for actively promoting "Let's Wear Mask" campaign in such a unique way. As this special

livery will operate for domestic flights, in the near future there will be international flights routes using aircraft with the special mask livery. This is a great step to show people around the world that Indonesia prioritizes health care".

Furthermore, to optimizing "Let's Wear Mask" campaign, Garuda Indonesia opens the aircraft mask livery design competition that gives opportunities for everyone to show their creativity

through design of aircraft mask livery. Those who are interested can joined with their social media platform. The four best livery mask designs and will be implemented on Garuda Indonesia aircrafts.



Supreme Court orders refund from Airlines

On the intervention petition moved in SC by IATO on the writ filed by Pravasi Legal cell alongwith TAFI for refund of advance paid to Airlines for tickets, the Hon'ble Supreme Court ruling ordering refund of air tickets from Airlines for bookings made for lockdown period has brought some relief to the tour operators and travel agents who have faced worst impact of the pandemic.

IATO had to resort to legal recourse, as there was no positive response coming from the airlines about refund for the tickets which were cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic. The tour operators are already in dire straits due to shutdown of business and they were further under tremendous pressure from their foreign tour operators/foreign tourists to refund the advances they had paid.

All other International Tickets, whether booked on Indian Carriers or International Carriers (Ex-India) booked during Lockdown either direct or through Travel Agent to be refunded within 3 Weeks in case of Direct or immediately in case booked

through Travel Agent.

Further, in all other cases: Airlines are directed to refund the same within 15 Days from today.

However, the court has considered the appeal of the Airlines who are in financial distress to give a Credit Shell in the name of the Passenger, which is transferrable. The Court has directed the airlines to give an incentive compensation of 6% up to 30th June 2020, and 9% up to 31st March 2021 for the delay in refunding. In case the Credit shells are not utilized by 31st March 2021, the Airlines have to refund the same to the same source it was booked through.

Rajiv Mehra, Vice President, IATO



Almost all our prayers have been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Now we are waiting for the orders to be issued by DGCA to the airlines as per the court orders. The ruling will help ease the liquidity problem being faced by operators to some extent and by honouring the commitment to foreign operators it will also help operators preserve long standing business relations.

Agreement between UNWTO and IATA

Ahead of the G20 summit of the world's largest economies, which includes a dedicated tourism segment, the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as the two parties work together to restart global tourism.



Zurab Pololikashvili,
Secretary-General, UNWTO

Air travel is an essential component of global tourism. This partnership between UNWTO and IATA will see us work closely together to increase confidence in flying and tourism in general. UNWTO will use our expertise in innovation and our status as a connector of public and private sector leaders to help get aviation moving again.

Highlighting UNWTO's unique status as a bridge between the UN system and the private sector, the new agreement will focus on enhancing consumer confidence in travel and placing sustainability at the centre of recovery and future growth.

From the start of the current crisis, UNWTO has led the way in addressing the key factor needed for the successful restart of tourism. This agreement with the global trade association for the airline sector builds on this and deepens the existing collaboration between both organizations to keep geared towards restoring the confidence of travellers.

With focusing on building and maintaining confidence in international travel, the new agreement will also see UNWTO and IATA work closely together to foster innovation and promote greater public-private collaboration. As tourism restarts, this MoU will help ensure recovery is sustainable and inclusive.

IATA has been an Affiliate Member of UNWTO since 1978, providing a strong voice for the international air transport sector. IATA is also an active member of the Board of the UNWTO's Affiliate Members and contributed to the UNWTO Global Guidelines to Restart Tourism, released in May to help guide governments and the private sector in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This collaboration was reflected in the final publication. A set distinct set of recommendations for the air transport sector were included, with a focus on the introduction of enhanced hygiene protocols to guarantee the safety of both passengers and airline workers. The Global Guidelines also emphasized the need for strong partnership and coordination at every level of the airline sector.



Alexandre de Juniac,
Director General, IATA

The safe opening of international borders to tourism is essential. Tourists want to feel safe, and they want to be confident that their travel plans won't be affected by last-minute changes to rules and regulations. For this to happen, even greater collaboration between the public and private sectors is needed. This enhanced partnership with the World Tourism Organization will help guide aviation's recovery over the critical months ahead.

Etihad Airways: Shaping The Future of Aviation Training

Etihad Airways is the first airline in the world to implement a Boeing 787 Dreamliner Multi-crew Pilots Licence (MPL) programme and introduces reward incentives for customers.

Etihad Aviation Training (EAT), part of Etihad Aviation Group, has launched new training programmes for pilots at its world-class training facility. For the first time, customers will also be able to earn Etihad Guest Miles against EAT products and services.

The first Aviation Training Organisation (ATO) in the world to secure regulatory approval, cadets who complete MPL training on the Phenom 100 jet can now transition directly to the most efficient and advanced wide-body aircraft in the market, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. To achieve the highest proficiency standards, this programme allows EAT trainees to become fully qualified Boeing 787 Dreamliner pilots within 18 months, through an intensive and highly advanced curriculum that capitalises on leading industry learning techniques and technology. Global airline pilot licence holders or

individual pilots who are currently not flying, can now conduct type rating training at EAT, the first ATO in the UAE approved by the General Civil Aviation Authorities (GCAA) to offer this service. This means, for the first time ever, individual pilots can now maintain their licence status while training with EAT. This includes initial issuance of licences for all aircraft types currently approved by EAT, revalidation and renewal of GCAA type ratings.

The EAT training team has been developing courseware to be the first GCAA ATO to provide the A350 Standard Training conversion (STC) and Cross Crew Qualification (CCQ). This will ensure EAT remains one of the world's premier aviation training organisations to meet the ever-changing demands of the market moving to the next generation of aircraft.

Paolo La Cava,
Vice President Etihad Aviation Training



Etihad, along with a number of other airlines around the world, traditionally place cadets into narrow-body aircraft once they've completed their training. Due to higher market demand, EAT would rather place some cadets onto the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. With this new approval, requirements will be met and will also give pilots the opportunity to fly to destinations that are not catered with narrow-body aircraft.

Despite the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions during the past year, EAT successfully trained over 18,000 students, while globally, the vast majority of training organisations paused their operations. Now, EAT also has the ability to offer type rate training to not only airline pilots, but also individual pilots who are not directly associated with any UAE air operator, similar to the European training environment. This way, Etihad's training facilities are actively responding to the market's needs and ensuring pilots remain licensed and employable while less aircraft are in the sky.

Hahn Air: Six new partner airlines

Ticketing and distribution leader, Hahn Air, announced that it has established contracts with six new partner airlines during the past quarter, bringing the total number of new carriers implemented this year to 13.

Air Liaison (DU) from Canada, Blue Islands (SI) from the United Kingdom, Corendon Airlines Europe (XR) from Malta, Corendon Airlines (XC) from Turkey, Jet Fly (JFL) from Austria and Tayaran Jet (E8) from Bulgaria can now benefit from an expanded distribution reach and incremental revenue in up to 190 markets. With its ticketing and distribution solutions, the German airline Hahn Air facilitates global business between travel agencies and airlines. Hahn Air partner airlines can choose from different distribution solutions. HR-169 enables airlines that have at least one GDS contract in place to sell tickets in markets where they are not connected to a local settlement system (e.g.

BSP, ARC or TCH). H1-Air and X1-Air are the products for airlines wanting to enter the GDS world or looking to expand their ticket sales to additional GDSs and more than 100,000 travel agencies. Of the new partners, the carriers Air Liaison (DU), Blue Islands (SI), Corendon Airlines Europe (XR), Jet Fly (JFL) and Tayaran Jet (E8) join Hahn Air Technology's X1-Air network and are now available in Amadeus, Sabre and Travelport under the designator X1. Corendon Airlines (XC) complements the H1-Air network of Hahn Air Systems and can be booked under the code H1 in the following ten major GDSs: Amadeus, Axess, Galileo, Infini, Sabre, Sabre Pacific (formerly Abacus), Sirena, Travelport, Travelsky and Worldspan.

*Alexander Proschka,
Executive Vice President
Commercial, Hahn Air*



Now more than ever, airlines recognise the immense value they can gain from a partnership with Hahn Air. Being the number one expert in indirect distribution, we offer more than 20 years of sales expertise, our unparalleled network of over 350 partner airlines and our reliable and cost-effective solutions which will bring immediate business results. We stand by our airline and travel agency partners to get their businesses back on track.

Recovery in domestic passenger

The Indian aviation industry witnessed continued recovery in domestic passenger traffic in September 2020, with a sequential growth (over August 2020) of ~37% to ~39 lakh passengers.

The capacity deployment in September 2020 at ~46% (vis-a-vis September 2019) is a significant increase over the ~33% capacity deployed in August 2020. On a Y-o-Y basis however, domestic passenger traffic declined by ~66%.

Giving further analytical insights, Ms. Kinjal Shah, Vice President, ICRA, says, "The number of flights departing has also gradually increased from 416 on Day 1 to 1,488 on Day 128 (September 28, 2020). For September 2020, the average daily departures were ~1,311, significantly lower than the average daily departures of 2,874 in September 2019,

though much better than ~930 in August 2020. The average number of passengers per flight during September 2020 was 98, as against an average of 133 passengers per flight in September 2019. Thus, it is expected that the domestic aviation industry operated at a passenger load factor (PLF) of ~63% in September 2020, as against 85.5% in September 2019, that too on a low capacity. The PLF for September 2020 was similar to August 2020 despite the increase in capacity deployment by ~37%. Overall, from May 25, 2020 till September 30, 2020, the domestic passenger traffic has been ~11 million."

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) permitted increasing the capacity to 45% with effect from June 27, 2020; post the initial recommencement of operations of the scheduled domestic flights with effect from May 25, 2020 to a limited extent i.e. maximum 1/3rd of their respective approved capacity of Summer Schedule 2020. It further permitted increasing the capacity to 60% with effect from September 02, 2020. This apart, through a circular dated August 27, 2020, the MoCA has also amended certain provisions, like allowing airlines to provide meals on board, serve pre-packed snacks/meals/pre-packed beverages, and allowing in-flight entertainment, however with riders.

SriLankan Airlines bags an award for its Excellence

SriLankan Airlines, the National Carrier of Sri Lanka and a member of the oneworld alliance, reaffirming the global appeal of its marketing communication endeavors, bagged a gold award at the PATA Gold Awards 2020.

Accordingly, the National Carrier was among the 20 winners announced recently at the virtual PATA Travel Mart 2020. SriLankan Airlines was awarded the title 'Marketing Carrier' for its Pan India campaign- Next Door Neighbor and Serendipity Next Door. SriLankan Airlines' Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Vipula Gunatilleka said, "Winning an award is a reason for celebration and an affirmation that we are heading in the right direction. Receiving this coveted title from PATA, specially under the prevailing circumstances, gives us hope that we are capable of facing the challenging times ahead and our remedial communication content aiming to garner long-

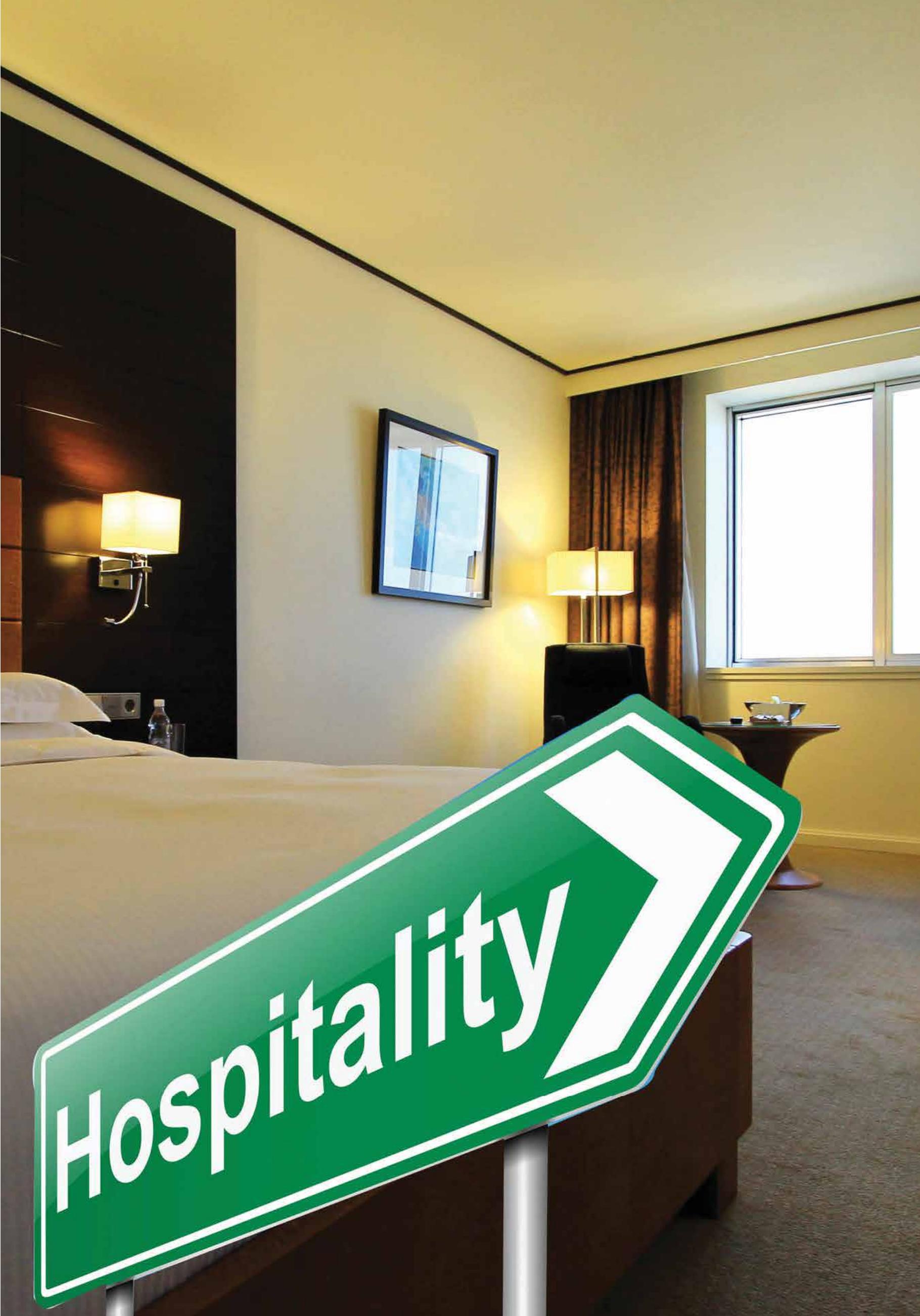
term, universal appeal can have a strong impact on our business recovery."

PATA CEO Dr. Mario Hardy said, "The winners of the PATA Gold Awards set industry standards for excellence and innovation and provides the association with the perfect opportunity to recognise and reward the very best the Asia Pacific travel industry has to offer."

SriLankan Airlines' General Manager Marketing Mr. Saminda Perera said, "We are delighted to receive this prestigious title at the virtual PATA Travel Mart 2020 and it is truly inspiring that our efforts are continually rewarded in this manner. This

is a result of an extremely satisfying team effort and I take this opportunity to thank the celebrities who were part of these creations, the management which has been supportive of our endeavors, my team, and our creative agencies J. Walter Thompson and Leo Burnett, without whom this will never be a possibility."

The winning entry of the 'Marketing Carrier' category, 'Next door neighbors' is a visual representation of multi-faceted attractions of Sri Lanka primarily targeting holidaymakers of India, with the underlying message that one does not have to look very far for exciting or serene getaways when Sri Lanka is right next door.



Hospitality

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Ideally situated within a short four-hour direct flight from the United Arab Emirates or major gateways from India, a beach vacation in the Maldives offers the ultimate in seclusion and privacy, whether for family reunions, romantic escapes or simply to disconnect to reconnect.

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Ahead of the resort's reopening from 27th September 2020, Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas is offering several special stay packages designed for you to make the most of your Maldives vacation.

Suite & Villa Exclusive

Be amongst the first to experience the newly refurbished two-, three-, and four-bedroom beach pool residences and two-bedroom over water pool residences. Inspired by the natural beauty of the island, the redesign of the residences has carefully preserved the element of space while marrying a light and airy interior and tropical design touches with smart technology home and kitchen comforts, making it the perfect choice for elevating your holiday in the Maldives. Suited for multi-generational family getaways or a retreat with your immediate circle of friends, these residences are fitted with floor-to-ceiling doors, effortlessly sliding open for sweeping views of lush green surroundings, just steps from your own private beach or endless horizon blues whilst perched over the crystal-clear waters of the Indian Ocean. Wellbeing and fitness are also not forgotten – with each residence outfitted with its own private enclosed spa room and gym.

For stays from now till 23 December 2020, book and enjoy savings of up to 30% on these residences. Stay inclusive of daily breakfast and dinner and complimentary dining for children.

The Best of The Maldives at Kihavah

Package

A culmination of experiences unique not just to the destination but also exclusively available at this idyllic Indian Ocean retreat, this carefully curated stay package includes three distinct once-in-a-lifetime adventures; snorkelling with manta rays, stargazing at the only over water observatory in the Maldives, and fine dining underwater at SEA, one of the world's few oceanic restaurants.

Valid for stays of six nights or more, choose from accommodation options of a beach pool villa or over water villa on half board consisting of breakfast, and dinner at three restaurants. For stays of up to five nights, the package will include only the underwater lunch experience at SEA. Both packages are valid until 31st October 2021, with rates starting from US\$ 990.

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Refined Ambience for a Sojourn in the Wilderness

The KAAV Safari Lodge reopens for tourists with new safety protocols and stay packages.

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The safety regime covers hygiene guidelines, booking policies as well as precautions to be taken by guests and staff alike to ensure safety and flexibility at the premises. Set amidst the serene environs of the Nagarhole Tiger Reserve, KAAV is a boutique property that offers tastefully refined ambience for a sojourn in the wilderness.

Taking cognizance of the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept the world; the luxury lodge has now reopened its door for welcoming guest with diversified packages catering to business and leisure travelers. Guests can book the safe staycation packages based on their needs. The 'Work from KAAV' package is curated for those who look for a naturally isolated space with limited people around and high speed Internet facility. Guests can curate their experiences and choose from a wide variety of leisure activities that include a 20 minute boat ride on a Coracle, a nature walk or a pleasant cycle ride along the villages in the vicinity down to the Kabini riverside, KAAV's Tiny Safari, Birding walks, relaxing on the open viewing deck overlooking the Nagarhole National Park and sky gazing.

KAAV has launched these packages for welcoming its guests to the new normal wherein safety is given utmost importance. With space and privacy being its hallmarks, the luxurious lodge is tailor made for and can easily abide by the new social distancing norms. To attain the highest level of safety

and hygiene standards they are following all safety protocols such as refining of SOPs regularly, going through guests' travel history prior to arrival, checking body temperature and pulse oximeter readings of all guests, team members, and vendors prior to entry, disinfecting guests luggage at check-in and repeatedly cleaning high contact surfaces.

Commenting on the reopening of KAAV Safari Lodge with new rules and regulations Mr. Sanjay Cheria, Owner, KAAV Resort, says, "Keeping the present circumstances in mind, we have curated the packages in such a way that people can escape to a relaxing getaway without hindering their safety. To create a safe and healthy environment at our premises our team has adopted the necessary precautions & measures. As the situation evolves with each passing day, we too enhance our measures in due accordance. Strict procedures have been set in place to ensure no infection enters the premises. This is a small effort from KAAV's team to ensure that our guests get to experience an enhanced safe environment when they choose us for their stay."

Additional experiences up for grabs at KAAV include Barbeque and Bonfire sessions, Riverside dining, Kayaking and Wildlife Safaris. Welcoming the guests to a new era of travel with the 'new normal' stay experience, the KAAV Luxury Safari Lodge is the perfect place to set up a workstation for business travellers and a delight for nature lovers.



Bouncing Forward Towards The New Normal



Each residence as luxurious as the last, Cheval Collection, is the luxury hospitality company with a beautiful collection of serviced apartment residences, town houses and modern penthouses, across London.

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Cheval Residences offers more than just a home and makes life blissfully easy for guests. One can indulge in the city's cosmopolitan culture, from chic districts and quirky apartments, in some of London's most prestigious neighbourhoods or just enjoy the serenity of iconic views and world-famous parks, from their own stately Residence.

Cheval has continued to operate throughout the current crisis and has adapted procedures in line with government and health authority advice to maintain the highest level of cleanliness and hygiene, whilst offering the best service possible. We are pleased to advise our guests and partners that we are fully open and continuing operations at our Residences in London and in Edinburgh. We remain as flexible as we can be for new bookings, and our reservations team are happy to talk through any requirements.

To prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, Cheval Collection has put in place the following set of procedures and standards at its Residences to limit the chance of exposure both for team members as well as valued guests and clients.

- Guests and staff should stay abreast of all current health and government advice, specifically NHS advice and UK government advice. Please note the advice for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland differs from that issued in England.

- Weekly housekeeping service is offered to guests on a request basis.

- Coordination of any deliveries you choose to receive, whether that be grocery, restaurant deliveries or parcels

- Virtual direct contact with our teams using Cheval's App (available for both Apple

and Android devices)

- Cheval Residences continue to be vigilant with respect to guests staying with them and have procedures in place to identify and respond to anyone who reports symptoms commonly identified with COVID-19.

- Front desk staff have constant access to antibacterial hand sanitisers and infrared thermometers for regular temperature checks.

- Cheval Collection has also introduced hand sanitisers throughout its properties including on reception for guests, in apartment welcome packs, in bathrooms and in offices. Hand sanitisers are now also available by keypad entry systems for staff.

- Cheval has increased health and safety precautionary measures in its Residences and offices including increasing the frequency of cleaning so that public fixtures like door handles and lift switches are regularly sanitised. Apartments will be appropriately sealed to signify the rigorous apartment sanitisation process is complete.

- Daily meetings are held to facilitate ongoing updates and training for all operational staff to ensure guests are aware of social distancing when using lifts.

- View our full Covid-19 fact sheet here. The Statement last reviewed on 24th September 2020.

Although this has required us all to adapt our behaviour, we know how much our visitors value the services we provide, and we are committed to maintaining our already high standards without compromising on hygiene or safety.

George Westwell, CEO Cheval Collection, says: 'Above all we are focusing on the customer, ensuring their safety and putting their mind at

ease with flexibility and our thorough hygiene standards - we will continue to do so even after restrictions have been lifted. We have significant precautionary measures in place, in light of COVID-19, and our reservations department is also available to discuss bespoke requests with all current and future guests.'

With a range to settle you into your perfect London home at various prime locations, either for a blissful getaway or a relaxing extended stay, the collection includes eight serviced apartment residences across London and offers a stylish, spacious and self-contained alternative to hotels. Cheval Knightsbridge, Cheval Thorney Court, Cheval Gloucester Park, Cheval Hyde Park Gate, Cheval Calico House, Cheval Phoenix House, Cheval Harrington Court and finally their flagship residence Cheval Three Quays which is situated in the heart of the city of London, opposite River Thames.

Cheval Collection continues to work with both staff and guests to ensure stays are safe,





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Re-opening of FCC Angkor by Avani

Located in Siem Reap's picturesque former French colonial quarter, FCC Angkor by Avani has expanded its leisure and guestroom offerings with the introduction of Visaya Spa, a new resort wing and a second saltwater swimming pool.

The neo-colonial resort has re-opened with three new room categories: the Family Suite, Garden Suite and Riverview Suite. The Family Suite features an inviting terrace shaded by a centuries-old banyan tree. Utmost care was taken to create inviting outdoor relaxation zones for the entire family, dividing the terrace into a dining area, a cozy sunning nook and a spa corner with a soaking bathtub.

Located on the ground floor and overlooking lush, tropical greenery, the Garden Suite features a separate living room and opens onto a covered patio where a rattan dining set invites guests to linger in dappled sunlight. At 150 sqm, the Riverview Suite is the resort's largest. Located on the top floor of the new wing, the suite boasts a stunning terrace overlooking the tranquil river and swaying treetops. On the terrace, multiple relaxation clusters include a rattan chat set, a dining area and an oversized soaking bathtub.

In keeping with the overall French colonial feel of the resort, the airy rooms are decorated with vintage typewriters and framed front pages of regional newspapers. Guests with an eye for inspiring detail will delight in discovering charming old clocks, rotary dial phones, Khmer carvings, traditional tiles, and antique clay pots among guestroom décor. Bed runners and chair cushions produced by women at local weaving villages exhibit the kind of exquisite craftsmanship that makes the resort a

treat for all the senses.

Travellers can also restore themselves with a signature treatment at the new Visaya Spa or relax at one of the spa's four airy treatment rooms which are bathed in natural daylight and overlook a serene courtyard. Combining the elegance of soothing terracotta tones with subtle touches of copper, the décor reflects Visaya Spa's vision of simplicity.

Locally woven textiles pay homage to the spa's Khmer roots. Adjacent to the spa is a beauty salon offering manicure and pedicure services, while the gift shop stocks organic skin and body care products,



along with exquisite locally made gifts. Following months of research, the Visaya Spa team curated a streamlined spa menu centred on signature experiences, western and eastern massages and all-natural beauty treatments. Drawing on Khmer, Thai and Ayurvedic



traditions and ingredients that are interwoven with spiritual elements of Hinduism and Buddhism, Visaya Spa offers a modern-day interpretation of the traditional wellness culture of the region. Its ethos is one of purity and simplicity with a focus on techniques that have been handed down through the centuries.

Khmer wellness tradition harnesses the healing properties of local ingredients: soothing onkuin seed and aromatic spices, such as ginger, nutmeg and clove that naturally warm the skin and heat the muscles and joints to melt away tension.

Beauty treatments rely on blends of seasonal herbs, plant leaves, mango, coconut, aloe vera and raw honey. Maximising the potential of these natural ingredients, Visaya Spa therapists combine them with regional and western wellness techniques.

To celebrate the re-opening of FCC Angkor by Avani, the hotel is launching a Staycation package that starts from USD 99 and traveller will enjoy free upgrade as one of the perks.



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Seaside Finolhu Maldives: Holistic Hospitality

After undergoing an extensive upgrade of its facilities, one of the Maldives' most luxurious resorts is now ready to welcome guests once more.



When Seaside Finolhu opens for business again on 1 November 2020, guests will be treated to a whole new barefoot chic experience with the self-styled island playground having completed its elaborate transition from luxury island resort to proud member of the exclusive Design Hotels portfolio.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption to the tourism industry, Seaside Finolhu has seized on the unique opportunity presented by the global shutdown to complete both aesthetic and functional upgrades right across the resort. Overseen by the award-winning Muza Lab design studio, the transformation of Seaside Finolhu extends to its villas, restaurants, wellness facilities, public areas, and sport and fitness activities, including a state-of-the-art indoor golf studio.

Throughout the resort, the bold new design concept unleashes a kaleidoscope of colours inspired by the vibrant natural hues of the island's stunning flora, fauna, sunsets and seascapes. Muza Lab's co-founder Nathan Hutchins describes how "the changing colours, patterns and textures represent moments of discovery, wonder and delight." The transformation is a key milestone for Finolhu as it successfully fulfils the requirements of embodying quality, style, and holistic hospitality concepts to earn its place as the first resort in the Maldives included in the prestigious Design Hotel's international portfolio.

Combining dashes of traditional Maldivian culture with contemporary lifestyle convenience, the overall ambience of the resort is described as "barefoot chic" by Marc Reader, Seaside Finolhu's General Manager.

"It's a design-driven balance between style and escapism," he explains. "Here you can unwind in sublime comfort, with the pristine beauty of our secluded Maldivian paradise perfectly complemented by ultra-luxurious modernity." Every aspect of the guest experience at Seaside Finolhu has been transformed to reflect this philosophy. From the style and comfort of the resort's 125 villas, 76 of which have their own pool, and the culinary journey served up by the eclectic selection of international dining options, to the sheer indulgence of the spa and the sense of tropical island adventure provided by the many water sports on offer, every detail has been carefully crafted to create a lifestyle resort that caters to the discerning affluent traveller of today.

Muza Lab's co-founder Inge Moore explained the lengths that they have gone to in order to bring the design concept to life: "Artisans from all over the world have created special works for the resort. Artistic tiles from Turkey, chandeliers and wickerwork from South Africa and wooden craftwork from Java transform the villas, bars & restaurants, the fitness room and, last but not least, the Oceaneers Kids Club into an exotic playground."

Operated by the German luxury hotel chain, Seaside Collection, the resort recently changed its official name from simply Finolhu, which translates as 'sandbank' in the local language, to Seaside Finolhu. Now as part of the resort's holistic transformation, Seaside Finolhu has also introduced new names and concepts for its dining and spa facilities.

While the resort's fine-dining restaurant has retained not only the name Kanusan but also its sophisticated ambience, Seaside Finolhu's all-day dining restaurant now goes by the name

of Beach Kitchen. Serving international fare during the day, Beach Kitchen also brings the resort's culinary journey concept to life with destination-themed dining experiences each evening. The Arabian Grill serves up an exotic mélange of flavours, aromas and decor from across the Middle East in a relaxed atmosphere, while Crab Shack is a rustic seafood grill that offers a real toes-in-the-sand dining experience on a secluded stretch of beach. For guests looking to grab a drink, the new Milk Lab serves a selection of refreshing milkshakes, protein drinks and fresh coffee.

Fehi Spa takes its name from the local word for 'green' and it fully embraces the green concepts of nature, purity, healing, and harmony in a tranquil setting amidst lush gardens. With treatment rooms, saunas, a stream room, a plunge pool and a hair and nail salon, the holistic treatments are designed to ensure guests feel physically, mentally and spiritually rejuvenated.

Living up to its 'island playground' philosophy, Seaside Finolhu provides guests with a diverse choice of fun activities in the indoor and outdoor gym, the Yoga Pavilion, and a state-of-the-art indoor golf studio. Kayaking, windsurfing, paddle boarding and jet skiing are among the water sports available, while the new Dive Center offers diving, snorkelling and semi-submarine boat trips.

From the new design focus and the upgraded facilities to the exciting activities and rejuvenating wellness treatments, the underlying theme of Seaside Finolhu's transformation is fun. Perhaps nowhere is this better personified than stellar musical and cultural performances or the exhilarating themes parties.

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Charming Retreat: Baga - A Lemon Tree Resort

Lemon Tree Hotels Limited, through its management subsidiary Carnation Hotels Pvt. Ltd., announced the opening of the 44 keyresort- Lazy Lagoon, Baga- A Lemon Tree Resort.

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This marks the launch of the company's fifth hotel in Goa, with existing hotels in Candolim, Calangute and Morjim.

Located on Baga Creek, Lazy Lagoon, Baga is an expansive and aesthetically designed Lemon Tree Resort. This charming retreat, located in the heart of the vibrant North Goa area, offers alluring views of the Baga River and Creek.

The resort features 44 well-appointed rooms and suites, which combine understated elegance with modern amenities and facilities. Designed for the comfort of every traveller, most of the plush and comfortable rooms and suites offer a panoramic view of the Baga River and Creek.

Complementing the stay are Citrus Café* - the multi-cuisine coffee shop, and Slounge* - the thriving bar and grill. The banquet hall* - TangerineGrand, conference room* - Tangerine, and outdoor lawn* provide the perfect venues for corporate and social events alike. Recreational facilities at the resort include a well-equipped fitness center*, Verandah* - a relaxed Sheesha lounge and a stunning swimming pool* where guests can easily spend a few languid hours in a truly susegad state of mind. In addition, adjacent to the poolside is Tavern* - the picturesque pool bar, which opens onto a beautiful promenade that leads to an inviting fishing deck.

The resort caters to every traveller's needs, from daycationers and extended leisure travelers to beach and party animals. Guests can swim a few laps in the stunning pool, chill at the Verandah, test their skills at the fishing deck, shoot a few games of pool, or beat their friends at football. Animal lovers can also spend some time with the six turtles who have taken up residence in one of the lagoons at Lazy Lagoon, Baga. All this, while sipping on your favourite drinks and brews,



and savouring the delicious food, spanning from international, to Indian, to local Goan delicacies.

For the water lovers and thrill seekers, the famous Baga Beach is in close proximity, and features a variety of activities, from snorkeling and boat rides, to jet skiing and paragliding. The resort is also strategically situated to provide access to some of the best nightclubs and hot spots, as well as the other popular beaches in North Goa, including Vagator, Anjuna, Calangute and Candolim. The Saturday Night Market is five minutes away from the resort, and promises to keep your weekend busy with the best that Goa has to offer in one place.

The closest airport is Dabolim Airport and the closest railway station is Thivim Railway Station. The resort is also

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A Luxury Retreat

jüSTa Hotels and Resorts has expanded its luxury, leisure, and wellness offerings with jüSTaDignitii Retreat and Spa, Mukteshwar from 1st October 2020.



Jim Corbett, the legendary resident of the Nainital region mentions Mukteshwar as ‘the most beautiful spot in Kumaon’. The luxury retreat and spa boasts uninterrupted valley views all around and snowclad Himalayan peaks of Trishul, Panchchuli, and Nanda Devi in one direction. Some will come to lose themselves and others to find their true self at the jüSTaMukteshwar Retreat and Spa surrounded by mother nature at its glorious best.

Luxury wellness indulgences at the retreats Ekam Spa and Wellness Centre includes a separate treatment room for couples, steam, sauna, jacuzzi, and an indoor heated swimming pool. Spacious 35 cottage style

rooms with balconies and an unlimited view compliment the resort's Alfresco cafe deck, amphitheatre, and lounge for drinks and refreshments witnessing spectacular sunrise and sunsets. Try local delicacies and world cuisine at the restaurant SABOR specially curated by the talented and knowledgeable executive chef Manish Sharma.

The resort focuses on experiences and encourages guests to embrace active vacations. Leisurely walks and cycling are a great way to explore like a local. So immerse yourself in the scenery by booking bicycles available at the resort and pedal away for an outdoor picnic with a snacks basket packed especially for you by the chef. You can also head to the

fitness centre if you don't want to miss your daily workout on vacation.

Ashish Vohra, Founder and CEO – jüSTa Hotels and Resorts elaborated on the meeting, conference, weddings, and social event options available at the spa retreat. State of the art board room for that small meeting or interaction to a conference hall to hold a 100 pax gathering are available with business services to match. “We are confident that the resort is poised to be a premier leisure and wellness destination in itself for the entire region”, added Ashish.

jüSTa also promises additional takeaway facilities such as a lungful of fresh air and an eye-ful of nature's bounty for all.

For the love of Travel, for the love of Now

One thing that this pandemic has taught us well is to appreciate every moment of life. It has made us realise the importance of people around us and the privilege to do little things such as having a coffee at our favourite hotel's cafe.

Over the last few months, we all have been staying at home for the health and safety of the community at large but as we slowly open up it's time to live now.

Accor launched its new campaign ‘For the love of Travel, for the love of Now’, Accor is encouraging its guests to follow their hearts and cherish every moment of life as we don't know what tomorrow will bring. As an extended leg of this campaign, Accor has announced ‘Missed Celebrations’ to ensure that guests can celebrate their special occasions with friends and family.

Celebrations are meant to be enjoyed with loved ones. ‘Missed Celebrations’ offer provides guests the opportunity to celebrate their anniversaries, birthdays, family dinners or small gatherings with friends and earn rewards. The offer is valid across Accor hotels in India and Sri Lanka.

Whether it is an 18th birthday, silver jubilee anniversary, a long due engagement or a graduation party – Accor has it ALL covered at the restaurants and bars with discount vouchers at 30% off the total spends. Make a reservation



and mention the 'Missed Celebrations Offer' to the hotel associate to enjoy these discounts. Our guests can enjoy a range of authentic traditional and international cuisines to cocktail and wine specialities across its restaurants, bars and lounges.

“Accor wants its guests to celebrate life and live in the present. We aim at bringing back the joyous moments in our guest's lives. Our teams are working towards rolling out several offers for our guests as a part of our ‘For the love of now’ campaign. Our ‘Missed Celebrations’ offer,

we want our guest to enjoy the varied range of dining outlets that Accor renders. Guests can savour and relish an array of cuisines to celebrate the special occasions with their loved ones and friends.” says Kerrie Hannaford, VP-Commercial, Accor India and South Asia.

Hotel vouchers can be redeemed for rooms, restaurants, spas including all other in-house hotel services. These can only be used in the same hotel where the guest hosts events. Accor loyalty members can redeem the vouchers at participating restaurants and bars across

its 51 hotels in India and Sri Lanka.

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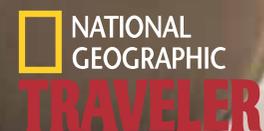
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Chennai Central – A Southern Culinary Junction

Ever since its inception ‘South 54’, the South Indian specialty restaurant at Pride Plaza Ahmedabad has remained the favorite gourmet destination for local and cosmopolitan clientele.

• T3FS Desk

As part of its endeavor in catering to the growing demand of patrons from the coastal region of South India, the restaurant has now re-opened its fine dining experience with ‘Chennai Central – A Southern Culinary Junction’ food fest from 19th to 28th September 2020.

‘Chennai Central’ brings specially curated cuisine to relish a variety of authentic spices and aromatic masalas from different regions and communities of south namely North

Karnataka cuisine, South Karnataka cuisine, Udupi cuisine, Sara swat cuisine, Coorg cuisine, Mangalorean Catholic cuisine and Navayath cuisine. The food festival will showcase a delicious mélange of flavours and rich cultural heritage of coastal India. And the ambience is further accentuated with a reflection of South Indian aura through its artwork, decor, and music that perfectly complements the elegantly appointed interiors.

The festival offers authentic delicacies

from Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka, which includes delectable starters like PalipalayamUrulai Fry (TN), Koon KurumilaguPeralen (Kerala), GundurKodi(Andhra) and Kori Ghee Roast (Karnataka). The mains include EnnaiKathrikai (TN), Gundapur Mutton Curry (Andhra), Prawn Moilee (Kerala) and Vegetable Tarkari Curry (Karnataka). Seafood lovers will be spoilt for choices with Malabar Fried Prawns from Kerala, Bang Da Fry from Karnataka, Gundur Prawns from Andhra etc..



Vertex – Redefining the City’s Nightlife

The long-awaited ‘Liquid Restaurant’, Vertex, at Fairfield by Marriott Kolkata, open its doors to welcome the culinary tribes and bar-trotters of Kolkata for a whole new bar and nightlife experience.



Located beside the pool, it offers a panoramic view of the Newtown skyline and the scenic Biswa Bangla Gate. Hovering above the thoroughfare, Vertex is nestled beyond the chaos and plunges one amidst an air of peaceful familiarity, making it the perfect destination for hotel guests and locals to unwind. Inspired by traditional ‘Irish taverns’, Vertex reimagines the age-old watering holes that have defined Kolkata’s tireless spirit, presenting the finest new address for enticing signature cocktails, eclectic global cuisine, high-energy music, alfresco seating and contemporary décor.

This chic new addition to the throng of bars in Kolkata has been designed to create a modern and vibrant space that caters to the ever-evolving urban taste of the city’s revelers. As one arrives, the towering vertical tinted glass wall at the entrance sets the tone for the mellow and modish vibe of Vertex. The earthy and amber palette of the glass creates an enigmatic sense of curiosity about what lies beyond. The interiors are characterized by plush chesterfield seating while the sophisticated basket-weave outdoor lounge blends in seamlessly with the understated décor of the space.

The warm iridescent bar forms the focal point of Vertex, along with the walls behind, which are covered in funky illustrations of cocktails on a chalkboard finish. Floor-to-ceiling windows flank the far-end walls of the space, inviting in the delicate sunlight throughout the day and the vibrant lights of the Newtown cityscape after dark. The alfresco section rouses an air of exquisiteness that is inspired by the street-side cafes and rooftop spaces from dreamy cities all over the world.



Top 5 Swiss drinks to enjoy within the comfort of your homes

With a mountainous landscape, stunning natural scenery, vast lakes and amazing weather, Switzerland is the ideal place to enjoy some warm and cold refreshing drinks.

As travelling yet seems like a distant dream, Switzerland bring to you some of its well-known Swiss drinks that you can enjoy while you are here.

Here are the 5 Swiss drinks from the gourmet paradise along with recipes to try at home

- **Hot Chocolate**

Switzerland is the land of chocolate after all, so a steaming mug of hot chocolate should be on your list. Hot Chocolate is also popularly known as HeisseSchoggi or HeisseSchokolade and it can be served a few different ways.

You can pick your favourite pre-made chocolate powder like the famous Cadbury Hot Chocolate Drink, Cadbury Cocoa Powder and for a more malty drink go for Ovaltine. Mix your chocolate powder with steaming hot milk and voila! You are ready to sip onto a soul satisfying, warm chocolatey drink. This can be your go-to drink these rainy days and will certainly keep the kids happy as well.

Expert tip: Add a generous helping of whipped cream or heavy cream on the side.

- **Cranberry Mule**

While you celebrate your Friday evening indoors with your family, do not forget the cocktails! Switzerland's seasonal twist on a Moscow Mule is sure to be your new favourite while you chit-chat your way into the weekend.

Get crafty with ice cubes and garnishes. Make ice in a tray and place a fresh cranberry into each section and freeze. You could pick up a pack of inexpensive cocktail picks and thread a few fresh cranberries on them for garnish or add a sprig of mint along with a lime wedge. If you are looking to cut calories you can substitute diet ginger ale and diet cranberry juice to make it a little lighter.

Moscow Mule is popularly served in copper mugs, but you can use any short glass you have and jazz the presentation. Enjoy with friends and family. Cheers!

- **Kafi Luz**

This drink is for the die-hard coffee lover and for someone who is up for an experiment. Famously known as Kafi Luz or KafiFertig, this traditional drink that originated in the 18th century smells more like alcohol than coffee. It is a treat to sip on while you sit next to your partner on a Saturday night and binge watch your favourite TV show.

The Kafi Luz is a Swiss coffee that is usually made with Träsch—fruit brandy produced from pear and apple pomace that is mainly enjoyed in Central Switzerland. The recipe includes 4 ingredients like Träsch, sugar, boiling water, and instant coffee. Combine them and your good to go!

The drink should be pale and transparent, and it is typically



served in a tall stemmed glass.

- **Pimms**

Glass of Pimms is truly a classic for a warm day. A favourite with the English, this light, refreshing drink has a dark rich colour, fruity content and surely is a DIY material while you dream of the Alps.

So how do you make the perfect Pimms? It's easy and takes all of 5 minutes, all you need 1 part Pimm's and 3 parts lemonade add in lots of ice cubes, 1 slice each of orange and lemon, 2 slices cucumber, 1 strawberry sliced and a sprig of mint.

Fill a glass 1/2 full of ice & pour in the Pimm's. Add fruit and some more ice. Top with lemonade, stir and serve to your family and friends in tall glasses.

- **Apérol Spritz**

Aperol Spritz cocktail has a fabulous orange in colour that oozes Summer. This bright drink is a combination of sweet liqueur and white wine or fizzy Prosecco. It is refreshing with a bitter-sweet after taste.

Here is how you make it take - 3 parts Prosecco, 2 parts Apérol, 1-part soda/ sparkling water and ice cubes. Place ice cubes in a wine glass, add the Aperol, Prosecco, soda and top with a slice of orange for the perfect drink.

Create and experiment with famous drinks from Switzerland from the comfort of your homes while you dream now of the magical destination and travel later.



Journey with an Exquisite Assortment of Flavorful Delicacies

Located strategically in the heart of the city, Zobet is the newest addition to the choice of gastropubs in Kolkata.

• T3FS Desk

Nestled on the 4th floor at Fort Knox on Camac Street, Zobet is a gift to the city's culinary scene. The Victorian era-inspired gastropub promises more than a delectable culinary selection along with unique handcrafted beverages and has left no stone unturned to ensure a stellar experience, right from the moment one steps in.

Zobet's distinctive appearance will strike you from the moment you enter this uplifting place. Designed by ace interior stylist Sumesh Menon from Mumbai and inspired by the art deco soul of Kolkata, this gastropub catches one's fancy by dint of the generous infusion of plush, modern materials and a vibrant colour palette. The 10,000 sq ft plus area of the 165 seater pegs it as one of the largest all-day gastropubs in town. The highlight of the Moroccan-themed interiors is a 25 feet-long trendy bar and three spacious PDR's, two 40 seaters each and a cozy 10 seater one.

Their eclectic global menu has been designed by consulting celebrity chef Mr. Krishna Khetle from Mumbai, a stalwart in the Indian culinary industry and an active member of the Western India Culinary Association. The menu is curated to take you on a gastronomic journey with an exquisite assortment of flavorful delicacies and innovative textures inspired by Asian, Mediterranean, Italian and Indian cuisines. The sumptuous fare also features immunity-boosting food choices to nurture the wellbeing of diners.

Zobet's signature dishes include

'Philadelphia Cream Cheese Dumpling', 'N.Y Death by Mushroom Pizza', 'Broccoli Mussalam', 'Tandoori Soya Chaap', 'Veg Falafel Wrap', and the 'North Indian Platter' amongst the vegetarian options. The non-vegetarian signatures feature dishes like 'Pepper Chicken Dumplings', 'Lamb Kibbeh', 'Chicken Shish Touk', 'Non Veg Koyle Ke Jhinge', 'Mutton Seekh Kabab Roll' and 'Tandoori Egg Ande ka Funda', to name a few. Some of the special immunity boosters and healthy dishes that are a part of the menu are the 'Zobet Chef Special Immunity Fruit Salad', 'Watermelon Feta and Chia Seed Salad' and 'Mr. Lean' for patrons to savour.

Those with a sweet tooth can relish the wide array of desserts like the 'Hot Chocolate Mousse with Rum', 'The Blueberry Cheesecake', 'The Coconut Panna Cotta' and 'Classic Tiramisu'. Make sure you also dig into the chef's special 'Stuffed churros served with Caramel Sauce' for a blissful ending.

The trendy designed bar is well stocked with specially curated top-shelf spirits, beers, sangrias, cocktails and mocktails, making it unique in its class. In addition to old-time favorites, the in-house mixologist, Vikash Singh has stirred up a select range of concoctions like, 'Caramon Manhattan', 'Fleur of the valley', 'Zobetians, Cuttieetini' and many more, making it a pleasurable experience.

To raise one's spirits higher, the in-house DJ will be playing foot-tapping music to create a perfect party ambience (While adhering to all government norms)





Lounge and Bar by Royal China

The newest addition to Calcutta's fine collection of bars and lounges is the magnificently regal Lounge and Bar by Royal China, Kolkata, which opened doors on 18th September, 2020.

The chic establishment is located on the 4th floor of the Forum Courtyard Mall on Elgin Road. This new jewel in the city's crown of eclectic lounging spaces sets itself apart as an elegant place for Calcuttans to unwind. Lounge and Bar by Royal China, Kolkata offers the comfort of authentic Cantonese delicacies, classic cocktails and upbeat music, set in striking décor and an ambience that speaks of royalty.

As a brand, Royal China is known for masterfully blending traditional and contemporary elements in their delectable range of Cantonese cuisine. The outlet in Kolkata is divided into two parts – Fine-Dine Restaurant and the Lounge and Bar, with a total seating capacity of 98 & 56 respectively. Royal China Kolkata emerged in February 2020 as a partnership among close friends, primarily being managed and overseen by Mrs. Shailja Bhalotia, Co-Owner along with Mr. Rishi Bajoria as Chief Mentor.

The lounge sits on a sprawling area of approximately 1500 sq. ft. plus and channels a mellow vibe. Walking up to the lounge, one first comes to the foyer which is designed as the welcome area, with a vibrant look. The use of red is the prominent theme of the space, which brings in a sense of Chinese regality to the ambience. A red chandelier, a dense wood hostess desk and a larger-than-life graphical artwork with a predominantly red palette contributes to the overall visual appearance of the space.

Lounge and Bar by Royal China, Kolkata boasts of an in-house DJ station on a raised level from where the DJ can connect with the guests. The overall finish of the lounge area is plush and informal, emanating a sense of warmth. The understated aura of the lounge is enhanced by the addition of rafters on the wall with cove lighting and some eye-catching wall art. The lounge has been designed keeping in mind the auditory requirements of the space with state-of-the-art music and sound systems along with

acoustic panelling on the walls and ceilings.

The long bar is adorned by orange bar stools, adding to the colour palette, and is self-serviced with a metal grill in the front. The bar back is designed in a rose gold and jet black metal finish to lend a rustic yet upscale look to the place.

The central sitting area and high table on the sides cater to different audiences, while the VIP zone provides for a space with extra privacy. A special art installation created with glass bottles adds a graceful touch to the space. The lounge has a private smoking room for the concerned guests.

Mr. Rishi Bajoria, Chief Mentor, Royal China Kolkata, said, "We are delighted to add something new and original to Kolkata's vibrant social scene. With the experience that I have nurtured over the years in the F&B industry I hope to support and drive the brand towards achieving new heights in the city. It's our goal to provide an experience that not only speaks to the city's tastes, but celebrates Kolkata's soul, which too is characterized by the modern and the timeless."

Mrs. Shailja Bhalotia, Co-Owner, Royal China Kolkata, added, "With the launch of the Lounge and Bar by Royal China, Kolkata, we hope to build upon the charisma of Kolkata's nightlife through classic cocktails that never get old and relaxed lounging inspired by the laid back charm of the city. To make sure that our guests feel safe and trust our commitment to their safety and wellbeing, we have personally



crafted a step-by-step protocol to maintain utmost hygiene and safety measures at the outlet. We look forward to inviting the city's connoisseurs back for a royal treat at the lounge."

Lifestyle



Ford Unveils A Special Sport Edition Of Endeavour

Donning bold, black exteriors, the much-awaited Sport Edition of Ford Endeavour is now ready to conquer any terrain. The special edition goes on sale across India at INR 35.10 lakh.

Featuring a dozen impressive exterior changes, the Ford Endeavour Sport will be the new top-trim variant in the Ford Endeavour vehicle lineup, available only with an all-wheel-drive or 4X4 driveline.

“Ford Endeavour Sport in black makes a bold statement – whether it is your regular commute during the week or your off-road adventure during the weekend,” said Vinay Raina, executive director of marketing, sales & service at Ford India. “We are thankful to our customers for their faith in Ford Endeavour & hope the special edition Sport will strengthen it further.”

Introduced on the day of Equinox, a biannual astronomical alignment of the Sun and Earth when daytime & nighttime are of equal duration, the Ford Endeavour Sport too inspires its owners to strike a balance between their routine lives and the more adventurous side of their personality, which they rarely explore. The marketing platform to introduce the vehicle, #MeetTheOtherSideOfYou, also encourages customers to embark on the extraordinary journey they always wish for with proven off-roading capabilities of the Ford Endeavour firmly by their side.

BE THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION

Just one look and everyone will have their eyes set on the Ford Endeavour Sport's impressive black and butch exterior, reminiscent of a black-cape donning invincible superhero whose might can conquer all, in this case, any terrain. The all-new ebony black front grille looks even more domineering and catches your attention first, as a symbol of raw power. The front fender as well as the front and rear bumper skid plates get an ebony black treatment to add to the SUV's imposing stance. The special black edition smoked headlamps complete the Ford Endeavour Sport's impressive look. Ford Endeavour features all-LED headlamp for both low and high-beam that provide up to 20% greater lighting penetration for enhanced night-time visibility. The black theme is carried through to the side with ebony black ORVMs, fender grille and dark inserts on side steps. A smart SPORT decal will embellish

the doors and tailgate. One of the most noticeable changes on the new Endeavour Sport is its ebony black premium alloy wheels and roof rails that make the SUV sporty yet elegant.

STRONG LEGACY OF POWER & PROWESS

The Endeavour SPORT rides on the legacy of Ford's game-changing true-blue, premium SUV that has set new benchmarks for the segment since its introduction in 2016.

More recently, Ford introduced 2020 Endeavour with a new 2.0-litre EcoBlue engine & world's first 10 Speed-Automatic Transmission, delivering a potent mix of unmatched off-roading capabilities, surprisingly affordable service cost and up to 14% improvement in fuel efficiency over its predecessor. The Bharat Stage VI compliant 2.0L EcoBlue diesel engine on the Endeavour Sport delivers 170 PS peak power and 420 Nm peak torque. The special variant will only be offered with a 4X4 driveline that offers outstanding capabilities yet returning unmatched fuel efficiency of 12.4 Kmpl.

The engine is mated to the world's first 10-speed automatic transmission that is responsive, faster and facilitates smoother acceleration in all driving conditions. Progressive Range Select or SelectShift® on the Ford Endeavour is another first for the segment. The innovative feature gives drivers the ability to lock gears in the desired range to deliver an engaging and more controlled drive experience – especially in challenging driving situations such as slippery roads or steep off-roading conditions.

The Endeavour Sport will also offer Ford's globally-renowned mobility and connectivity solution FordPass™ at no additional cost. Owners will be able to perform several vehicle operations -- like starting, stopping, locking or unlocking the vehicle, know remaining fuel levels & distance to empty & locating their vehicle-- remotely, via the FordPass™ app.

All variants of Ford Endeavour come with a factory-fitted, cloud-connected device that communicates with vehicle owners in real-time via the FordPass™ smartphone application.

The Ford Endeavour including the latest variant Sport continues to offer:

Unmatched off-roading capabilities

- First-in-segment Terrain Management System (TMS) with four preset modes – Normal, Snow/Mud/Grass, Sand and Rock – that alter the vehicle's throttle response, transmission, the four-wheel-drive system and traction control to confidently tackle any situation

- The impressive water-wading capacity of 800 mm along with outstanding ground clearance

Outstanding Safety

- Up to seven airbags, including a driver knee airbag, for all-around safety

Seamless Connectivity

- Ford's renowned voice-enabled, in-car connectivity technology SYNC 3 with 8-inch touchscreen and Apple CarPlay, Google Auto compatibility

- First-in-class Active Noise Cancellation, a technology used in noise-cancelling headphones to help reduce low-frequency engine sounds from entering the cabin.

Enhanced Comfort & Convenience

- A panoramic sun-roof, covering up to 50% of the roof

- Flexible seating and cargo arrangements – including fold-flat second- and first-in-class power-fold third-row that can hold up to 2,010 litres of cargo

- Semi-Auto Parallel Park Assist, push start button, hand-free power lift rear gate, rear and front parking sensors, rear parking camera, automatic headlamps, automatic wipers, DRLs, dual-zone automatic climate control, 8-way power-adjustable driver & front passenger seat

- Hill launch assist and hill descent control for better control going up or down a hill

Surprisingly Affordable Ownership

- Standard 3-year or 100,000 KM factory warranty, and scheduled maintenance cost as low as 73 paise per kilometre*

The Ford Endeavour Sport will be available in three colours – Absolute Black, Diffused Silver and Diamond White.

Six new models from EQ



The new generation of electric vehicles in the luxury and executive segment is based on a custom-developed architecture, which is scalable in every aspect and can be used across model series.

The wheelbase and track as well as all other system components, especially the batteries, are variable thanks to the modular design.

The vehicle concept is thus optimised to meet every requirement of a future-oriented, battery-electric model family. This vehicle architecture makes it possible to build Mercedes-Benz electric cars from saloons to large SUVs.

The EQS will allow customers in the luxury segment to fully benefit from all the advantages of an all-electric architecture with respect to space and design. With ranges of up to 700 km (according to WLTP), the EQS meets the requirements on a progressive saloon in the S-Class segment in this respect as well. At the same time, Mercedes-Benz remains faithful to its recipe for success in production, and designs its vehicles and factories to be able to build different models flexibly on the same production lines. The electric vehicles also use pioneering cross-sectoral technologies from Mercedes-Benz such as, for example, the MBUX (Mercedes-Benz User Experience) control and display system or the driving assistance systems. The Mercedes-Benz Vision EQS concept car provided pointers to the progressive design of the coming EQS in September 2019. The camouflaged prototypes undergoing testing are also foretelling key design features that are revolutionary for the luxury segment such as the cab forward design or the coupé-like 'one-bow' styling. However, further details of the progressive design of the models EQS SUV, EQE and EQE SUV crucial for the success of the electric initiative remain a secret to the public for the time being.

Mercedes-Benz will introduce the all-electric architecture in 2021. At the same time, the company will continue to electrify the most successful platforms. In addition to the EQC mid-size SUV (EQC 400 4MATIC, combined power consumption: 21.3-20.2 kWh/100 km; weighted CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)[1] and the all-electric EQV people carrier (EQV 300, combined power consumption: 26.4-26.3 kWh/100 km; combined CO₂ emissions: 0 g/km)[1], customers in the compact car segment can look forward to two all-electric SUVs, the EQA and EQB. Their

progressive design identifies them as members of the all-electric product range. Production of the EQA will commence before the end of this year.

Final spurt toward series production: the EQS on the last stages of testing

The EQS is currently undergoing the last tests on the way to production maturity, including at the Test and Technology Centre in Immendingen. The systematic validation of the overall vehicle serves to guarantee the high quality standards and is one of the extensive measures in the development process of every Mercedes-Benz model series. Stations include tough winter testing in Scandinavia, chassis and drivetrain tests on proving grounds, public roads and on the high-speed test track in Nardo as well as the integrated testing of the overall vehicle in the heat of Southern Europe and South Africa. Test drives are currently also being conducted in China and the USA. In the case of the EQS, special attention is paid to the electric powertrain and the battery, of course. They too are tested and approved in accordance with the strictest Mercedes-Benz standards.

"The EQS has already piled up far more than two million test kilometres from the heat of South Africa to the cold of Northern Sweden", says Christoph Starzynski, Vice-President Electric Vehicle Architecture at Mercedes-Benz and responsible for the EQ vehicles. "The EQS will be the S-Class of electric vehicles. That is why it is undergoing the same demanding development program as any other vehicle that has the privilege of proudly bearing the three-pointed star. In addition, there were quite a few tests specifically for electric cars that cover important development priorities such as range, charging and efficiency". The EQS is produced together with the S-Class in "Factory 56" in Sindelfingen, one of the world's most modern car factories. For quite some time, flexibility in the plants has been an investment priority of Mercedes-Benz Operations (MO), which is responsible for passenger car production worldwide. The technical equipment featuring trailblazing Industry 4.0 solutions is a key factor in the flexibility. Thanks to the highly flexible

structures, all plants are able to produce vehicles with different types of powertrains and thus also to respond quickly to changes in demand in the markets. Electric-mobility opportunities can be seized with a limited investment need.

As part of its "Ambition 2039" initiative, Mercedes-Benz is working on offering a CO₂-neutral new car fleet less than 20 years from now. The company wants electrically powered cars including all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles to account for more than half of its sales already by 2030.

[1] The power consumption was determined on the basis of Commission Regulation (EC) No 692/2008. The power consumption is dependent upon the vehicle configuration. Further information on the official fuel consumption and the official specific CO₂ emissions of new passenger cars can be found in the "Leitfaden über den Kraftstoffverbrauch, die CO₂-Emissionen und den Stromverbrauch neuer Personenkraftwagen" [Guide to fuel consumption, CO₂ emissions and power consumption of new passenger cars], which is available free of charge at all sales outlets and from DAT Deutsche AutomobilTreuhand GmbH.

DO YOU KNOW?

- The EQS is the all-electric member in the new S-Class range and arrives on the market next year.
- The EQS is the first to use the new electric architecture for electric vehicles of the luxury and executive segment at Mercedes-Benz.
 - With the EQE business saloon and the SUV variants of EQS and EQE, further models based on the new architecture will follow soon.
- The development is running on schedule: at present, intensive test drives are being conducted mainly at the Test and Technology Centre in Immendingen to validate the production maturity.
 - In the compact class, production of the EQA, the fully electric brother of the GLA, will start later this year, followed by the EQB in 2021.



Next-generation production QX60

Dressed in a reflective platinum hue, the INFINITI QX60 Monograph* released today from Nissan's luxury division previews a more upscale and commanding design for the luxury brand's popular, family-focused SUV.

• T3FS Desk

We commenced the design of the Monograph knowing this was an opportune time to start a discussion about where we are planning to take the QX60 in the future, and more broadly, where we are heading as a brand with our design language," said Alfonso Albaisa, senior vice president of Global Design at Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. More than a design study or concept, a "Monograph" provides a tangible insight into how INFINITI plans to transform a future model. The QX60 Monograph previews some of the proportions and design elements that will adorn the brand's future three-row SUV.

Reimagining the future QX60 SUV

Focused solely on the exterior, INFINITI designers imagined the QX60 Monograph as a sophisticated yet functional solution for a busy, modern family. The proportions include a wide stance, sleek greenhouse, horizontal shoulder line and muscular wheel arches. The combination creates a commanding posture and defined SUV persona.

"In crafting this Monograph, we wanted to change the tonality of the QX60 and transform the nameplate from a sculptural and architectural point of view," Albaisa said. "We raised the visual center of gravity, giving it a strong, straight shoulder line that carries through to the hood, with a higher, more prominent grille, and longer-looking cabin to deliver a sense of muscularity and a commanding presence."

The current QX60 is popular with families and is known for offering spacious packaging and comfortable, dedicated three-row seating. The proportions of the QX60 Monograph illustrate INFINITI's intention to maintain these strengths while transforming the model with a more aerodynamic, muscular silhouette.

Viewed from the side, the Monograph shows off its powerful horizontal hood, muscular fenders and long wheelbase. Paired with the gentle rake of the A-pillar and tapered, teardrop-like glasshouse, the

result is a long, sweeping, sophisticated profile. Embossed with the INFINITI name, the QX60 Monograph features large alloy wheels that fill the pronounced fenders and reinforce the performance-inspired aesthetic.

At the rear, the wide body and track, paired with a horizontal window line, give the QX60 Monograph a sense of poise and stability.

The high shoulder line raises its visual center of gravity. The roof flows into a subtly integrated rear roof spoiler — also in gloss black — to further enhance the car's aerodynamic appearance. Each of these measures create the QX60 Monograph's strong, stable stance.

Reflecting movement

"The platinum paint on the QX60 Monograph projects a sense of warmth," said Taisuke Nakamura, senior design director at INFINITI Global Design

The highly reflective nature mimics the qualities of liquid metal, allowing the surface of the body to capture the shadows and lights of the environment in which it is displayed, creating a sense of dynamism."

The black roof creates a strong contrast to the rich body color for a dramatic visual statement. The pillars, roof, front, side and rear glass all seamlessly connect — giving a panoramic feel to the cabin and promoting a sense of openness. Slim-line roof rails provide a practical counterpoint to the QX60 Monograph's sleek, sporty proportions.

Japanese inspirations

"The QX60 Monograph embodies the Japanese concept of ma, a sense of minimalism where designers seek harmony, adding just the right amount of elements with very specific meaning to create something special," Albaisa explained.

"This is evident on the body, where at a glance it is simple, but when you get closer, you see that there are elements that are playing against each other in a sense of harmony."

The intricate folds of traditional Japanese origami

were the inspiration for the inner mesh of the signature "double arch" INFINITI grille. The result is a two-dimensional surface that projects a sense of three-dimensional depth. The same mesh pattern is echoed in the side air intakes in the lower corners of the bumper. The wide track and the sharp lines in the bodywork combine to deliver a sense of stability and a sophisticated visual statement.

A large, panoramic roof features a "kimono fold" pattern. This geometric feature, a series of intricate perpendicular lines, draws inspiration from the folds of a silk kimono and the structures of Japan's modern architecture.

Lighting the path forward

Intricate "digital piano key" lighting at the front and rear projects a futuristic appearance and showcases INFINITI's desire to blend human artistry with the latest technology. The inner structure of the headlamp features a shape and pattern of lines inspired by an electrical heatsink device.

Bright white at the front and ultra-red at the back, the QX60 Monograph's lamps are accompanied by the glowing "infinite road" brand emblem. Combined, the opening light sequence begins at the logo and fans out to the headlamps in a dynamic welcome for drivers.

The rear lamps are tinted and, when extinguished, appear to wrap around the back of the vehicle and into the rear flanks in one continuous shape. Illuminated, the piano key lighting shines through to form a beautiful, futuristic light signature.

As a complete package, the QX60 Monograph reveals a transformation in the direction that INFINITI's designers are adopting for the next-generation QX60. The production version of the next generation QX60 is expected in 2021.

The QX60 Monograph will be available for the public and media to view at INFINITI's global headquarters in Yokohama and on the INFINITI stand at the 2020 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition.

Ford Announces Operational and Leadership Changes

Ford is continuing to streamline and transform its global business, making changes in how the company is organized and operates to deliver executional excellence that benefits customers and delivers sustained profitable growth.

Jim Farley, who today succeeds Jim Hackett as Ford's president and CEO, outlined key goals and organizational changes during a virtual town hall meeting with the company's global team. Farley said Ford plans to move with urgency to turn around its automotive operations – improving quality, reducing costs and accelerating the restructuring of underperforming businesses.

At the same time, Ford will grow by:

- Allocating more capital, resources and talent to its strongest businesses and vehicle franchises
 - Expanding its leading commercial vehicle business with a suite of software services that drive loyalty and recurring revenue streams
 - Offering compelling, uniquely Ford fully electric vehicles at scale around the world, including Transit, F-Series, Mustang, SUVs and Lincoln
 - Adding more affordable vehicles to its global lineup, including in North America
 - Standing up new customer-facing businesses enabled by Argo AI's world-class self-driving system
- “During the past three years, under Jim Hackett's leadership, we have made meaningful progress and opened the door to becoming a vibrant, profitably growing company,” Farley said. “Now it's time to charge through that door.”

“We are going to compete like a challenger – allocate capital to higher growth and return opportunities to create value – and earn customers for life through great products and a rewarding ownership experience.”

Ford is making changes to its operating model to help deliver on these priorities, including:

- Concentrating decision-making and accountability around product and customer groups in three regional business units – The Americas and International Markets; Europe; and China
 - Accelerating innovation to be a leader in new businesses such as autonomous vehicles and mobility
 - Harnessing expertise in industrial platforms to develop world-class connected vehicles
 - Unleashing technology and software in ways that set Ford apart from competitors
 - Embracing and increasing the diversity of backgrounds, experiences and talent across the company
- Farley said the company is targeting consistent operating performance that includes adjusted earnings before interest and taxes of 8% of revenue with strong automotive adjusted free cash flow, so the company can fully invest in customers and growth.

DO YOU KNOW?

- Jim Farley outlines key goals and organizational changes today as he becomes 11th CEO in company's 117-year history
- Plan is to turn around automotive operations; allocate capital to Ford's strongest franchises and high-growth opportunities; produce compelling, uniquely Ford electric vehicles at scale; and stand up new AV-enabled businesses
- Objectives include top-line growth, operational excellence, high quality and customer satisfaction, sustained adjusted EBIT margins of 8%, strong automotive adjusted free cash flow
 - New organization drives more decision-making and accountability into regional business units, supported by world-class industrial and technology/software platforms
 - John Lawler named CFO; company plans to add new CIO, CMO to leadership team.

Audi Q2: Peace of Mind

Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, commenced bookings for the Audi Q2 in India.

Whether for adventures off the beaten track or everyday life in the big city, the Audi Q2 is an all-rounder that will cater to the young, progressive Indian buyer. The Audi Q2 can be booked with an initial amount of INR 2 Lakhs. For the best ownership experience, Audi India is offering an introductory 'Peace of Mind' benefit that comes bundled with a 5 year Service Package with 2+3 years Extended Warranty and 2+3 years Road Side Assistance. Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, “We are extremely happy to open bookings for the Audi Q2. Our fifth launch for the year, the Audi Q2 is an extremely important product for India as it opens up a new segment of buyers for the brand. It is a Luxury All-Rounder that is big on features and extends the successful Q-family. The Audi Q2 is exceptionally spacious and versatile inside; the car blends performance and driving dynamics with practicality for daily

usage. I am confident that young buyers who want to join the Audi family early on will be amazed by the performance of this car. As an introductory offer, we are rolling out a 'Peace of Mind' benefit that includes a 5 year Comprehensive Service Package with Extended Warranty and Road Side Assistance. This introductory offer will enhance the ease of ownership of the Audi Q2.” Mr. Dhillon further added, “2020 has been an exciting year for Audi India despite the unfortunate pandemic and its challenges. Our product launches including the Audi Q8, Audi A8 L, Audi RS 7 and Audi RS Q8 have been very well received. In the Audi Q2, we have yet another strong addition to our portfolio and I am sure it is something that will add to the overall festive cheer.” Customers can book the Audi Q2 online (www.audi.in) from the comfort of their home or can register their interest at the nearest Audi India dealership.



DO YOU KNOW?

- Audi Q2 will be fifth product launch this year
- The Audi Q2 will cater to the increasingly progressive Indian customer
- Feature rich – equipped with connectivity, infotainment and assistance systems
- 0 to 100 km/h in 6.5 seconds; a fun to drive Luxury All-Rounder that comes powered by a 2.0L TFSI quattro
- Can be booked at all Audi India dealerships and on the official company website www.audi.in
- Introductory 'Peace of Mind' benefit: 5 years Comprehensive Service Package, 2+3 years Extended Warranty and 2+3 years Road Side Assistance comes complimentary with the booking
- Initial booking amount - INR 2 Lakhs.

BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé: Booking Open



BMW India has opened pre-launch bookings for the much awaited first-ever BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé from 6 October 2020 onwards. As an early-bird benefit, the car can be exclusively booked online at [https://](https://www.bmw.in/2)

www.bmw.in/2 for INR 50,000 only.

Additionally, for bookings before the official launch on 15 October 2020, complimentary Taj Experiences Gift Card worth INR 50,000 is being offered. The gift card can be redeemed for multiple transactions on stay, holiday packages, dining, spa and other experiences across some of the most luxurious properties in India. Customers can choose from Taj, SeleQtions and Vivanta Hotels and Ama Stays & Trails. The first-ever BMW 2 Series Gran Coupé brings BMW's successful four-door coupé concept into the segment for the first time. It injects a fresh dose of individuality, aesthetic appeal and emotional engagement to everyday usability.

Customers can visit <https://www.bmw.in/2> and explore a 360° view of the car's exterior and interior. They will be directed to a pre-reservation page where booking can be done through a secure online payment mechanism. Deliveries will be done on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Hyundai Motor launched i20

Hyundai Motor has revealed a first teaser of its latest high-performance model, the all-new i20 N, a racetrack-capable hot hatch based on the all-new i20 and inspired by the i20 WRC rally car.



As with other Hyundai N models, the all-new Hyundai i20 N offers exclusive engine performance and dynamic technology innovations to satisfy performance-oriented enthusiasts. The latest model joins the i30 N and i30 Fastback N among Hyundai's high-performance line-up in Europe. The all-new i20 N's design features a dynamic overall look based on Hyundai's new Sensuous Sportiness design identity, which gives the car a powerful appearance. The front is dominated by a larger air intake for the turbo engine and brake cooling. At the side, bespoke 18-inch wheels with a grey matte finish and N-branded brake callipers, as well as unique side sills, underline its sporty credentials. A distinctive rear spoiler enhances its aerodynamic performance so that it is fun to drive on any road and in all weather conditions. Meanwhile, the all-new i20 N's Performance Blue livery, which is exclusive to Hyundai N models, and Phantom Black roof for an optional two-tone style, as well as red exterior accents further emphasise Hyundai's motorsport DNA. To offer N-enthusiasts a further glimpse into the i20 N experience, the car's exhaust sound has also been teased in a short clip that reveals the characteristic tone of Hyundai N. More details will be revealed soon.

Audi service facility now open in Pune



Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, announced the opening of a new state-of-the-art service facility in Hinjewadi, Pune.

The new service facility houses 12 workbays for mechanical jobs and 07 workbays for body repair jobs. In addition, it houses a paint booth and a wheel alignment and balancing bay. The facility brings together PMGR workshop, bodyshop and a stockyard, all under one roof.

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, "In line with our focus on customer-centricity and providing superlative service experiences, I am happy to announce the opening of our new service facility in Pune with our partner Jubilant MotorWorks. Pune is an important market for Audi India as well as for the overall luxury car industry. As a brand, we are firmly committed to widening our sales and service footprint thereby creating an additional touchpoint in terms of network and bringing customers closer to the brand. Over the last few weeks we have seen a steady increase in after-sales activity. Keeping that in mind, the service facility was completed in just under 3 months to provide integrated solutions, all under one roof."

Audi Service Pune has the capacity to service 30 cars per day in a single shift. Technicians trained by Audi ensure the efficient upkeep of vehicles with approved equipment, tools and technologies to meet Audi standards.

ŠKODA AUTO : Artificial intelligence



The ŠKODA AUTO After Sales department and ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab are trialling a new smartphone app: "Sound Analyser".

The app uses artificial intelligence (AI) and helps to quickly and accurately identify the need for any servicing. The program records noises made by the respective vehicle whilst it is running and compares them with stored sound patterns. In the event of any discrepancies, the app uses an algorithm to determine what they are and how they can be resolved. In this way, "Sound Analyser" helps to make vehicle maintenance more efficient, reduce the time a car spends at the garage and achieve even higher levels of customer satisfaction.

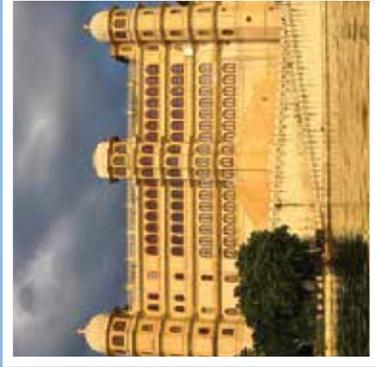
Stanislav Pekař, Head of After Sales at ŠKODA AUTO, said, "Sound Analyser is a prime example of the new opportunities digitalisation at ŠKODA can create, even in terms of after sales. We will continue to consistently use artificial intelligence technologies to offer our customers an even more personalised service, thus enhancing the customer experience even further."

Klaus Blüm, Head of ŠKODA IT, added, "At ŠKODA, we are consistently looking to comprehensively digitalise processes, products and services for our customers along the entire value chain. In order to be able to recognise the potential of innovations early on, develop them quickly and use them intelligently, we are continuously coordinating with the specialist departments to jointly implement new digitalisation projects."



Royal Journey of India
18 to 20 Nights

Delhi - Jaipur - Pushkar - Ranthambore
Sawai Madhopur - Kota
- Bundi - Chittorgarh - Bijaipur -
Udaipur - Kumbalgarh - Jodhpur -
Jaisalmer - Bikaner - Mandawa - Delhi



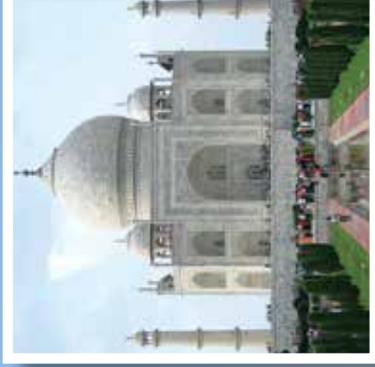
Archaeological Tour of Rajasthan
21 to 23 Nights

Delhi - Jaipur - Samode - Nawalgarh -
Bikaner - Gajner - Jaisalmer - Osian
- Khimsar - Manvar - Jodhpur - Rohet -
Mount Abu - Udaipur - Dungarpur
- Deogath - Ajmer - Pushkar - Pachewar
- Ranthambhore - Agra - Delhi



Majestic Kerala
14 to 15 Nights

Mumbai - Mangalore - Bekal - Wayanad
- Kozhikode(Calicut)
- Cochin - Thekkady - Kumarakom -
Quilon - Varkala - Kovalam



Enchanting Himalayas with Taj
13 to 15 Nights

Delhi - Agra - Darjeeling - Gangtok -
Phuntsholing - Thimphu - Punakha -
Paro - Delhi



Tribal Trail
15 to 17 Nights

Bhubaneswar - Dangmal - Bhubaneswar
- Baliguda
- Rayagada - Jeypore - Rayagada -
Gopalpur - Puri - Bhubaneswar



Buddhist Temple with North East India Tour
14 to 16 Nights

Delhi - Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Patna
- Kolkata - Bagdogara - Darjeeling
- Pelling (Pemayangtse) - Gangtok -
Kalimpong - Bagdogra - Delhi



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"Prima Donna" The Donning Diva This Wedding Season

The season is here, so is the confusion.... And to trick that confusion, I suggest few of my picks for this wedding season which are quick and easy stratagem to get that twinkling glam in every wedding. you mark your presence!!!

• **Vedika Sharma**

Every girl dreams of looking as ravishing and gorgeous as the bride any wedding she marks her presence to. But the biggest problem that arises precisely in the season of winter is of attires to choose from. Summers are always about adding glamour with those low waste lehengas, backless blouses, chiffon drapes, and what not... whereas winter brings with it frosty breeze, chilling nights and the catchy cold which makes her getting apart from looking sensuous and sexy.

But with the innovation in fashion and styling, winters are also becoming sexier in terms of adding that glam touch to your wedding function wardrobe out of which T3FS has come up with the three must try styling to your closet.

THE EVERGREEN INDIAN GRACE



One of the best and the evergreen classic looks of Indian weddings have to be a SARI with some not seen before or exclusive style of its draping and a nice sassy blouse. And winters are all about draping six yards of grace and dignity with the soft and cosy fabric of Silk, a heritage of Indian art and culture

THE BASIC SELECTION:

Silk material based Saris like Kanjeevaram, Baluchari, Paithani and Chanderi are the top of winter charts, one can pick from. For that twist to tradition pick, one can pick from Velvet and Art Silk fabric that gives an equivalent look of silk.

My favorite landed with the choice of Border work Kanjeevaram Sari in a dual tone of Black and Golden.

SORTING THE PERFECT BLOUSE:

Silk sari blouse combination is always a trick what if not done right, then may result to blunder. So, the right piece of advice would be to go for a light and basic blouse for heavy work sari and vice-versa.

Some of the silk varieties look even perfect with brocades, heavy zari works or just a basic silk piece. Styling the blouse can be done with designs like:

- Collar or High Neck Pattern;

- Jacket Style Blouse;
- Sleeveless/Three-fourth sleeves or
- Designer back styles.

My pick for the Kaanjevaram would be a zari woven jacket style blouse in a no-sleeve cut.

Style to Drape

The Silk Saris gleams a perfect grace when draped around with

- Floating Palla;
- All Pleated Palla; or
- Tucked in Pleated Palla

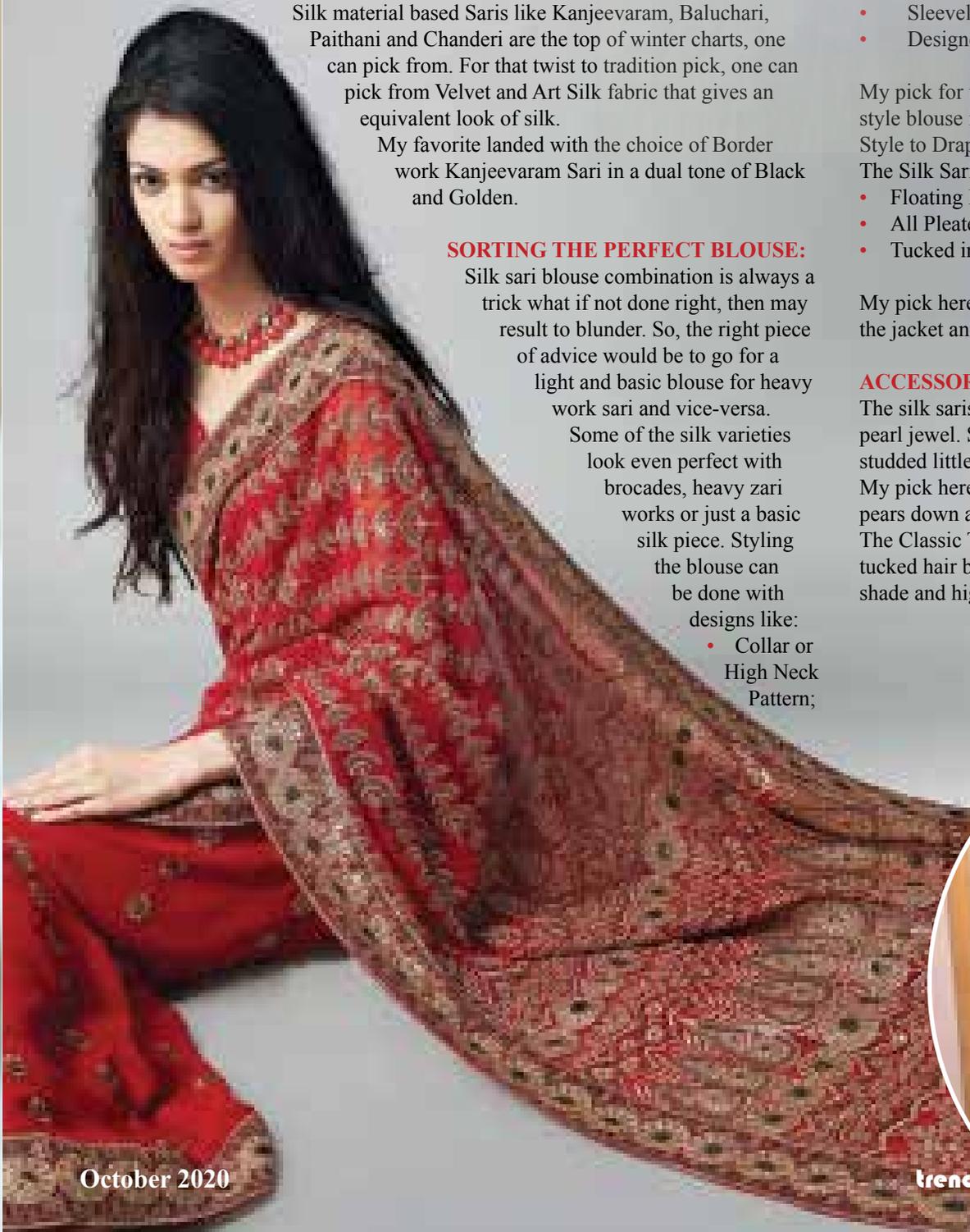
My pick here is favorite with pleated pallas tucked in through the jacket and landed a bit low to waist line.

ACCESSORIES TO ADD ON

The silk saris always mark radiance with the classic golden or pearl jewel. So one can opt for nice carved temple jewellery or studded little pieces of pearl jewellery.

My pick here would be a bit heavy Chandbali studded with pearls down and a temple art in it.

The Classic Touch Up: With this one should opt for a nice tucked hair bun and a minimal make up a good red lipstick shade and highlighted black eyeliner.





Scintillating Indo-Western Style



Another hottie look of this winter season wedding is teaming up a long wide/low high skirt teamed up with poncho (Ponchu) or a simple floor length jacket with crop top.

THE BASIC BOTTOM:

The primary selection of skirt can be finalized on going for the fabric varieties of either light velvet or dupion/tussar silk or a net fabric skirt. My selection here ended up on a happy note of going for a dupion silk fabric with wide area of A-line style with low thin border work.

Sassing up the top:

The Skirt style lehengas go best with a crop top over which if you want you can team up a nice stylish poncho or a classy long jacket.

UPPER OPTED CAN ALSO BE DESIGNS LIKE:

- Side slit
- Three cut classic

After a tough competition of choosing one best pick, I opted for a poncho style as I found jacket style classic though commoners.

ACCESSORIES TO ADD ON

A thin line chain over neck line along with long earring or pair of bold studs can let down your look.

My suggestion for that bold quirky look will be in the favor of a good pair of earrings to keep it starry.

The Googly Woogly Woosh Touch Up: An open hair straight or wavy hair will surely add that charm with the minimal pinkish tone make up of rosy cheeks and matt pink lipstick and light shade of eyes



The Tempting Twisted Lehenga Look

One of the most desirable outfits any girl would like to opt in any Indian wedding has undoubtedly to be a Lehenga-Choli but why not to think indifferent this time while you wear this attire. The twist to the tale would be dropping the idea of draping Dupatta and instead going for a shawl or a cape with the choli.



THE BASIC BOTTOM:

The lehenga will look best if it is not of a very heavy work pattern rather dawn it for a younger trendy way of opting for light colors, shimmers or something out of league.

My out of box idea is wearing a silver sequin work lehenga.

SASSING UP THE TOP:

The choice of choosing a same base choli and teaming it up with a cape or shawl that would help you get the warmth needed in D-day's cold wavy night

The off-beat set up for my diva look is going for a cape over the choli that has long floor length sides.

ACCESSORIES TO ADD ON

The lehengas always look graceful with any indian metallic and gemstone jewels. In my suggestion you may go for some diamond or ADs to add that glitter to your look.

You can have a floral piece over your ears and two layers of stones on the neck.

The Finale: Go for a loose bun in your hair styling or just a half clutch style if you don't want to completely tuck your hair. The touch up can be done with bronze mineralized finish and light grey shade eyes and a plum shaded lips.

My suggestion for that twisted look would be that loose bun with few flinges to take off the beats of other hearts An open hair straight or waivy hair will surely add that charm with the minimal pinkish tone make up of rosy cheeks and matt pink lipstick and light shade of eyes.

Matters of The Heart are Complicated

Love is like life. Each moment is not easy and each moment does not bring happiness.

• **Abhishek Mukhia**

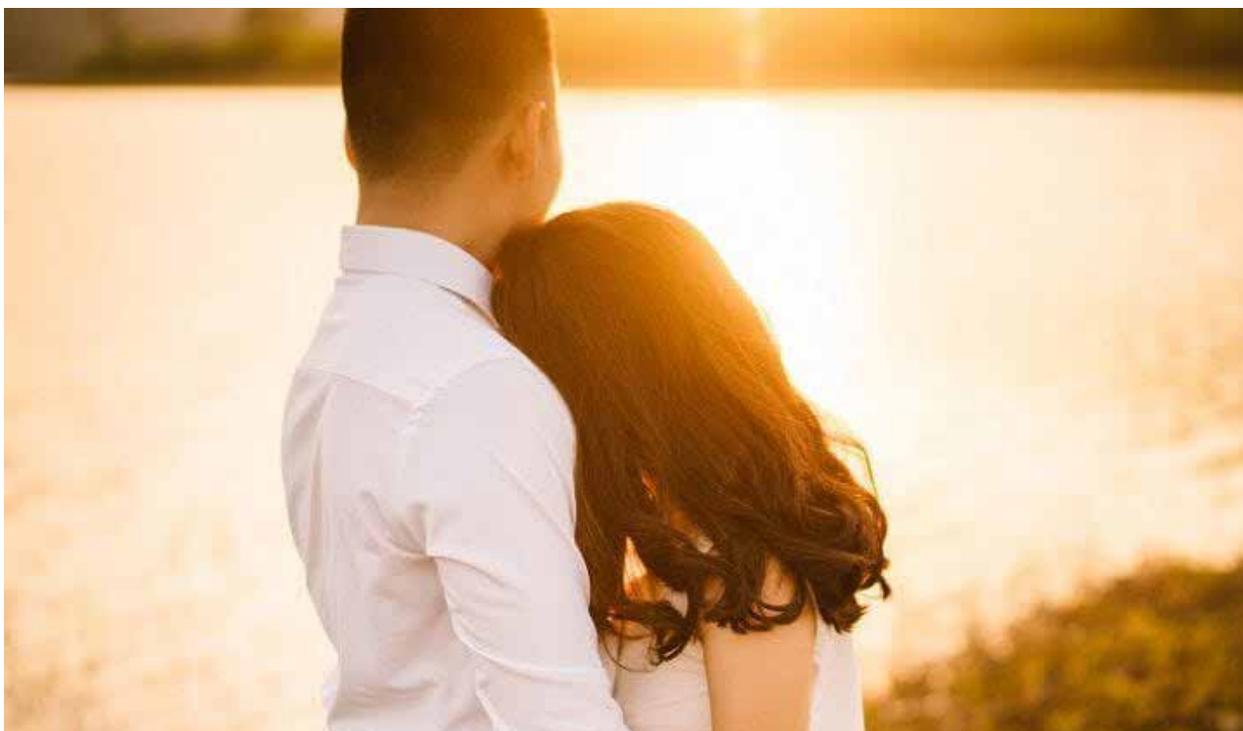


A relationship is an intricately woven bond which has its pros and cons. It often falls apart due to misunderstandings, peer pressure, betrayal, jealousy and insecurity. A large number of teenagers become depressed when their relationship falters and ends abruptly. Social and economic reasons can be the driving force behind a failed relationship. In India, the people are so class conscious that they sometimes put a hindrance in the love affair.

William Shakespeare was right when he stated, "The course of true love never did run smooth." The journey of love is never as easy as ABC. It takes courage, sacrifice, dedication and honesty to build a love nest. Many people say "No love, no tension." The statement gives us an impression that love ultimately breaks us and fills us with tension. If one wants to experience love then he or she must also be able to withstand internal and external obstacles that come their way. A relationship is as delicate as porcelain and as fragile as a dragon fly's wing. People are like running water even if we try to take hold of them on our hands, they will ultimately flow and never come back. The definition of love in today's time has changed drastically. What used to be a romantic love before has now become lustful to fulfill selfish desires. The concept of love is no longer fancied. Young men and women think of ending their precious life if a problem arises in their bond. Is this the solution to an issue? Why is the true meaning of love not understood by many?

Love is like the early morning sun rays that give hope, confidence and solace. It is graceful, wonderful and beautiful. Love is about understanding each other, accepting each other and vowing to always remain faithful. But, the reality is different today. Arguments, anxiety, trouble, fights, sadness and discord are some elements that surround love. The relation of heart is difficult, uncertain and unfathomable. We always appreciate the external beauty of a person without knowing their inner side. Who knows that a handsome man can mend a relationship just to make your life problematic? What if a beautiful lady desires to be in a relationship with you only to take away your money and property in the end? It is so evident that people of various age groups fall into this trap and love fails.

Most college couples display affection in the public just to attract a large number of students to gain appreciation. Little do they know how they are facing glitches internally? When the guy leaves the girl, she is torn apart and her life becomes like an open book. In such a case, depression overtakes



her and she does not find joy in living. Her mental condition would deteriorate and she would sob every time. Is love really important? There's passion in love but peace in friendship. Passion may fizzle away within a short span of time but peace is constant. Very few people assert "Love is fake." The real essence of love has altered since years. The India Cinema has often shown love in its most gracious form but the sad reality is that relationships are never always happily ever after. A bond of love generally falls down the ground. Never is love as strong as the 'Covalent Bond'. Promises and pledges are unfulfilled.

Emily Bronte in her novel "Wuthering Heights" narrates us about the incomplete love story of Heathcliff and Catherine. The book is a reminder of how love can lead us to death. It stretches the message that lovers are emotionally vulnerable and the result of a relationship can be devastating. Complication is the key factor in love. There comes a time in our life when we feel like detaching from our beloved and living a single life. During such a situation, the air is filled with apprehension and confusion. We are puzzled and we want to give time to ourselves leaving everything behind and starting a fresh life. Where is love in such moments? Gone with the wind?

In the western world, the citizens are happy to go lucky and unbothered when it comes to love. This is the reason why people divorce a lot and forget each other that they can hardly remember the people who once mattered to them. The environment is such carefree that it allows adultery. On the contrary, the Indians are somewhat devoted in terms of relationship but this does not imply to everyone.

"Broken but beautiful" can be an apt phrase to categorize a lovelorn person. It's the heartbreak that teaches a lesson that love is not always about rainbows and blue skies but it can also be dungeon and emptiness. Many recover from such circumstances but for few,

the memories of the past still haunt and do not let them sleep. Unrequited love is the most painful yet powerful as it gives pain to the ones who are left unloved and empowers them with a faint ray of hope that someday they would be reciprocated. The pathway of love consists of thorns, social stumbling blocks and minor issues that can cause grief and harm to one.

We have always believed that once a lover comes in our life, things would fall in the right place. It is such a false notion or an illusion. If we run after it, we get momentary happiness. People come and go in our life but what remains are memories and moments which once used to excite us but now it's etched on our minds that we lose hope, trust and belief in a relationship.

If you haven't experienced love till now, then you should. You will feel love as a coffee, half bitter and half sweet. Why don't you realize that matters of the heart are complicated? When will you learn that bonds of love can shred into pieces like bits of paper thrown everywhere on the table? It is astonishing to come across people who have been together for fifty to sixty years and still they are happy despite tough times. But, this is an example of an old generational couple. Today, things have changed and everything is moving at a fast pace. Love is like a Chinese mobile that has no guarantee. The more you love, the more you face challenges. Sometimes these challenges and hurdles can be life taking and would cause bitterness. Oscar Wilde said, "Hearts are meant to be broken." It is better to remain alone than being cheated, lied and left in the chasm of darkness. Every single day, people are betrayed and they are bound to live a sad life. Relationships are very complex in nature. Love leaves us wanting more and the thirst for having someone is never quenched. People are meant to fall in love with each other but not meant to be together. Therefore, matters of the heart are complicated.

Gleeden: The confession dairies!

Dating is a very fascinating subject and when it comes to dating for adults, the complexities go to a whole new level. It requires a lot more compatibility, trust and emotional backing. For some, it can be termed as Infidelity but from the outset it's just love and as we all know it sees no boundaries.

In order to know more about these complexities of adult dating, Gleeden; a popular extramarital dating platform in India conducted a survey among its users from Metropolitan cities and the respondents were quite candid in their approach. It was found out that Gleeden users from Delhi are most likely to cheat on their partners within the first 3 months of their relationship with 30.5% votes whereas these love birds are most unlikely to cheat their partners once their relationship goes beyond 5 years. The Southern region of the nation is headed by Hyderabad with 26.1% of users agreeing to cheat on their partners within the first 3 months followed by Chennai with 25% and Bangalore with 23.4% votes. After the completion of 5 years in a relationship, the stats for Infidelity

goes down but is still prominent with Chennai leading the pack with 20% votes followed by Hyderabad with 19.6% and Bangalore with 19.1% votes. Mumbai on the other hand has a constant graph all throughout the relationship with 23.4% respondents agreeing to commit Infidelity within the first 3 months and 24.2% of them confirming their extramarital affairs even after 5 or more years in the relationship. The respondents were also asked about the different factors that they would consider as Infidelity when committed by their counterparts apart from the obvious physical intercourse and the responses are quite interesting. After physical closeness, Virtual sex or Intimacy is the prime factor that is considered as Infidelity by the Gleeden users. In this category, Chennai people

are objecting the most with 44.4% votes, Mumbai is the 2nd in the list with 43.7% followed by Delhi at 42.5%, Bangalore at 40% and Hyderabad at 36.3%. Fantasizing about someone else while having sex or masturbating is another prime concern for these users. Here Delhi leads the pack with 45.7% votes followed by Mumbai at 45%, Hyderabad at 41.2% Bangalore at 37.7% and Chennai at 35.9%. The survey also points out a red flag for the eye candies, as real life flirting is another prominent issue that will be considered as Infidelity by these users. Delhi has given the maximum votes in this category with 43.5% users voting in affirmation followed by Bangalore at 41.2% and Hyderabad at 38.3%. Users from Mumbai and Chennai have given a unanimous decision with 36.8% of votes.

ideaForge launched micro drone, RYNO UAV

ideaForge, India's largest manufacturer of drones for defence, homeland security, and industrial applications, has launched its new drone RYNO, a micro category (<2 kg) survey-grade drone designed and specialized for high accuracy mapping applications.

It enables users to perform highly efficient land survey operations to develop accurate maps and 3D models. It is the only micro category drone to meet all the stringent specifications laid down by Survey of India (SOI), India's principal mapping agency and perhaps, the largest mapping agency in the world. SOI has qualified ideaForge's latest micro UAV for mapping India's diverse and challenging landscape under the country's Swamitva Yojana which is the largest drone-led mapping project in the world. RYNO UAV is equipped with an advanced mapping payload and state-of-the-art PPK module to deliver superior centimetre-level accuracy. The drone boasts of <5 cm Typical X, Y Accuracy at 60 m AGL and <10 cm Typical Z Accuracy at 60 m

AGL in real-world conditions. The drone punches above its weight with a class-leading flight time of over 40 minutes and range of up to 4 km. With a minimum area coverage of 1 sq. km. at 120 m AGL (for UAOP holders in India) per flight, RYNO UAV ensures mapping projects are completed faster. In fact, the performance of this UAV is comparable to higher and much more expensive categories of drones. Being a micro category drone, RYNO UAV has the lowest training requirements as per the civil aviation rules. With its affordability and superior performance, private surveyors and large enterprises across industries such as oil & gas, renewable energy, power generation, mining, manufacturing and construction can produce highly accurate detailed maps and 3D models to achieve

operational excellence in mapping projects. The UAV is also NPNT-ready to ensure compliance with Indian drone regulations. Speaking on the product launch, ideaForge CEO, Ankit Mehta said, "We are committed to creating an Atmanirbhar Bharat and building Made-in-India drones for the world. RYNO UAV is our first specialized mapping drone and we are extremely pleased with the fact that SOI has qualified our micro drone for mapping Indian villages. For us, it is the biggest validation of the drone's capabilities and its ability to perform flawlessly anywhere in the world. We are confident that with RYNO UAV's competence to deliver superior and reliable results, we have raised the bar in industrial drone technology for mapping applications."

Your one-stop wedding shopping destination

Here's a good news for all the brides-to-be and grooms-to-be, who wish to shop for the dream day in the comfort of a luxury mall.

KW Blue Pearl, which is synonymous with crown for the jewellery hub (Karol Bagh) of the capital city, is all set to launch central Delhi's first luxury mall named 'K W Blue Pearl' that will be offering everything related to weddings under one roof. The luxury mall has been designed and developed with a view to establish themselves as one-stop luxury wedding

shopping destination that will only have high end jewelry and accessories. While the mall will cater everything related to luxury weddings, the key highlight is expected to be jewellery, as the mall will focus keenly on designer and statement jewellery. From gold to diamond to precious stones, the mall will offer an array of varieties that will surely leave every bride-to-be awestruck.

Pankaj Kr. Jain, Director KW Group (Blue Pearl)

The idea is to offer a holistic shopping experience to brides and grooms. Keeping the USPs of the mall, we are expecting a huge footfall from Delhi/NCR and other cities as well. It's going to be one-of-a-kind high-end luxury space, serving all varieties of jewellery from a wide range of exquisite brands. I am sure that this mall will redefine the luxury shopping experience for people and will become a must-visit space for fashion and wedding aficionados in India.



SuperCric

AnalytIQ Sports Technologies, a Bangalore based sports tech start-up of the Kabbadi Adda fame has raised an angel funding of an undisclosed amount for India's first 'Cricket Manager' simulation game 'SuperCric'.

This funding is raised from Malta based company, Nordanvind Gaming. Pontus Lemberg, Director of Nordanvind Gaming, already owns other cricket and content assets in India. Now he wants to reflect their deepened understanding of the Indian Markets and make active investments in gaming assets in India. SuperCric, built with a proprietary simulation tool, is developed as a first of its kind sports engagement tool which will facilitate better decision making for the invested cricket fan. In a new genre of game play - fans are putting their cricket intelligence and judgement against the traditional knowledge of teams. Can you outsmart Rohit or MSD on the field is the real question?

The funds raised by SuperCric will be used to invest deeply in product development and customer acquisition. The company plans to launch the game and expand its user base to 10 million by the end of the IPL.

SuperCric is the brainchild of ex-cricketer and IPL presenter Suhail Chandhok and husband-wife entrepreneurial duo of Arvind Sivdas and Dhanya Param both IIT Madras grads, who also co-own Kabaddi Adda. This platform is the

Kabaddi world's fastest-growing digital content & distribution platform which offers deep insight into the Kabaddi ecosystem with an audience over 28 million+.

The Simulation tool has been built with Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered proprietary cricket simulator based on real historical match data worldwide. Cricket fans can now put on their Captain's hat and see how each choice they make in the game has an implication on the outcome of the match. By testing their choices and gauging the possible outcomes through this tool, fantasy players have an opportunity to widen their chances of winning bigger in their fantasy games this IPL. SuperCric is not a fantasy platform but an ideal tool for fantasy gamers to make smarter choices and provide them with the probability of a win with 90% accuracy rate. In the immediate future, SuperCric aims to target every fan tuned into this year's IPL with viewership numbers expected to be in excess of 600million people across India. A former professional sportsman hailing from 3 generations of Sport, Suhail Chandhok is currently one of India's leading Sports Presenters & Commentators, having been the face & voice of

global sporting properties such as the Indian Premier League (IPL), Pro Kabaddi League, Wimbledon Tennis, among several others. Chandhok played professional Cricket in

Australia & the UK and enjoyed a stint with the IPL's Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2009 & 10. Many cricketers like Virat Kohli, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Suresh Raina, Kapil Dev, etc have been seen making a beeline and moving from the cricket space into the online cricket ecosystem. Suhail being an ex-cricketer and a sports presenter this IPL, has now joined this bandwagon too. He will now take this opportunity to reflect his experience and knowledge gathered over the years in SuperCric.



Rediscover Paradise

In its quest to get the world back outside when it is safe to travel and explore nature, Corona that has long been synonymous with the beach and natural world announced the launch of 'Rediscover Paradise' program in partnership with Thrillophilia, a leading online curator of experience-based gateways.



Chitra Gurnani Daga,
Co-founder and CEO of
Thrillophilia

Thrillophilia has been recognized as the go-to brand for unique travel experiences. Given the current diminishing landscape, we were keen on helping small players in the

sector that may not be able to survive unless given the much-needed fuel to kick start. So when Corona reached out to us with the Rediscover Paradise initiative, we were thrilled to support their endeavour. With both brands being rooted in the outdoors, there was complete synergy in the foundation to aid the sector and serve a common purpose of reviving tourism. We've worked together persistently to roll out the crusade to millions of our users. Our vendors are presently focusing on getting all sanitization and hygiene measures in check to be prepared to welcome travellers when deemed safe.

The initiative aims at promoting local tourism by offering exciting deals to encourage consumers through a book now, travel when safe platform, while also providing financial aid to the struggling travel and tourism industry.

In the initial stage of this campaign, the brand has pre-purchased rooms at independently run homestays and resorts that have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, around Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore thus, offering some immediate financial relief. Corona globally pledged to provide aid to over 1000 hotels across the world with over 14,000 hotel room bookings.

Alexander Lambrecht, VP Marketing – South Asia, AB InBev



We are delighted to partner with Thrillophilia to launch 'Rediscover Paradise' program, in line with our long-standing commitment to the travel and tourism industry that we connect with. We have over the years, passionately adopted beaches across the world and outdoor living is deeply rooted in all our efforts. Now more than ever, as the communities go through a challenging period, we stand in solidarity with them by extending our support. We aim to build a movement that brings together avid travellers to embrace the outdoors once again, but only when it is absolutely safe. By booking a stay now for future travel, we can ensure support to a great number of ground staff who have, for so many years, worked hard to enable us to have a pleasurable holiday. Now it's time we stand up for them and secure the future of the industry.

Prediction for October 2020 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

Withhold judgment for now, and don't make premature evaluations. Your work will start off bright, and then turn dark, and then bright again. Don't worry, after a slight reversal you'll see material gain or a good outcome. Money that was promised

or anticipated will be delayed, but should arrive shortly. You will want the same things as before, but with a different partner or in a different way. It can't be the same as it has been... it must be better. You will be an emotional wreck or will have bouts with insomnia or troubled sleep.

Lucky colour: Grey
Lucky number: 9



TAURUS

You will succeed in overcoming difficult situations, and in obtaining the help of a professional. You are going to experience tension related to finances, but difficulties will be overcome and a payment or settlement is in the offing. You'll take a break from your work or current project and do something more pleasurable. Something that moves you from behind

the scenes to center stage (maybe a workshop or seminar) or mental work will be very successful and a lot will get accomplished. An amorous and impetuous suitor is going to try and win your heart... he/she just might. You will finally take a much-needed rest, and will be nursing yourself or a loved one back to good health.

Lucky colour: Brown
Lucky number: 10



GEMINI

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

love and what it would be like to live with someone or get married. You will try to accomplish too many things at once and that will affect your health adversely. Also, do not ingest food that you are not certain of. In the end you will triumph, and all matters will conclude successfully or to your satisfaction.

Lucky colour: Ink blue
Lucky number: 2



CANCER

You will hold off on an idea because you won't be ready to commit or will feel the time isn't right or that there's too much hard work involved. You'll have repeat clients, and some financial increase or profit, but will be waiting for something to happen or turn up, and will fear the work you're doing has little value or that you won't be able to sustain

yourself in the future. Financial problems will arise over someone who will stick you with the bill or try to take more than their share, but you will have enough to get by. You will be waiting to see what a lover will do. This could also indicate a sudden flight from home, but not a permanent one. You need to get more rest, and to get rid of those who 'zap' your energy or take all and give nothing in return.

Lucky colour: Red
Lucky number: 3



LEO

You can expect an increase in your finances, which will allow you to spend money on gifts or luxuries, and if you had a problem collecting money it will be resolved. You will prosper in all financial transactions, complete every task you set out to do, and accomplish much more than you thought you would; and/ or you will succeed in launching

great plans, building new platforms, and making executive decisions. You'll be thinking about the one you love and will want to be with him/her again, and he/she will be thinking the same about you. You will be worried about a physical condition (yours or that of another) and your teeth may need attention. Also, if you are concerned about a tumor, it will be benign.

Lucky colour: Jade
Lucky number: 1



VIRGO

Expect a new beginning and a fresh start. You will suddenly become more goal-oriented or motivated and will have the wherewithal to attract whatever it is you need in your work environment, and/or you will receive a considerable increase in salary or income. A new partnership could also be in the making.

You will do very well financially or in your business transactions. Though you don't think so now, a new romantic beginning or rekindled affair is at hand and a great love affair is imminent. You will experience stress and/or will find it difficult to ascertain the problem or obtain the correct medication.

Lucky colour: Green
Lucky number: 2



LIBRA

You will review the quality of your love life or relationship(s) and will realize that's exactly what you want- quality not quantity- and so far its been the other way around. Someone will displease you, unearth hidden insecurities, or make you feel that your work is inferior or that your job is in jeopardy.

You will be feeling a definite crunch in your pocketbook and will wonder where your next rupee is coming from. But your finances are about to improve. Your teeth will need attention. Wait for time to take its course.

Lucky colour: Red
Lucky number: 3



SCORPIO

There will be discussions concerning travel, schedules, or marketing; new groups or unions; and philanthropic endeavors. Money will be fair or alternating from good to bad, and will be spent on household items, living expenses, and various sundries. And, if a financial transaction has been

bothering you, you'll soon have a pleasant surprise. Also, money will come in through clients, dividends or legacies. There will be no love life at this time because all of your activities will be geared to daily living, family ties or your home. You, a family member or a pet will need attention, shots, grooming or looking after.

Lucky colour: Royal blue
Lucky number: 4



SAGITTARIUS

You will be easily irritated, explosive or impatient but will change because a new vision or romantic opportunity will inspire more confidence or optimism. Personally you will be weighted down with responsibilities and feeling that you will have no one to lighten your load or ease your burdens.

Professionally, you will make many important contacts, but will have to wait for things to unfold. Your greatest success will come through new or repeat business contacts, but will want to make more. You may suffer from tension headaches or lower back aches.

Lucky colour: Peach
Lucky number: 7



CAPRICORN

You will soon experience better financial conditions and a pleasant surprise. You will be concentrating on making money or bettering your financial condition so you'll busy yourself with activities geared to promoting or advancing endeavor. Your sense of connectedness with another is going to end, a partnership will look as if its over and

a business is about to fold. Beware the demon rum, which will give you the courage to act impulsively; or someone you know may have a drinking problem. This also indicates that one who's been ill or had surgery is on the road to recovery.

Lucky colour: Orange
Lucky number: 6



AQUARIUS

You'll need to rest before commencing any new ventures. Some unexpected or surprising news is going to overthrow existing conditions and bring a new opportunity. Your financial position will improve considerably and success will come through improved business, new opportunities and recognition for your talents. You will be concerned

about the lack of business and money and may begin to feel that you've made a mistake, but you will try to take a positive point of view and wait for the final verdict. An unexpected event will destroy your trust in the one you love or your love for that person.

Lucky colour: Canary yellow
Lucky number: 8



PISCES

Change will bring a new perspective and a new you, and by putting your pessimism or insecurities behind you, you'll become a much stronger and happier person. You will run into conflicts which will require a great deal of emotional control, but you will master the situation internally rather than moving into an external fray. You will be paid

that which is owed or due to you, but will feel shortchanged or cheated. You are going to be disillusioned and disappointed in a relationship you thought would work but didn't. You could have physical premonitions of that which is to come, or be subject to strange sensations, sleeping disorders, or lumps, or cysts.

Lucky colour: Pink
Lucky number: 5

#CoffeeLovers

Whether you prefer a rich black cup or the classic flat white coffee, New Zealand has a little something for every coffee lover out there.



While the pandemic kept people at home, the lockdown saw online coffee sales surging with the desire for café style caffeine.

Over the last couple of decades, New Zealand has developed a coffee obsession with more than half of Kiwi connoisseurs going out of their way to get a good cup of coffee – from flat whites to a latte and even a classic cappuccino.

The city of Wellington is known as the ‘coffee capital of the world’ with an estimated 40 roasteries in the city that provide beans for cafes all over New Zealand. With around 850 cafes and restaurants, this is more per capita than even New York City, and every one of them has a coffee machine.

Commenting on the demand for great coffee globally, Founder of Bow & Tie, a micro roastery, Gustavo Nervegna, says, “I think around the world New Zealand has been setting a good standard of coffee making. People go to cafes that are owned or operated by Kiwis and that’s where they can find a decent cup of coffee. It’s about constantly trying to improve. The milk is another important aspect, we are a dairy country so it’s easy to improve milk quality. Coffee is just two ingredients, coffee and water or coffee and milk. Those two done right, that’s it, you have everything. Having good quality milk in New Zealand is a massive difference.”

Here are some of the top coffee roaster cross café locations in New Zealand. Should you find yourself in the country when borders re open, be sure to check them out!

People’s Coffee, Wellington

The city’s first Fairtrade roastery, they are committed to the wellbeing of the farmers that supply their beans. Their coffee is grown by small fair-trade farmers who band together to form co-operatives in Africa and Central and South America and roasted in Wellington’s Newtown area. Their packaging is compostable and if you take your coffee with milk, rest assured that’s organic too. Hit up their café in Lukes Lane.

L’Affare, Wellington

Serving cups of Joe in Te Aro since 1990, head roaster Kevin Murray is a qualified Q-grader, one of only a handful in the country. Their coffee specialist David Green is a World Barista Championship judge so you can be assured your

caffeine is in good hands. There’s now a spot in Newmarket too, so Aucklanders can get their hands on it.

C4, Christchurch

Sitting pretty in a new location but with the same dedication to ensuring excellent coffee, food and service; everything is made on site, including the roasting of its fresh, high quality, ethical beans which wafts through the modern, airy design.

Revolver Espresso, Rotorua

This is the only independent coffee roaster in Rotorua and it aims to bring unique and handcrafted coffee to the region. Sit with your brew around the big communal table and strike up a conversation with the barista when you buy your beans, it might be owner/operator Andrew behind the machine.

Common Ground Espresso, Dunedin

A small batch roaster, they brew by espresso at their roaster. Visit for bags of beans, cups of joe, a small but well-rounded library, and smiles on faces. They stick to core values of quality and care, and it shows in the people and the cup.

The Hangar, Wellington

The Hangar was created to house the roasting and wholesale operations of Flight Coffee way back in 2012. As is the Flight way, setting up shop in a car park was step one. Some warm macrocarpa went in to line the walls, an espresso bar on one side, a roaster down the back and the Wellington-based flagship was born. The Hangar became a place to share how we roast with people who were drinking our coffee, somewhere we could geek-out.



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