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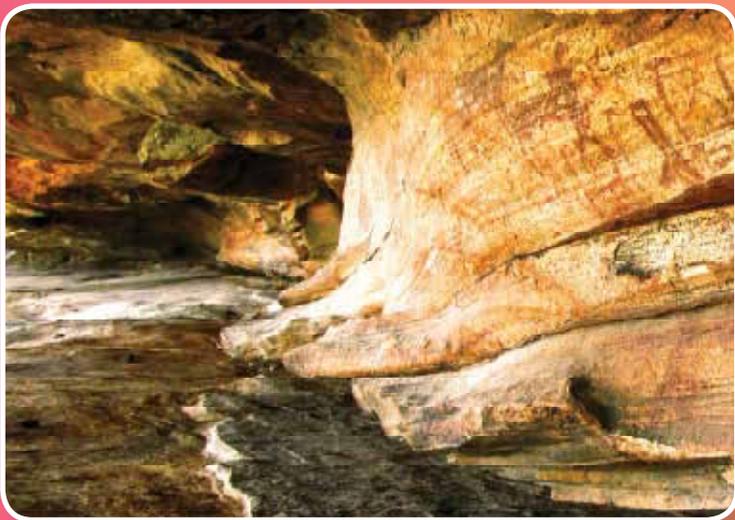
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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

*Dear Readers*

**W**inters are almost here and it's time to plan the much-awaited holiday during the upcoming Christmas and New Year break. Whether you are planning a solo trip or a family vacation to snowcapped mountains or want to explore beautiful beach, it's time to book now. Putting an end to your destination hunt, we make a list of the perfect destinations across India and around the world in our cover story which will help you make your decision.

Not only this, we covered untouched beauty of Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh (UP) is a one stop destination for tourists where it's having everything for everyone. With the name Uttar Pradesh, first thing that comes to our mind is one of the seven wonders of the world- The Taj Mahal, second its sparkling cities like Varanasi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Lucknow, etc. but there is much more beyond that to touch the untouched beauty of Uttar Pradesh. Here we are covering a few destinations you must add in your list while planning your trip to experience the true essence of Uttar Pradesh.

In hospitality, we come up with the listicle the most royal suites in India for modern king and queens. If you are looking for a magnificent experience then you must know that India is home to plenty of such royal properties that offer ultra-posh rooms giving you a taste of the Maharajas' lavish lifestyles.

These luxurious hotels have some exceptional suites representing the quintessence of the typical arts, reflecting India's opulent past, rich cultural heritage, and royal history. Every second spent here gives you ultimate rest, comfort, and a feeling that you are some modern king or queen of this world.

Whereas, in lifestyle, we focused on



the luxury brands for girls/women's winter Christmas and New year shopping.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go it's glistening once again with candy canes and silver lanes that glow. The Christmas Collection from brands is once more ready and waiting.

All the shops are waiting for the divas to commence their merry shopping. Simple details have been carefully explored by brands to offer a festive feel. Every individual has something waiting to be purchased by them in one shape or the other.

Additionally, in smart stuff we featured the best options from various brands for Christmas and New Year gifting.

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The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts announced the launch of 'The Leela Palace Trail' - a thoughtfully curated itinerary that is a majestic celebration of India's palatial grandeur defined by its rich cultural heritage, immersive rituals and bespoke signature programming with the true graciousness of Indian hospitality.

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# ETAA: Destinations Training Session

As part of its endeavor to encourage and abreast members on latest travel developments and new destination opportunities, The Enterprising Travel Agents' Association (ETAA) organized a Destination Training Session on Vietnam in partnership with Global Destinations – an eminent representation firm, representing Threeland Travel Vietnam. It was well attended by the members across Mumbai.



**M**oving forward in the post pandemic era with a strong intent to restructure, expand and strengthen its national presence the ETAA Board Meeting was held on the 26th November 2022 chaired by the

Founder President & Chairman Emeritus who has decided to devote more time for ETAA in its Silver Jubilee year 2023-24.

The Board Meeting called for some important appointments. They appointed two new chapter chairmen; Jeevan Hendre Western region and Saurab Tuteja Northern regions respectively. Kaushik Banerjee and Princy K D continue as chairmen for Eastern and Southern regions. The board has also appointed Abhijeet Khadilkar, former National General Secretary and Dipti Thakoor, former Joint National Secretary as additional Directors. Mr. Khadilkar to look after membership services while Mrs. Thakoor will be responsible for sponsorship and events in coordination with core teams from each Chapter covering East, West, North & West India.

“We are re-grouping in the post-pandemic scenario and trying to take ETAA forward in our silver jubilee year,” said **Carl Dantas, Founder President & Chairman Emeritus, ETAA**. “ETAA will celebrate 2023-24 as its silver jubilee year. To mark its 25th year, the association will organize two conventions-domestic and International”.

Mr. Jagat Mehta, President, ETAA, highlighted “This time around we have selected a training program for Vietnam as it is fast emerging and one of the leading destinations from India. Besides this the country is tourist friendly and also offers value for money to travellers”. We will be doing similar programs for Vietnam in other Regions in association with Global Destinations.

An elaborate destination presentation was given by Global Destinations a reputed B2B Sales, Marketing and Representation company. Global Destinations represents Threeland Travel renowned as a premier Destination Management Company in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar for over 20 years, delivering high-quality travel packages, value-based travel services and MICE across our region. With 2 decades of experience, they pride themselves on the immense knowledge of the destinations and years-proven professionalism with an expert team of in-country consultants.

Mr. Pruthvi Khetani, COO, Global Destinations highlighted, “The purpose of this activity was to engage with ETAA members and provide for information on new product offerings serving leisure, luxury, MICE, visa assistance and special event segments. We are confident, to see good uptake for Vietnam and the destination would register a healthy growth in the next 3-4 years in terms of the arrival of Indians.



## FiturNext Observatory unveils the winning initiatives of the 2023 Challenge

Plogging Tour, Iberostar Group and Green Pepper Travel are the winning projects of this edition in the categories: regeneration of the terrestrial and aquatic environment and the management and promotion of environmental regeneration, respectively.

**F**iturNext, the FITUR Observatory dedicated to promoting good tourism practices in terms of sustainability, unveils the winning initiatives of the 2023 Challenge focused on how tourism can contribute to the regeneration of the natural environment. Plogging Tour, Iberostar Group and Green Pepper Travel are the winning projects in this year's three categories: regeneration of the terrestrial and aquatic environment, and management and promotion of environmental regeneration, respectively. The awards ceremony will take place on 18 January at the Madrid International Tourism Fair (FITUR).

### Two barometers to analyse impact and replicability

As in each edition, the Observatory follows the same process of selecting winning and finalist initiatives through two measurement models. The Replicability Barometer assesses the chances of the initiative being adapted and replicated in different contexts, resources and actors. On the other hand, the Impact Barometer analyses the potential of the initiatives by measuring the degree of participation in the project, the previous work carried out and the impact on the environment where it operates, among other aspects. After this measurement, the conclusions of the FiturNext Advisory Board, with its international external evaluations, have been taken into account for the final verdict.

### Regenerating and conserving the natural environment: the focus of the winning initiatives

The three winning initiatives have in common their contribution to a more conscious and responsible way of travelling that helps to regenerate the natural environment of the destination visited, with the participation of the local community.

Specifically, Plogging Tour is a foundation that combines sports tourism with waste collection for environmental conservation. The initiative has been awarded in the category of land regeneration, for its positive impact on the territory and its level of replicability in many countries. With more than 30,800kgs of waste collected, this tourism activity allows visitors to leave the place that welcomes them better than it was and to promote the circular economy.

Meanwhile, the Iberostar Group presented, as part of its pioneer movement Wave for Change, a roadmap for coastal health, which won it the award in the aquatic environment regeneration category. This initiative promotes a model of responsible tourism focused on the conservation of coral, marine species and coastal ecosystems to make them resilient to climate change. Both hotel staff and guests are involved in these actions, and among the most popular activities is the visit to the Coral Lab.

# Indian School of Hospitality partners with Karma Lakelands

Karma Lakelands and École Ducasse ISH Gurugram announce partnership for an experiential farm at the Karma Lakelands Golf Resort in Gurgaon. The students of Indian School of Hospitality (ISH) will be initiated into organic farming, beekeeping and other eco-friendly initiatives of sustainability and conscious living – a vision shared by the founders of École Ducasse, ISH and Karma Lakelands.



Conscious living / Eco Initiatives have always been at the heart and helm of most endeavours at Karma Lakelands since the resort was developed. From being targeted as a zero-waste property to soil building, planting trees, rewilding, practicing bee farming and bio composting of plant & animal waste, life at Karma is an incredible example for meaningful and sustainable existence. At Karma, nature friendly initiatives and conservation practices that support and promote sustainable living are a way of life. As a resort, it strives to minimize our carbon footprint and execute the initiatives and actions to reduce the use of energy and water, while avoiding the use of plastic.

The idea for the farm came when École Ducasse-ISH sought additional locations to fulfil demands for herbs and organic produce in their kitchens. The farmland shall feature seasonal ingredients and regional plants that account for most of the ingredients used on campus. It will encourage farm-to-table practices, sustainable sourcing, and relying on locally-grown crops. Additionally, students shall participate in practical learning sessions in the open classroom and the rustic kitchen. They will also be guided by an expert on organic and sustainable farming at Karma Lakelands.

Talking about the initiative, **Mr Dilip Puri, the Founder and CEO of ISH**, says, "Indian School of Hospitality has always adapted its teaching philosophies to meet the needs of the ever-changing culinary and hospitality industry. As

interest in learning about the origin of food increases, we have responded by offering students opportunities to harvest agriculture responsibly. It will allow us to incorporate sustainable approaches into the culinary coursework, like the Bachelor's programme that features classes on food policy, ecology of food and farm-to-table concepts. This way, students will be encouraged to develop mindsets towards sustainability and eco-friendly farming."

Sharing his thoughts on the partnership,

**Mr Ashwani Khurana, Founder & CEO of Karma Lakelands**, says, "We at Karma Lakelands are committed to protecting the sanctity of mother earth through our various Environmental care - Conscious living initiatives. Collaborating with ISH is yet another step to motivate youth, the future of our planet, towards soil building and experiencing growing healthy food. We aim to promote the concept of living mindfully by minimising waste generation & its innovative management."

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# National Roundtable Workshop on Neurodiversity

Tata Power Community Development Trust (Tata Power CDT) and the Indian Hotels Co. Ltd. (IHCL) jointly organized the first National Workshop on Neurodiversity in Mumbai with a focus on Autism Spectrum.



**Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power**

Tata Power's Pay Attention network strives to mainstream individuals with Autism and Neurodiversity. This workshop co-hosted with IHCL, will speed up our efforts to develop a pan-India ecosystem of services in the area of Neurodiversity which is severely constrained by lack of awareness, a weak support system and subpar diagnostic facilities.

Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, MD & CEO, IHCL; Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI, who pressed upon the need to enable cross-sectoral collaboration among government, corporates and not-for-profits to strengthen the pan-India support ecosystem for ASD. They also urged the academic/research institutions and social enterprise incubators to contribute to as ecosystem enablers by plugging in innovation and inclusive phygital solutions, where viable.

In alignment with the company's D&I policy, Tata Power aims to bring people with Autism to the mainstream and groom, mentor and hire interns and associates with neurodiversity. The company will support them in enhancing skill sets, persona and facilitate an inclusive and accessible workplace environment.

Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyanjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI presented the schemes & key initiatives of the Government aimed at building an inclusive and equitable society with equal opportunities for the growth and development of people with disabilities. He also mentioned the keen interest of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in empowering the divyangjan and making them an equal partner in country's journey of growth. He said, "The government has taken various steps like setting up cross-disability



**Puneet Chhatwal, MD & CEO, IHCL**

We are glad to join hands with Tata Power for scaling up the Pay Attention network for Autism and neurodiversity support by leveraging IHCL's vast footprint and volunteers across the country. In line with Paathya, IHCL's framework of sustainability and social impact measures, we believe in making inclusivity mainstream. At IHCL, we are committed to empower the neurodiverse community through focused skill training in line with our diversity and inclusion mission.

early intervention centers across regions and has increased the number of disabilities from 7 to 21 (including Autism Spectrum Disorder) under the RPWD Act, 2016. This milestone initiative has paved the way to augment support for a large number of neurodiverse people across the country. I appreciate this endeavor which aims to bring together a robust support ecosystem for Autism and I believe this will go a long way in driving inclusivity."

Mr. G. Vijaya Raghavan, Honorary Director, Centre for Autism and other Disabilities Rehabilitation Research and Education (CADRRE), and Ms. Foram Nagori, Head – CSR, Tata Power addressed the delegates, who were later divided into focus groups to deliberate on critical themes like early detection of ASD and timely intervention, making mainstream education sector inclusive, and deploying progressive technology and scaling through Hub and Spoke Models. Ms. Jyoti Kumar Bansal, Chief Branding, Comms, Sustainability & CSR, Tata Power summarized the key next steps that emerged from these deliberations and encouraged the group to continue working collaboratively to further systemic improvements and integrated actions.

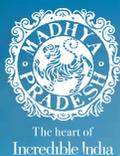
Ms. Gauri Arora from the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office shared her experience on building cross-sectoral networks and the need to identify priority areas. Dr. K. Vijay Raghavan, Former Principal Scientific Advisor to the GoI shared his insights on research and technology efforts in the field of neurodiversity. Mr. Ferose V R, Senior Vice President and Head of SAP Academy for Engineering, Founder of 'India Inclusion Summit' and founder of SAP's "Autism at Work", shared his experience and learnings as a parent and from hiring talent with autism and advising on enabling supportive environments in many other corporates.

The workshop brought together representatives from the Tata Group, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (GoI), The United Nations, practitioners and domain experts from the field of neurodiversity to deliberate and implement phygital interventions and support programs in Tier 2, and Tier 3 cities and rural India. A series of pre-consultation with experts from the field were carried out to put forward challenges and recommendations for working group to deliberate in the workshop. Several ground visits to early intervention centers in different regions were also conducted, along with a Disability Tech Expo event with set of experts to get maximum possible range of insights from the sector.

According to estimates by the Indian Council of Medical Research, India is home to more than ten million individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The event aimed to create a collective platform for key actors to optimize existing efforts, cross-pollinate and enable required support ecosystems for early diagnosis, acceptance & care by leveraging the combined power of technology, people, corporate and Govt. schemes networks. The roundtable served as a prelude to form a National Working Group that will work jointly with key actors in this space including the Government of India - for taking forward sustainable value-adds & support programmes' integration in the current system.

The day-long brainstorming session was part of Tata Power Community Development Trust's PAY ATTENTION initiative, India's first phygital Autism Support Network. The session saw participation from Mr. K. M. Chandrasekhar, Independent Director, Tata Power, and former Cabinet Secretary, GoI; Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power;



# Rejuvenate yourself IN THE CITY OF JOY MANDU



## MANDU FESTIVAL IS ALL SET TO HOST YOU TO RELIVE ART, CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND CUISINES IN MADHYA PRADESH

Mandu is a place that mesmerizes travel bugs for all the right reasons. This magical destination is mostly preferred to be visited during and post monsoon. The city is full of heritage sites like Rani Roopmati Pavilion, Hoshang Shah's tomb, and Baz Bahadur Palace, etc. that make it one of the popular tourist attractions in Madhya Pradesh. When you set out on a journey to a destination as beautiful as Mandu, you tend to fall in love with

its scenic beauty.

The town which houses one of India's biggest forts- 'the Mandu Fort,' says the story of legendary romance of Rani Roopmati & Baz Bahadur and also displays the ancient afghan architectural marvels.

Let's talk about the Mandu Festival organised by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board in December every year to invite tourists from across the world to witness the real beauty of

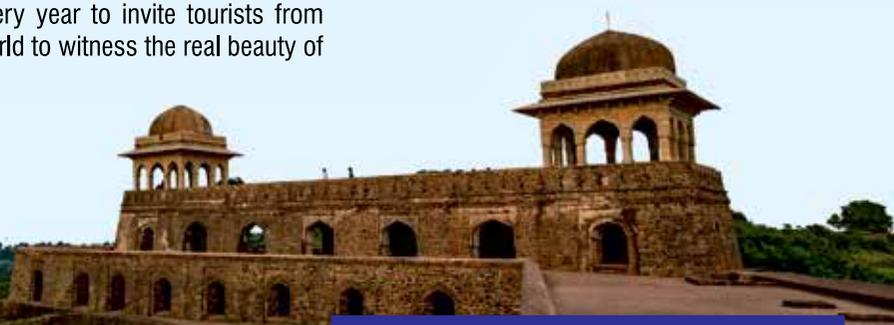
this ancient town which has existed ever since the 6th Century BC.

Mandu Festival or Mandu Mahotsava is all about enjoying the vibrant culture, music, arts, heritage, and cuisines. The event, which is organised by Tourism Board in every winter, showcases live concerts, local art, craft and cuisine, adventure sports, cycling expedition, rural excursion, and much more.

The city has gained immense popularity ever since the first Mandu Utsav in 2019 in Madhya Pradesh. It also provides a platform to local art and culture to get recognition nationally.

## HISTORY AND ATTRACTIONS OF MANDU

*Roopmati Pavillion*



The city of Mandu is adorned with spell-binding Afghan architecture surrounded by baobab trees, native to Africa. The City is synonymous with one of the most famous tragic love story of the melodious Rani Roopmati and the last independent ruler of Mandu, King Baz Bahadur, amongst other things. Its establishment goes as back as the 6th Century. It was a division of the Tarangagadh Kingdom and it houses the largest fort in the history of India which is still defended by the holy Narmada River from its south which was once a powerful dynasty in the Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh. The grand palaces are still alive with royal romance while the gateways (Darwaza) speak of a history of imperial conquests.

Floating on two water bodies- Kapur and Munj Talao, the Jahaz Mahal in Mandu looks like a ship that's about to sail. However, for centuries this ship made of stone and mortar never did. Instead, it stood floating over the twin lakes, bearing a silent witness to Mandu's long, rich

and varied history. During monsoon, the water level reaches the edge of the monument thereby giving it a ship like appearance & hence the name Jahaz Mahal.

Apart from Jahaz Mahal the city is adorned with many magnificent places including: Kakrah Khoh waterfall, Rani Roopmati Pavilion (a striking view of Narmada river), Hindola Mahal, Baz Bahadur's Palace, Jami Masjid, Champa Baoli and Hammam, Ashrafi Mahal, Jain Temple, Taveli Mahal and Nilkanth Mahadev Temple.

### **Connectivity:**

**By Air:** The nearest airport is at Indore, 100 km away, connected to Mumbai, Delhi, and Bhopal.

**By Rail:** Convenient railheads are Ratlam (124 km) on the Mumbai-Delhi main line and Indore (99 km)

**By Road:** Regular bus services connect Mandu with Indore, Dhar, Mhow, Ratlam, Ujjain and Bhopal. Best Season: July to March, with the monsoon months being the best.

## ACTIVITIES DURING MANDU UTSAVA

- Live concerts and musical performances
- Hot Air Ballooning
- Cycling expeditions
- Adventure Sports
- Adventure Activities
- Art & Culture exhibitions
- Light and sound show
- Rural Excursion and interaction with local communities
- Yoga and meditation session
- Heritage walk
- Horse riding in the pristine village of Malipura
- Traditional folk dance and music performances by local artists
- Classical dance performances

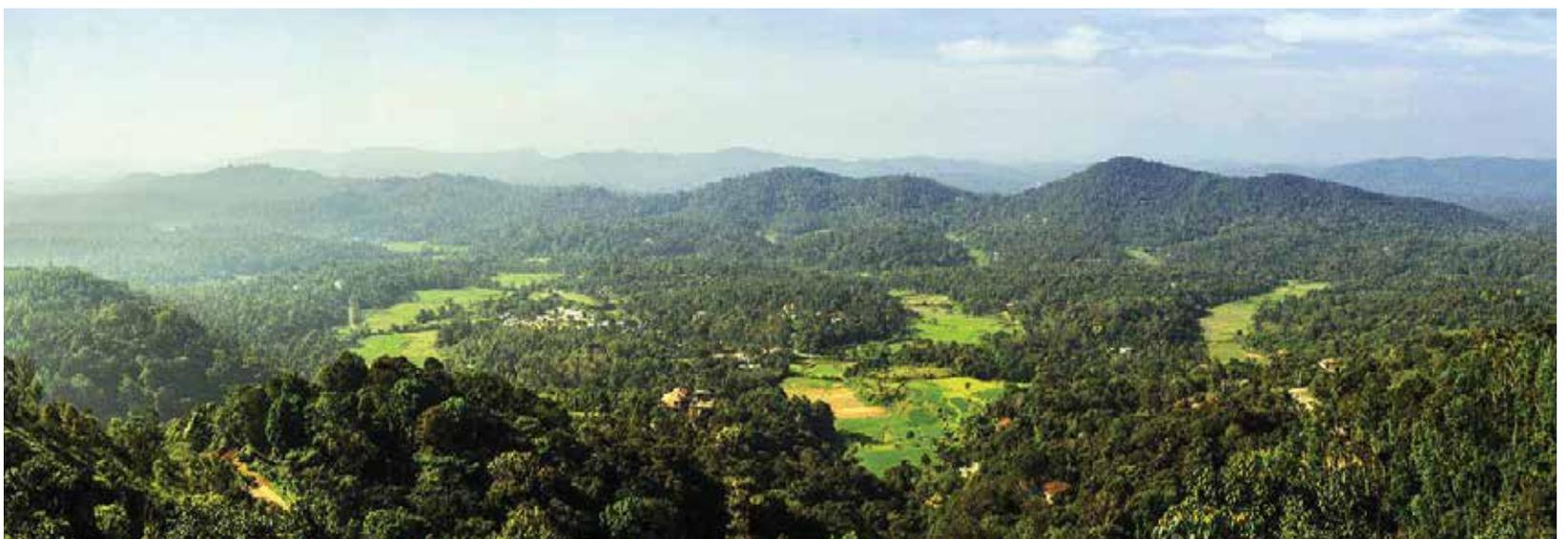




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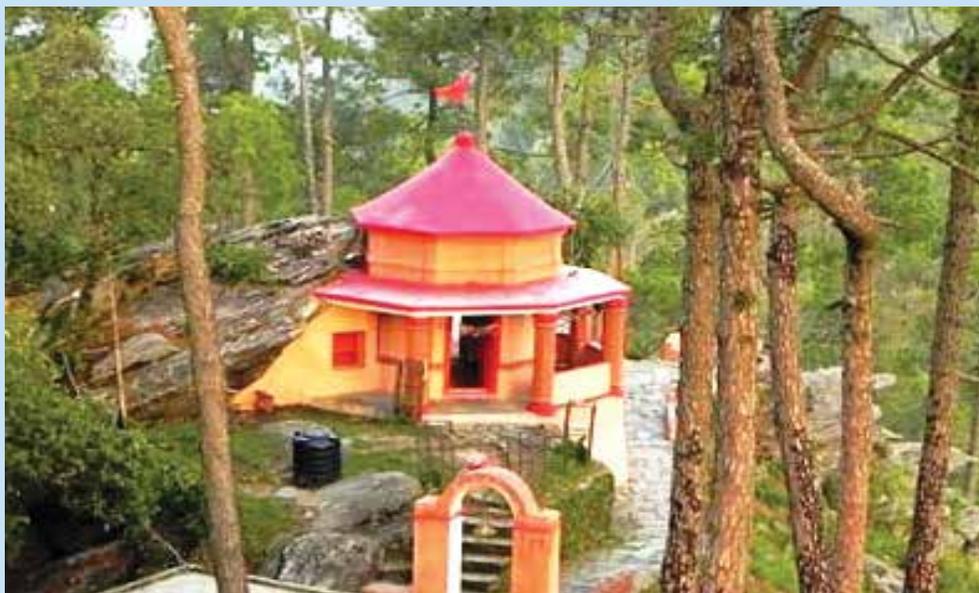
# Munnar

A must visit for nature lovers, Munnar is a gem of a place in South India. In short, a visit to Kerala cannot be considered complete without a visit to this destination. Munnar, the famed hill station of south India, is a romantic locale where natural beauty is everywhere to visit, explore and to enjoy. Situated about 1600m above sea level, the hill station had been the summer resort of the British Government during the colonial era. Imprints of the colonial past stand tall in the Munnar town in the form of English country cottages. Virgin forests, savannah, rolling hills, scenic

valleys, numerous streams, huge splashy waterfalls, sprawling tea plantations and winding walkways are all part of the great holiday experience on offer for a traveler to Munnar. Munnar is also known for Neelakurinji, a rare plant which flowers only once in twelve years. The 'kurinji season' in Munnar is a magnificent sight when the hills and valleys get bathed in the blue of the Neelakurinji blooms.



# Almora



In the hills of Uttarakhand, winter is the season of festivities as hill folk unwind after the grueling monsoon and autumn months. On a typical winter morning, Almora is an island jutting from a sea of milky fog, known as haul in the local Kumaoni tongue. The Township of Almora is the district headquarter and has all the facilities for a tourist of twenty first century. This ancient hill station is reputed for its health giving climate and is perched on a five Km. long horse saddle shape ridge in between the river Kosi and Suyal and has been a cultural and political region of Kumaun for almost four hundred years, settled by Chand Rajas and nurtured by the British. One can have a panoramic view of the snowy peaks of Himalayas on any clear day and in addition a glimpse of the township with its tiled roofed houses and paved streets would take you to the sixteenth century in some thoughtful moment. Nearby places of tourist interest where an excursion can be made within a day are Bright End Corner's unforgettable sunset, Chitai temple with its unique collection of brass bells of all sizes, gifted to the temple by devotees since centuries, Kasar Devi which houses many Europeans who fell in love with the place so much that they settle down, Nanda Devi Temple the cultural and religious center of Almora for now hundreds of years and Lala Bazar a unique market of more than two hundred years with paved streets of stone. Almora is the best destination to plan winter vacation.

# Goa

Goa in winter is more charming and eventful than any other season in the party state. Goa, situated on the west coast of India, is one of the most delightful states of India. Formerly a Portuguese colony, it is endowed with a variety of attractions including palm fringed beaches, miles of golden sands, lush green country-side, an incredible mosaic of cultural heritage, magnificent churches, temples, forts and monuments and a unique cultural synthesis of the east and west. With its tropical climate, Goa is a tourist destination for all seasons. Goa is a treasure trove of culture, music, dances and art forms that can be enjoyed during local festivals and celebrations. Animal lovers can visit the State's wildlife sanctuaries. It is often said that 'Goa never stops partying'. The city is known for its vibrancy that attains its pinnacle in the annual Goa Carnival festival.



# Bali

Surreal, enthralling, and soothing describe Bali in winters. And, despite the myth that heavy rains on the island make January a bad month to visit, we can assure you that it has a plethora of experiences for you to enjoy even during the wet season. Water sports, too! There is no other place like Bali in this world. A magical blend of culture, people, nature, activities, weather, culinary delights, nightlife, and beautiful accommodation.





## Coorg

Plan a trip to Coorg this winter to experience pure bliss amidst lush greenery. The misty landscape, lush green forests, and enchanting waterfalls will entice you to visit Coorg in December with your friends and family for the perfect winter getaway this year! Coorg is an alluring hill station in Karnataka, blessed with mesmerizing waterfalls, towering hills, scenic views, and sprawling coffee plantations. Referred to as 'the Scotland of India,' Coorg is located amidst paradisiacal surroundings, offering endless opportunities for tourists to get closer to nature and its wonders. Besides natural beauty, the region is also a renowned cultural hub. Coorg is home to Bylakuppe, India's second-largest Tibetan settlement. With so much to explore and experience, Coorg is a must-visit destination in Karnataka.

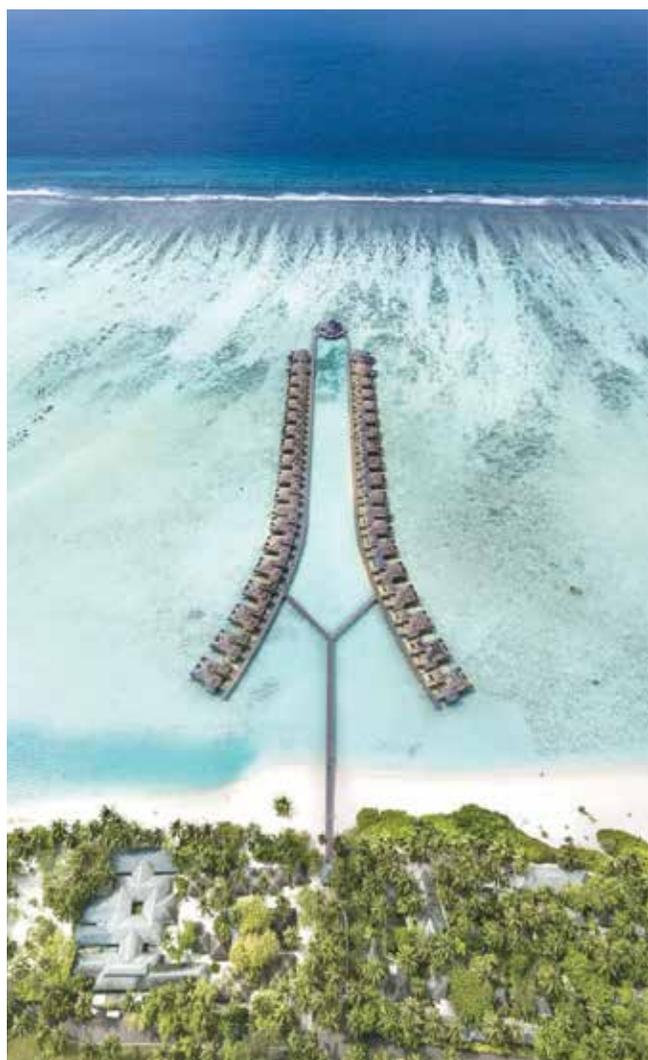
Apart from this, if you are planning to travel international destinations this Christmas and new year then you can visit these amazing and exotic destinations around the world.





# Maldives

If you are planning a staycation this winter, there is no better place to be than the Maldives. This is an especially good option for those who dislike the cold months. At this beachfront location, you can enjoy the sun and sand! The Maldives has one of the most delicate environments anywhere on the planet. Coral reefs are the foundation of the islands. They offer protection to the tiny islands as its natural defense system, and the country's economy depends heavily on the health of its reefs and ecosystems. Although home to just over half a million people the Maldives has its own unique culture and traditions. While heavily influenced by various cultures around the rim of the Indian Ocean, the Maldivian culture, craft and traditions have been shaped by the island environment and the seas that surround us.





# Las Vegas

From milder weather to exciting winter events, winter in Vegas gives you the opportunity to explore and enjoy the area in comfort. Winter in Las Vegas means glittering lights, New Year's Eve Street parties, and cool desert nights. Book a winter hotel in Las Vegas to experience the best of the city. Las Vegas, or as this Mojave Desert icon has very appropriately been dubbed, Sin City, is where debauchery, delight, and razzle-dazzle intertwine in spectacular fashion. It is the party of all parties; where the drinks flow round-the-clock; where world-famous celebrities grace stages all

over town; and where millions and millions of tourists flock without fail, year after year, in search of a much-needed getaway.

Despite its chaotic reputation, the Entertainment Capital of the World still offers much more than just high-stakes casinos, rowdy nightclubs, and slot machines everywhere. The list of Las Vegas tourist attractions is surprisingly incredibly diverse, offering something to thrill-seekers, families, nature lovers, shopaholics, and foodies who demand nothing less than top-notch dining can all enjoy.





# Florida

Florida is a pleasant place to visit in the winter, with cooler weather, holiday activities, and endless sunshine. The humidity of summer fades, and festivals, fairs, and outdoor adventures take precedence, making it ideal for exploring Florida's pristine coastline and natural outdoor landscapes. Florida is the ideal vacation spot for people looking for warmth, beaches, stunning scenery, and cultural attractions. The Sunshine State is renowned for its ideal year-round weather, which makes a vacation to the beach ideal.

You can choose from a variety of informative and enjoyable

attractions, such as visiting NASA centres, scuba diving, or even admiring forts that are hundreds of years old, even if you don't want to go to the beach or to a theme park.

Visitors to Florida can engage in outdoor activities like hiking, golfing, and fishing.

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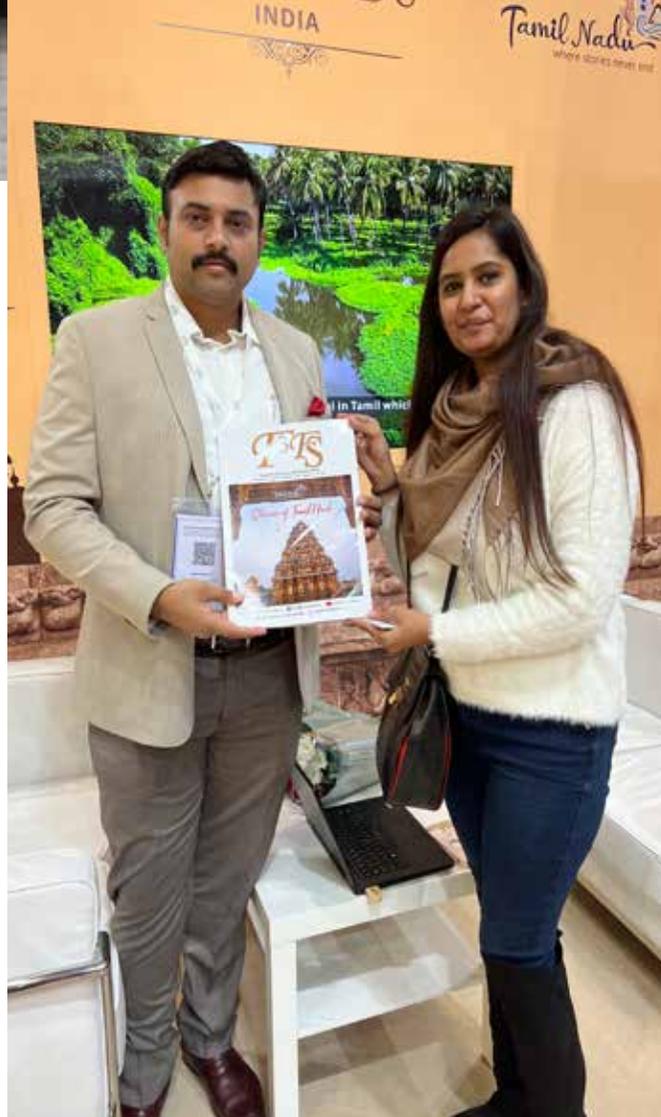
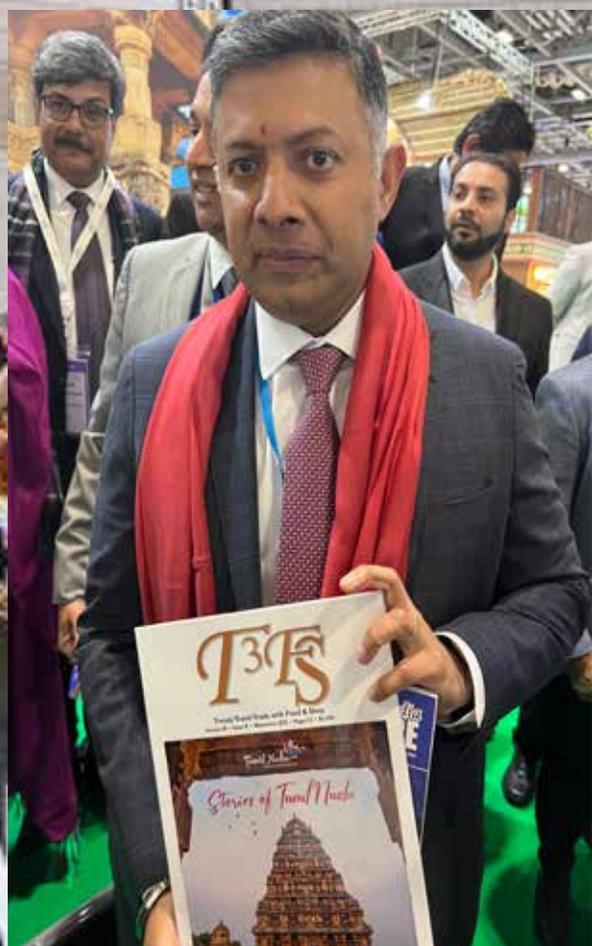
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# WTM London 2022: Huge Increase in Buyer Attendance

• Vedika Sharma

An incredible number of travel professionals walked through the doors at World Travel Market with over 35,800 people participating – exceeding expected attendance – and presenting over double the attendance than that of 2021.

One of the key attendee types at WTM London is global travel buyers – individuals with direct purchasing responsibility for travel product. This year, buyer numbers were up 25% compared with 2021. This significant increase is a direct result of ongoing efforts by World Travel Market to map and engage the global buyer audience – reflective of a post pandemic world – homing in on the detail that ensures they receive a flawless event experience.

Specific elements laid on for travel buyers included 1-2-1 speed networking, access to a luxury Buyers Club lounge, fast track entry, a concierge meeting service, as well as an integrated diary function within the official WTM App – all ensuring their time at the event was well spent.

In addition to that, WTM London saw ministerial representation from 55 nations across the world – up 15% on 2021, 165% increase in exhibiting personnel versus 2021, and over 1500 media in attendance – representing over 70% increase on 2021.

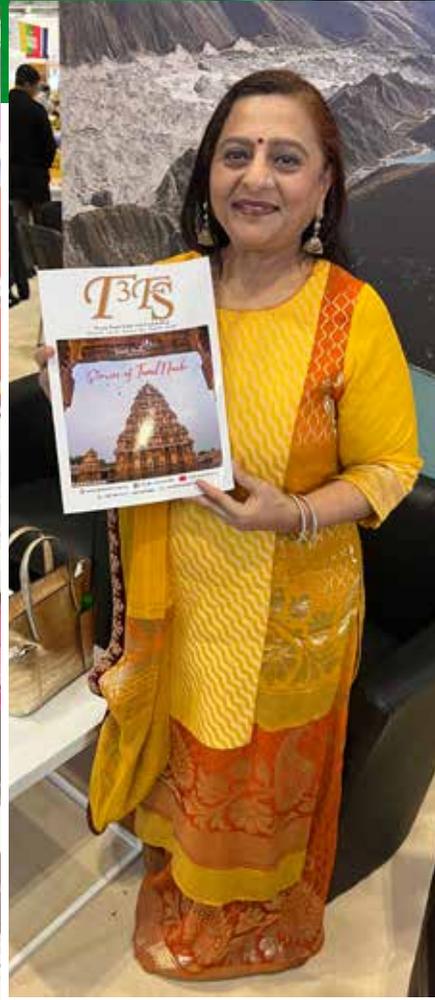
2022 attendance at WTM London showcases a sector in recovery and demonstrates an appetite to do business and meet face-to-face.



## Day 1: Sustainability

Sustainability was the key theme for the first day of World Travel Market London, as travel experts, ministers, destinations, tourism firms and airlines gathered in the ExCeL exhibition centre.

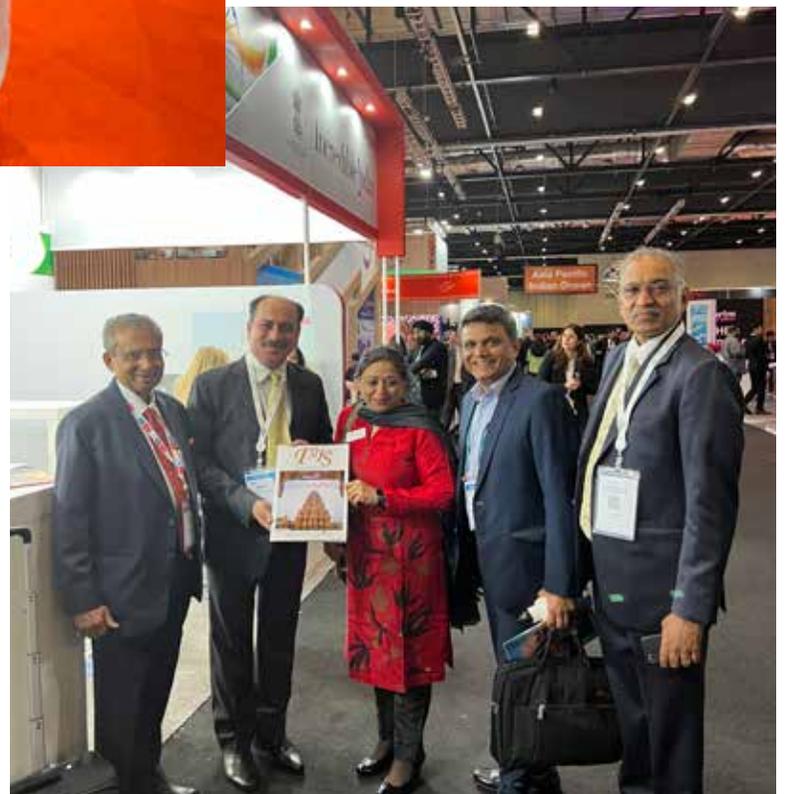
Other themes for panelists included accessible travel, how technology can improve the experience for travellers, diversity and inclusion – and how responsible tourism is good for business.





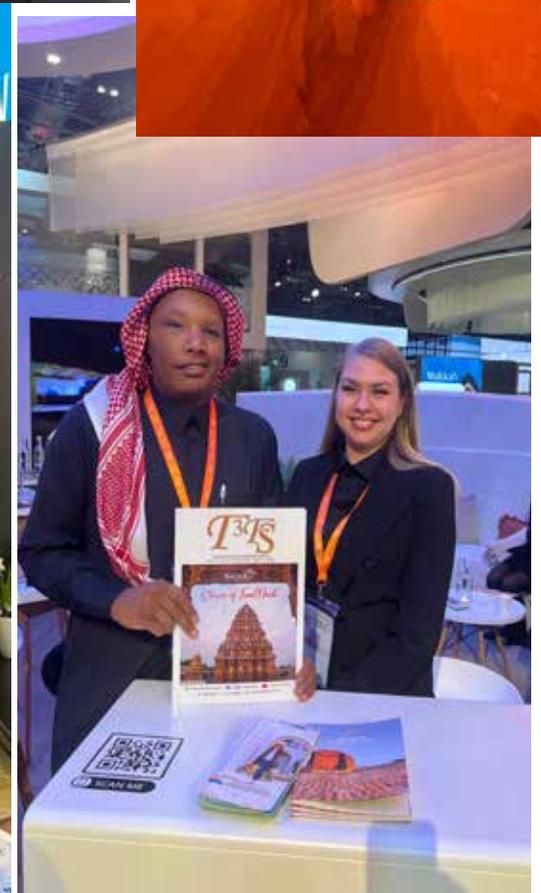
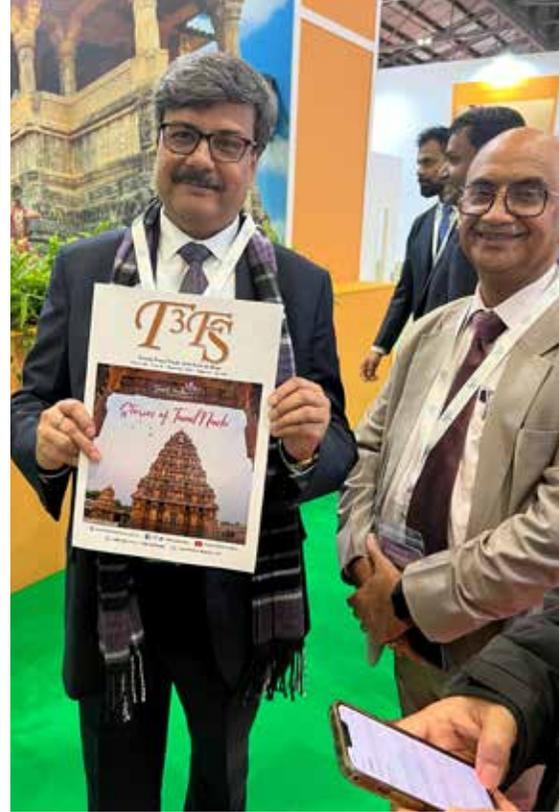
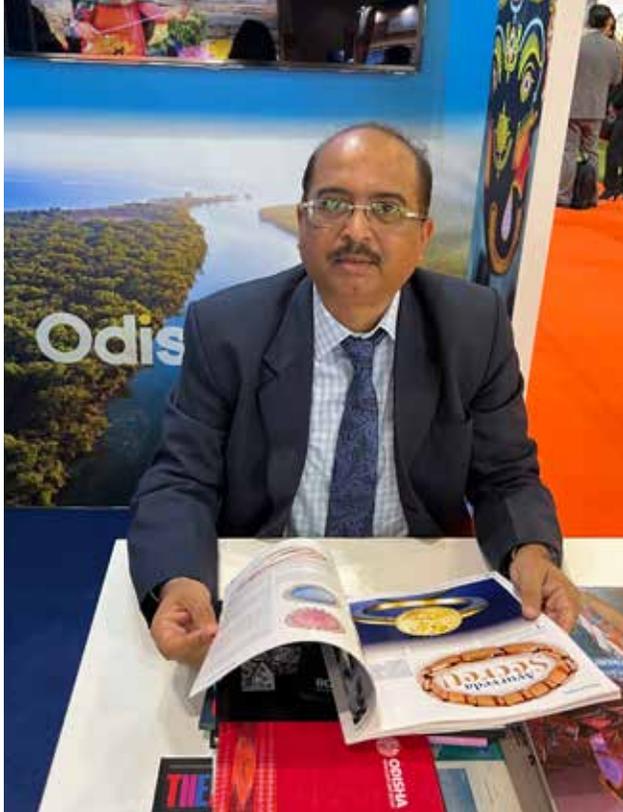
## Day 2: Pandemic recovery, recruitment issues and sustainability

Day 2 of WTM London hosted dignitaries at this year's Tourism Ministers Summit, while Responsible Tourism subjects included 'green hushing' and offered an alternative interpretation on space tourism and all-inclusives. Elsewhere, the youth market's contribution to Covid recovery and recruitment issues were discussed – while the youngest-ever Dragon shared the secrets of his success on the Future Stage.



# Day 3: Inclusion

Inclusion was a key theme of Day Three at WTM with greater diversity suggested as a way to help widen both recruitment and customer bases. Technology was predicted to become rapidly more important to travel in the next five years with customers using VR for 'try before you buy' experiences. Meanwhile the final sustainability sessions saw a call for an industry-wide single certification system to avoid 'greenwashing'.





major rivers- Ganga and Yamuna flowing in the subcontinent and of course Agra that beautifully preserves the intellectual excellency of Mughal architecture- there are many more destinations here that piques the interest of every traveller and displays every shade of Indian ethnicity. More of which can be explored in special events and festivals that embark gathering of pilgrims from all across the country and nation's borders, be it annual the Holi festivals in Barsaana and likewise or the iconic Kumbh gathering held once in 12years, at Allahabad. Travel to Uttar Pradesh to explore India's culture and the origin of human beliefs.

## Bundelkhand, Uttar Pradesh

The Bundelkhand region's mythology and history are full of inspiring stories. Its pilgrimages and temples as well as tanks and other traditional water sources serve as reminders of the days when people felt inspired to create great works of art as well as utility. Tales of chivalry and valour bear silent testimony to the splendor of an era long gone by.

The romance and magic of Bundelkhand are still alive today. Rugged palaces and forts, tough, valiant and courageous people make a visit to this land a magical experience.

### Bithoor

Bithoor is a small temple town on the outskirts of Kanpur, on the bank of the holy Ganga. Take a quick trip around Valmiki Ashram, Brahmavart Ghat, Dhruv Teela and Nana Saheb's palace. It offers a grand view of the vast expanse of the Ganga at sunrise and sunset.

### Chitrakoot

It is famed in Hindu mythology and the epic Ramayana as the place where Lord Ram and Sita spent many years of their exile. This holy town along the Mandakini river is spread over U.P. and Madhya Pradesh. Visitors say that they could feel tranquility and peace of mind as soon as they reach Chitrakoot. Hanuman Dhara, Kamad Giri, Sphatik Shila and Ram Ghat are some of the must-see places here.

### Jhansi

Jhansi is the gateway to the legendary Bundelkhand region known for tales of valour and courage. It is linked with the legend of Rani Laxmibai who at the age of 22 had led freedom fighters against the British. A picturesque town overseen by the majestic Jhansi Fort, it also has several temples and lakes.

#### Kalinjar

About 280 km from Jhansi, close to Banda, the ancient Fort of Kalinjar had strategic importance during medieval times. The Kalinjar Fort, situated at a height of 700 ft, is a veritable historical treasure house. The picturesque Vindhya ranges give it a charm which will linger

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**UP Nahi Dekha toh India Nahi Dekha (If you have not seen UP, then you have not seen India too)**

Uttar Pradesh (UP) is a one stop destination for tourists where it's having everything for everyone. With the name Uttar Pradesh, first thing that comes to our mind is one of the seven wonders of the world- The Taj Mahal, second its sparkling cities like Varanasi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Lucknow, etc. but there is much more beyond that to touch the untouched beauty of Uttar Pradesh. Here we are covering a few destinations you must add in your list while planning your trip to experience the true essence of Uttar Pradesh.

### • Vedika Sharma

To begin with, let me introduce you to the beautiful state of Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh is one of the states that aesthetically define India and its rich history that's as ancient as the time known. This is the land wherein great sages have emerged, religions evolved and two great epics of India:

Ramayana and Mahabharata have been inspired from. With each progressing century, the state has vouched for the secularity of India by giving a home to various religions: Hindu, Jainism, Islamic, Buddhist and more.

Apart from Varanasi (the spiritual capital of India), Allahabad, the holy confluence of two



in your memory for a long time. The Neelkanth Temple, legend says, is built at the spot where Lord Shiva, after consuming poison that emerged from the churning of the ocean, came to rest for some time.

## Mahoba

It is a small town known for its myriad lakes and temples situated on hills and valleys. The impregnable hilltop fort and the man-made lakes built by the Chandela kings are engineering feats. Ballads praise its days of glory and narrate the inspiring saga of Alha and Udal, the two legendary warrior brothers to sacrifice their lives for the honour of their land. The Sun Temple at Rahila is a unique 9th century granite structure. Its basic architectural plan is similar to temples found in Khajuraho.

# Rock Painting

Rock art is the earliest attempt by human beings to depict their natural world symbolically. This art is found all over the world; they have not only attracted scholars but also tourists in large numbers.

India's first painted rock shelters were discovered in Uttar Pradesh in the Sohagi Hills, Mirzapur near Varanasi in 1867-68 by A.C.L. Carlyle. These were the first rock paintings found anywhere else in the world. Since then hundreds of painted rock shelters has been marked in the districts of Chandauli, Sonbhadra, Mirzapur, Allahabad, Mau, Banda and Agra; in fact everywhere in Uttar Pradesh except the Gangetic Plains.

Rock art in Uttar Pradesh covers a wide span of time from circa 7,000 B.C. to the early medieval ages. The early rock art depicts mainly hunting scenes besides giving a glimpse of ancient beliefs, rituals and stories portraying other normal activities such as dancing. They are simple outline figures filled in with colours. The brushwork is sophisticated for its time, and numerous techniques have been used to enhance the paintings, Kohbar, Lorikayan scenes and auspicious handprints are still a living tradition.

The painted rock shelters are generally located in narrow gorges of waterfalls or hill ranges. They present breathtaking vistas of the surrounding landscape with its gnarled and twisted trees, boulders and rocks in fantastic shades of colours and streams flowing through the land. These areas teeming with wild flora and animals are ideal for picnics and camping for a long getaway or a quick visit while in Varanasi.

Sites of Rock Art in Chandauli, Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts have lovely waterfalls, lush jungles, fossil forests and rich wildlife. These sites are easily approachable from Varanasi, Allahabad, Jhansi and Agra.

## Salkhan Fossils Park (Sonbhadra Fossils Park)

A location in Uttar Pradesh called Sonbhadra has to be explored. Sonbhadra's numerous old structures, forts, and buildings provide a wealth of historical and cultural insight into a bygone era.

The stunning park, Salkhan Fossils Park, also known as Sonbhadra Fossils Park, is about 12 kilometers from Robertsganj, the Sonbhadra headquarters. The fossils here are said to date back to the Proterozoic Period, which means that they are more than 1,400 million years old.

The numerous cave art locations tucked away in the Vindhya and Kaimur regions make Sonbhadra stand out as a destination. Beautiful prehistoric rock paintings can be found in the Lakhania Caves in the Kaimur Range. These ancient, roughly 4,000-year-old paintings depict the culture of a bygone era. The ancient cave art site of Khodwa Pahar or Ghoramangar is another well-known one. The cave shelters of Panchmukhi, Kauva Khoh, and Lakhma include more important painting locations. These artworks shed light on the Mesolithic to Heliolithic Age periods.

Remarkably, the Mukkha Falls, a natural

waterfall, may also be seen in the area. Particularly during the monsoon season when the water gushes with full force, it is quite stunning. Rihand Dam and Barkandhara Dam are two further dams in the area that should not be missed. Don't forget to see the Veer Lorik Stone as well; it is considered a symbol of

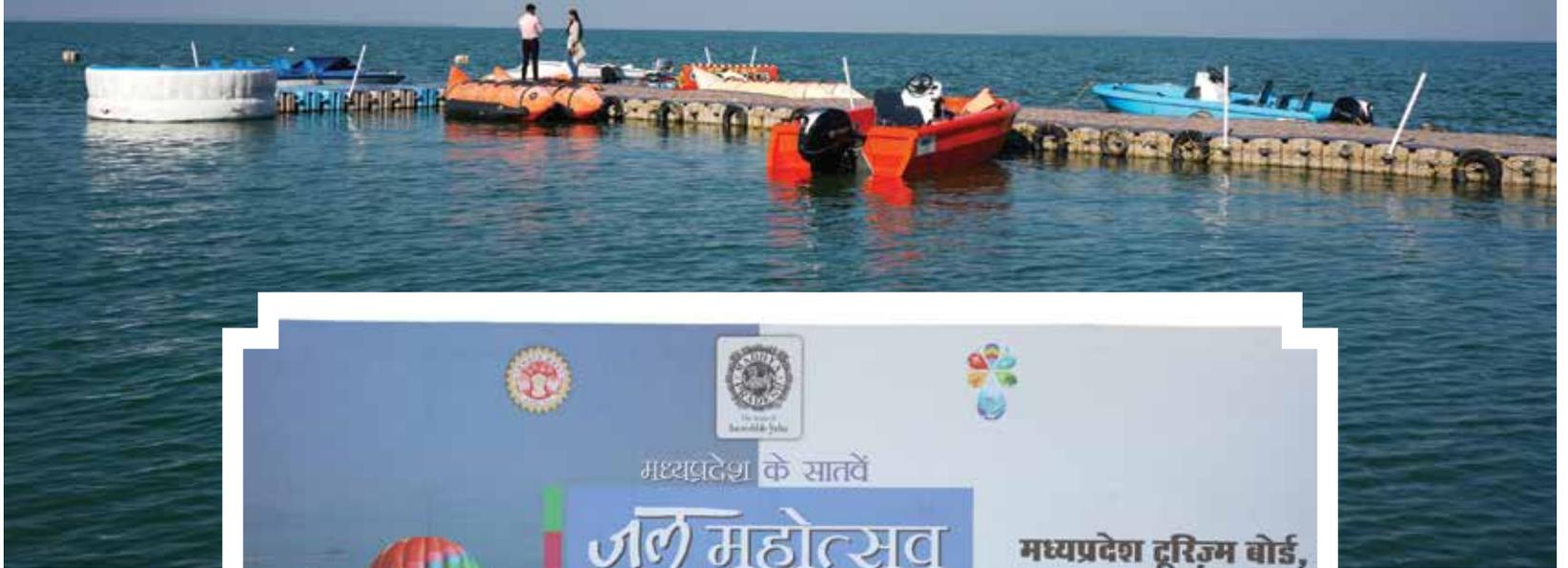


bravery and love in the area.

There are several very notable religious attractions in Sonbhadra as well: Shiv Dwar is a famous temple devoted to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The 11th-century black stone figure of the two gods in Srijan stance is the focal point.

# Splendour of Indian Carnival Jal Mahotsav

If you're looking for the ideal place to spend the winter, Jal Mahotsav is the perfect destination.



## • Yashika Arora

Jal Mahotsav is being organized every year from November to January and the Tent City is operational with all the activities in the tent city of Hanuwantiya, Madhya Pradesh. The tent city developed on the banks of the Indira Sagar dam in Madhya Pradesh, is blessed with a superb view of nature.

The majestic plethora of clear skies, dabbled with grand white clouds, the city surrounded by emerald green foliage, and above all, the distinct crystal clear water, which resembles the Mediterranean feel.

Witnessing the awe-inspiring accomplishments, you will agree that Hanuwantiya is a major relief from city traffic snarls, breathing in pollution-free air, and eliminating the disruption of metropolitan life!

Dive into the fusion of beautiful nature, culture, and tradition, The heart of Incredible

India Madhya Pradesh

The dedicated hard work and development activities under MP Tourism marked Hanuwantiya, Tent City Jal Mahotsav as the largest water carnival for adventure seekers and enthusiasts.

While charming islands are not typically associated with experience, Jal Mahotsav figures out how to break that generalization in the most ideal manner.

What's more than required is the experience to celebrate the offering, allowing individuals who favor less arduous action as well!

## Activities

Jal Mahotsav offers all you need to rejuvenate your mind, body and soul from the wide range of activities of water, air and land.

**Water:** Enjoy the India's largest water carnival from 28th November 2022 to 28th January 2022. Do this once you never would want to stop. Get thrilled with the unlimited water sports during Jal Mahotsav at Hanuwantiya.

**Air:** The sky is the limit. Experience the hot air balloon ride at Hanuwantiya during Jal Mahotsav.

**Land:** You must go on adventures to find out where you truly belong. Unleash adventures within yourself.

## Accommodation

Located at the beautiful destination, Hanuwantiya Tent city is blessed with a natural view offering you the perfect luxurious stay within the property.

The architecture and well-equipped amenities provide the travelers an



### Shri Yuvraj Padole, Dy. Director (Events, Marketing and Film)



The story behind celebrating Jal Mahotsav is to utilising enormous water bodies that had been left untouched for so long and to attract all kind of tourists from round the globe. Jal Mahotsav will consist of a large Tent City with 100 Luxury Tents, spread over 10 Acres. Each Tent is spaced 8 feet apart and are decorated with comfortable interiors for your stay. A dining hall offering delectable meals, sit out Gazebos, Indoor sports room Conference facilities, Kids Entertainment area, options of many Water Sports, Air Sports, Food Bazaar, Crafts Bazaar, Wellness center/Spa, and engrossing cultural entertainment each day.

In order to enrich the experience, we invited a few fishing anglers. We have also increased the number of cultural events that showcase Madhya Pradesh's style of living. We warmly invite everyone, become a part of the Jal Mahotsav family this year, bring your loved ones, and enjoy the ambiance we've created.

unforgettable comfortable stay within the lavish rooms seeking escape from hectic city life.

What will be the special this Year (2022-2023) in Jal Mahotsav?

Tent City Jal Mahotsav is the largest water amusement park for thrill-seekers and enthusiasts. This year Jal Mahotsav 2022-23 has added number of more attractions. There are many cultural events including dances from various tribes of Madhya Pradesh. Such events have been organized for the tourist every day. To enhance the experience, the organizers have arranged few modern bands to come and play their songs, celebrity visits and even standup artists for fun. These additional attractions are done especially to curate young people and to shaping their experience.

For the first time people will get to experience, Flying Boat Ride. The organisers are getting it from another country for new experiences. Along with all the fun and adventure activities, in the very morning the day shall start with Yoga to keep minds and souls refreshed.

### How to reach?

If you are already making plans and wondering how to get here-the nearest airport is Indore, just 3 hours away from the Madhya Dweep islands where Hanuwantiya is located. If you are travelling by rail, you need to get off at Khandwa, 50 km away. And if you prefer the road, then Hanuwantiya is well connected to Indore, Bhopal, and Khandwa.

# Abu Dhabi removes Covid-19 measures

The Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) announces that Covid-19 measures have been lifted from 7th November 2022, at 6am (GST).



Visitors are not required to register their vaccination status with the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship (ICA) before arrival and do not need Green Pass status on the Al Hosn app to access Abu Dhabi's many experiences and attractions.

Hotels, malls, restaurants, and theme parks can all now be accessed without the Green Pass. Now, it's easier than ever to enjoy the

variety of enriching experiences in Abu Dhabi, all available just moments apart.

The news comes as Abu Dhabi launches Experience Abu Dhabi. Find Your Pace, a new campaign that highlights the variety of memorable moments that inspire, excite and restore, welcoming the world to come and discover the emirate in their own way, and at their own pace.

Today's news makes it even easier for visitors and residents to enjoy Abu Dhabi Calendar, featuring 180 music, entertainment, sporting and family events taking place across 100 days.

With safety remaining a top priority, anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 is required to isolate for a period of five days.

## Exhibition World Bahrain

On behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, inaugurated Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), located in Sakhir on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.



is a further milestone in the Kingdom's economic development, emphasizing its role in advancing economic competitiveness and positioning the Kingdom as a major global destination for regional and global conventions.

A presentation was then given in which HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad was briefed on the EWB halls and amenities, as well as the innovative and world-class services it will provide to users, event organizers and visitors. For her part, the Minister of Tourism, HE Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi, extended her gratitude for His Royal Highness's ongoing support to the Kingdom's tourism sector, highlighting the Kingdom's longstanding history in being a destination linking the east and west for trade, which has furthered its position as a global tourist destination.

HE Al Sairafi noted that the inauguration of the Exhibition World Bahrain reflects the Kingdom's commitment to expanding cross-sector development in line with Bahrain's sustainable development goals.

The Exhibition World Bahrain's conference centre features a main hall that can accommodate approximately four thousand people and can be divided into three separate halls equipped with the latest technical services to host international conferences and events. It also consists of a number of other halls for medium and small-scale conferences and meetings.

A number of senior officials also attended the inauguration.

The Exhibition World Bahrain is the newest convention and exhibition centre in the region, and the largest in the Kingdom of Bahrain. With ten halls, multiple exits and entrances, storage facilities, and wide-ranging services, the centre's strong capacity will enable it to host several events and exhibitions simultaneously, making it an attractive location for local, regional, and international exhibitions.

His Royal Highness highlighted the importance of competitiveness as a fundamental element of the Kingdom's economy, which has bolstered investments, promoted economic progress, and created quality opportunities for citizens.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad noted that tourism remains a leading economic sector,

adding that the sector's growth has been a key driver of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty the King. His Royal Highness extended his congratulations to His Majesty the King on the launch of the new state-of-the-art convention centre, noting that this achievement is a culmination of steps taken by the Kingdom's forefather, HH the late Amir Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the efforts of the late premier HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister paid tribute to Team Bahrain's efforts and determination to achieve the Kingdom's wide-ranging economic goals that aim to further current and future development endeavors. His Royal Highness indicated that the launch of the Exhibition World Bahrain

# New 'Taste Obsession' popup series by Singapore

The Indian consumer's hunger for world-class dining and nightlife is both driving the fast-evolving culinary scene in India, as well as shaping how their overseas travel choices and experiences.



restaurants, through ticketed dinners hosted at popular restaurants across Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai. These pop-ups will also celebrate the multi-faceted and longstanding cultural and people-to-people ties between the two nations.

To kickstart the Taste Obsession series, Rempapa – the acclaimed restaurant serving contemporary Peranakan food – will be serving up his iconic renditions of the unique Singaporean cuisine. Diners in Bengaluru (Four Seasons Hotel, 30 November) and Mumbai (Magazine St Kitchen, 3 & 4 December) will be able to savour Head Chef Alan Chan's signature dishes, including the famous ayam penyet, lamb rendang, and singgang. The series will also dish up a variety of famous Singaporean dining hotspots, such as home-style seafood restaurant Keng Eng Kee – the regular late-night favourite of global chefs like Massimo Bottura, David Chang and the late Anthony Bourdain – and award-winning street food Hawker Chan Soy Sauce Chicken.

For discerning drinkers, the series will also host Singapore's leading craft mixologists, who at the recently unveiled World's 100 Best Bars 2022 were responsible for making Singapore the most heavily-represented country on the list; this includes the team from 28 Hong Kong Street, one of Singapore's most revered craft cocktail bars.

Singapore, with its reputation as a food paradise backed by a UNESCO-recognised food culture, presents among the most exciting F&B scenes in the world for today's Indian traveller.

Reimagining how Indian consumers can indulge in Singapore's famously rich and diverse dining scene, Singapore's Diplomatic Missions in India, together with the Singapore Tourism

Board, have partnered The Soul Company to launch a series of exclusive restaurant pop-ups across India through 2023, featuring some of Singapore's most prominent F&B minds today. Dubbed Taste Obsession – in homage to the shared foodie culture that links both countries – the series will offer a taste of everything from the country's Michelin-starred street food to its boundary-pushing fine dining

## #Season's Greetings From Germany

The German National Tourist Board (GNTB) launched its "Season's Greetings from Germany" online campaign. In addition to Christmas markets in smaller and larger cities, the focus is on typical German traditions and winter activities in the countryside. The "Season's Greetings from Germany" campaign is now being rolled out internationally via social media, programmatic advertising, audio streaming, e-mail marketing and search engines.

The heart of the campaign is the landing page [www.germany.travel/en/christmas](http://www.germany.travel/en/christmas) with selected Christmas markets, sustainable offers, outdoor activities, and as well as traditional customs for which Germany is known worldwide.

Christmas recipes to bake and various Christmas playlists, as well as a winter tour of Germany as a podcast provide additional inspiration for potential guests for additional inspiration.

### Petra Hedorfer, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), GNTO



For many years, German cities and regions have been in high demand. This is underlined by the latest results of the Anholt Ipsos Nation Brands Index (NBI) 2022: "Historic Buildings", "Vibrant Cities", "Contemporary Culture" and "Cultural Heritage" are particularly influential in shaping our image among potential travelers to Germany. Season's Greetings from Germany' promotes itself to International travelers and our neighboring countries with authentic experiences, also in rural areas. In line with our strategic orientation, we have presented the various Christmas offers on the campaign website, above all from a sustainability perspective.

### Romit Theophilus, Director, Sales & Marketing, India



Christmas Markets in Germany are an incredible and celebrated tradition that dates back hundreds of years. Every year, different German towns and cities hold these events that tourists from India also attend. The delectable aromas of hot chestnuts, grilled sausages, and glühwein, coupled with the quaint architecture that braces each town, make these events worth every minute of your time. Even beyond the Christmas villages, sustainable winter fun awaits, such as snow walks, torchlight hikes or Christmas traditions to join in.



# Adventures Overland announces its expedition to Iceland in February 2023

Adventures Overland – India’s first and biggest Road Trip Company, has announced Season Four of its Iceland expedition.

journey as they traverse a country which is home to some of the largest glaciers in Europe and some of the world's most active volcanoes, stunning natural landscapes, geysers, and picturesque villages and towns.

Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal, Guinness World Record Holders, came together in 2012 and founded Adventures Overland, India's leading niche travel company that offers first-of-its-kind self-driving expeditions across six continents. They are also the pioneers in cross-border and fly-and-drive excursions in India.

Iceland is a natural wonder like none other; the magical and mysterious land of lava rocks, mesmerising beaches, larger-than-life mountains, ancient glaciers, and rugged fjords makes it a country of extreme contrasts and ideal for travellers looking for a destination that offers a plate full of diversity.

Tushar Agarwal, Co-Founder of Adventures Overland, said, “We believe in offering distinctive travel experiences to passionate travellers. The expedition to Iceland was curated keeping in mind the natural bouquet of experiences this Scandinavian nation offers and the thrill of a self-driven convoy-style journey across its craggy terrain. Our belief in responsible travel takes care of all necessary safety checks and terrain-vetting, ensuring a care-free travel experience.”

This Nordic nation offers sightseeing as varied as the Golden Circle tour from Reykjavik, which includes a visit to the UNESCO-listed Thingvellir National Park, where the North American and European tectonic plates move away from each other, the 20-meter-high geyser at Strokkur, an exhilarating snowmobile ride on the Langjökull glacier and the mighty Gullfoss Waterfall to the warm waters of the Blue Lagoon and the world-famous diamond beach along with the spectacular Northern Lights.

The expedition has been organised three times before and is being planned twice in 2023, once in February and the second time in March. It offers a self-drive convoy-style journey across a dramatic landscape with volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, massive glaciers and lava fields, familiar terrain for Adventures Overland. With luxurious accommodations and alluring meals cared for, travellers can enjoy their



# Winter Glow at The Winter Garden

The Winter Garden is making its grand return to Al Habtoor City. Located in front of Habtoor Palace Dubai, it features a variety of street food kiosks and as many dining experiences to crave, fun attractions, and live entertainment. Not to forget, the most awaited time of the year – with the return of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony as the Winter Garden wears its festive décor for the month of December.



Welcome to the most magical urban oasis, where festive surprises whisper from all around from November 1st onwards. The Winter Garden is open to all, including four-legged friends, who can enjoy their own grooming at Miss Meow – mobile pet groomers that offer professional pet care for cats, dogs, rabbits, and birds in the comfort of their own dedicated area, offering various services such as haircuts, bath, brushing, medication and much more.

The Winter Garden features a wonderful array of food stalls to take visitors on a culinary journey, only until December 31. Youngsters can play around in the kid's play area presented by Extreme Excite while parents indulge in the 50+ food kiosks around the Winter Garden, shop at the pop-up shops, and

play a few games of pool. Few to name:

- Sauce Diner, is a true American dining experience
- Roller coaster ice cream UAE brings out the inner child
- Shawarma Vibes serving freshly made shawarmas
- Aloha Dubai, bringing the taste of Hawaii to the Winter Garden

From December 1 to year-end, Al Habtoor City Hotel Collection will reveal its festive illumination and décor with a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony to be announced at the Winter Garden. Including Christmas choir and other awe-inspiring live performances, complimented by the festive tunes of our resident vocalists Maria B and Alice Kube, that mixes elements of acoustic soul, RnB, and

pop flavors in her music. Guests can enjoy the festive season within hotel grounds with cheerful Christmas décor and special visits from Santa.

This year's Winter Garden is bigger than ever, with more kiosks since the first grand opening and the recent development of no more masks, Dubai has finally regained its liveliness through the holiday season's remarkable festive events. The Winter Garden invites guests to get into the festive spirit by showcasing an impressive range of pop-up shops and food kiosks, combined with a unique lineup of children's activities and attractions – Say Hello to Santa every day in the month of December. This Winter Garden has a number of jolly activities for the whole family to enjoy.



# Jamaica Cruise- Shipping Season 2023

Jamaica's 2023 cruise-shipping season promises to see a major turnaround following the pandemic period. The arrival of the Wonder of the Seas – the world's largest cruise ship – at the Falmouth Port on December 1, marked a key milestone towards this development.

Currently on a seven-day Western Caribbean cruise, the Wonder of the Seas was greeted with much fanfare on its arrival at the Falmouth Pier. From having a live reggae band, the coconut vendor, craft traders and duty-free merchants, visitors were greeted to “everything Jamaican”, interacting throughout the day with locals and with many vowing to return for longer stays.

Wonder of the Seas, which had its maiden voyage from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to the eastern Caribbean on March 4, arrived in Falmouth four days after sailing from Port Canaveral, Orlando, Florida, on November 27. The 18-deck cruise ship has capacity for 6,988 guests and 2,300 crew members.

The inaugural visit by the near 9,000-passenger and crew Royal Caribbean

flagship vessel is just a prelude to the return of normality in the cruise sector. Jamaica remains the most exciting port of call in the region and will be getting a lot of calls going forward.

There is the allure of the attractions plus Jamaica's reputation for clean water as major pull factors, noting that major companies such as Carnival, MSC, Norwegian and Disney have all made commitments alongside Royal Caribbean to send their “biggest and best” ships to Jamaica.

Along with Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, Port Royal and Port Antonio, all the ports of call will be seeing their fair share of traffic between 2023 and 2024 thanks to full cooperation and participation from the local stakeholders, including the residents, the police, and the leaders of the public and private sectors.



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## INDIA NAHI DEKHA TO KYA DEKHA



# Air India Refurbish Existing Widebody Aircraft Cabin Interiors

Air India, India's leading airline and a Star Alliance member, has announced plans to refurbish its entire legacy wide body fleet, comprising 27 Boeing B787-8 and 13 B777 aircraft, committing over US\$400m for the project.

This refurbishment will see a complete overhaul of existing cabin interiors, including the addition of latest generation seats and best in-class inflight entertainment across all classes. In addition, the refurbishment will see the introduction of a Premium Economy cabin on both fleets. The First Class cabin will also be retained on the 777s. Air India has engaged leading London-based product design companies, JPA Design and Trendworks, to assist with the cabin interior design elements of this refurbishment programme. The collaboration brings together two experts in the fields of aviation and interiors that have produced designs for major brands

including Taj Hotels, The Orient Express and Herman Miller International.

With this significant investment, Air India is committed to providing its passengers with a comfortable, modern, and technologically advanced cabin to facilitate travel experience that is comparable with the best airlines in the world.

The complete interior refurbishment entails significant regulatory and engineering preparation, which commenced earlier this year. This lengthy but necessary process, and the time required to manufacture seats, is expected to lead to the first aircraft entering service in mid-2024.



**Campbell Wilson,  
MD & CEO, Air India said**

Under our Vihaan.AI transformation program, Air India has committed to attain the highest standards of product and service befitting of a world class airline. We know that, at present, the cabin product on our 40 legacy widebody aircraft falls short of this standard. Although the project commenced some months ago, we are delighted to now publicly announce this significant investment on a complete interior refit, and we are confident that, when revealed, the new interiors will delight customers and show Air India in a new light. We are working closely with partners to accelerate the refit process as fast as possible and, in the meantime, leasing in at least 11 new widebody aircraft with brand new interiors to improve our offering at the earliest opportunity.

## Qatar Airways Flies Qatar National Football Team

Qatar Airways, the Official Airline of the Journey to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ marks one week to go until the greatest sporting show on Earth, and flies the Qatar National Football Team back home.

The World's Best Airline will also fly 140 FIFA Legends to take part in the FIFA Fans and Legends tournament to be held at the FIFA Fan Festival™ in Al Bidda Park.

The reigning AFC Asian Cup champions arrived in Doha after completing a training camp in Spain, fully prepared to participate for their first time in the FIFA World Cup™. The Qatar National Football team will kick off its tournament play on 20 November in the opening match against Ecuador. The squad will also face other opponents in Group A, including Senegal and Netherlands.

Courtesy of Qatar Airways, FIFA is reaching all ticket holders with a chance to play for their national fan team in the FIFA Fan Tournament. Ticket holders are required to join the airline's Frequent Flyer programme, Privilege Club, for a chance to win. Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, **His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker**, said: "Qatar Airways, the Official Airline of the Journey for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, is

all set to welcome fans from around the world to the State of Qatar. Football fever is in the air and this is the moment we have all been waiting for."

"This time next week, the first FIFA World Cup™ whistle will sound, marking the beginning of a truly extraordinary tournament that will be remembered for a lifetime. On behalf of the Qatar Airways Group, we are excited to welcome football fans on-board and at various key locations around the country."

In time for the biggest sporting event in football, the World's Best Airline has successfully completed the installation of a FIFA World Cup™ decal on 120 aircraft. The specially-branded aircraft include 48 B777s, 31 B787s, 21 A320s, 12 A330s, and eight A380s. The airline also operates three specially-branded Boeing 777 aircraft hand-painted in FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ livery.

Football fans in Qatar during the tournament are invited to visit the Qatar Airways Skyhouse,

located at the FIFA Fan Festival™. Hosting a range of engaging activities, including a unique zipline experience, a Neymar Jr. interactive challenge, a swing photo booth, a face painting booth, a Qverse experience, and much more.

Upon arriving to any of the eight stadiums on match day, guests are also invited to enjoy various interactive football-themed experiences and family-friendly games at Qatar Airways' stands in the Brand Activation Area.

Qatar Airways has also partnered with social media platform 433 'The Home of Football' for the duration of the tournament, and will be broadcasting content with football legends from an interactive studio situated in the Qatar Airways House, an invite-only venue located in the city.

The tournament will be held across eight world-class stadiums designed to invoke the symbols of Arabian culture. The Al Bayt Stadium will host the Opening Match with a capacity of 60,000 seats, while Lusail Stadium is set to host the Final Match of the tournament, with a capacity of 80,000 seats. The remaining stadiums, which include Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium, Al Janoub Stadium, Khalifa International Stadium, Education City Stadium, Stadium 974 and Al Thumama Stadium, will house 40,000 spectators.

Qatar Airways and Qatar Football Association (QFA) renewed their partnership agreement in November 2021, making the national carrier of the State of Qatar a partner of QFA through the 2022/23 season.



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# Noida International Airport selects Siemens VarioTray baggage handling system

Noida International Airport (NIA) signed an agreement with Siemens Logistics India Private Limited. Under the agreement, Siemens will design, supply, install, commission, operate and maintain the departure and arrival baggage handling system for Noida International Airport.



The Siemens VarioTray system is a modular and expandable technology. It will provide fast and safe transportation of baggage with high level of accuracy. This will be a fully automated system with a high level of precision, ensuring that each bag is tracked along its route with live security status. The technology will integrate seamlessly with Noida International Airport's operations and provide fast baggage handling. Owing to its design and configuration, it will also assure a reliable and

energy-efficient transportation of bags.

Mr. Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, Noida International Airport, said, "We are excited to partner with Siemens to deliver a quick, cost-efficient, and seamless experience to our passengers at the airport. Together, we will build a user-friendly airport which will set a new benchmark to be digitally enabled, supported by integrated systems. We also aim to become the most efficient transfer hub in India, and this tie-up will help us achieve the same effortlessly with Siemens logistics. We are committed to enabling quick and efficient processes at the best value to passengers, airlines, as well as our logistics partners."

The Siemens VarioTray is capable of transporting bags up to a speed of 10 m/ sec. The baggage is transported in individual trays

## Michael Schneider, Executive Vice President, Siemens Logistics



We are absolutely delighted to be selected by NIA and to be a part of this exciting new airport development in India. Siemens Logistics has been instrumental to the development of airports logistic systems in the country and in meeting the growth ambitions of many of our customers at multiple airports in India already. We will build on our excellent project delivery skills as well as service capability while embarking on this journey together with NIA. The deployment of our latest tray technology baggage handling system will contribute to passengers at NIA enjoying the best services levels, whilst the operator can rely on operational efficiency and future proof expandability.

enhancing handling quality and traceability of every single bag, providing peace of mind to passengers, and improving airline turnaround performance.

# Tata Group to consolidate Air India & Vistara

The Tata Group announced the consolidation of its airlines, Vistara and AirIndia. With this consolidation, Air India shall be India's leading domestic and international carrier with a combined fleet of 218 aircraft, making it India's largest international carrier and second largest domestic carrier.

## N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons

The merger of Vistara and Air India is an important milestone in our journey to make Air India a truly world-class airline. We are transforming Air India, with the aim of providing great customer experience, every time, for every customer. As part of the transformation, Air India is focusing on growing both its network and fleet, revamping its customer proposition, enhancing safety, reliability, and on-time performance. We are excited with the opportunity of creating a strong Air India which would offer both full-service and low-cost service across domestic and international routes. We would like to thank Singapore Airlines for their continued partnership.



Air India, an airline fully owned by Tata Sons, has been the flag carrier of India. Tata Sons, via its fully owned subsidiary, Talace Private Limited ("Talace"), had acquired 100% stake in Air India on 27th January 2022.

Vistara, a 51:49 Joint Venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines Limited ("SIA") was established in 2013 and is India's leading full-service carrier with international operations in Middle East, Asia and Europe.

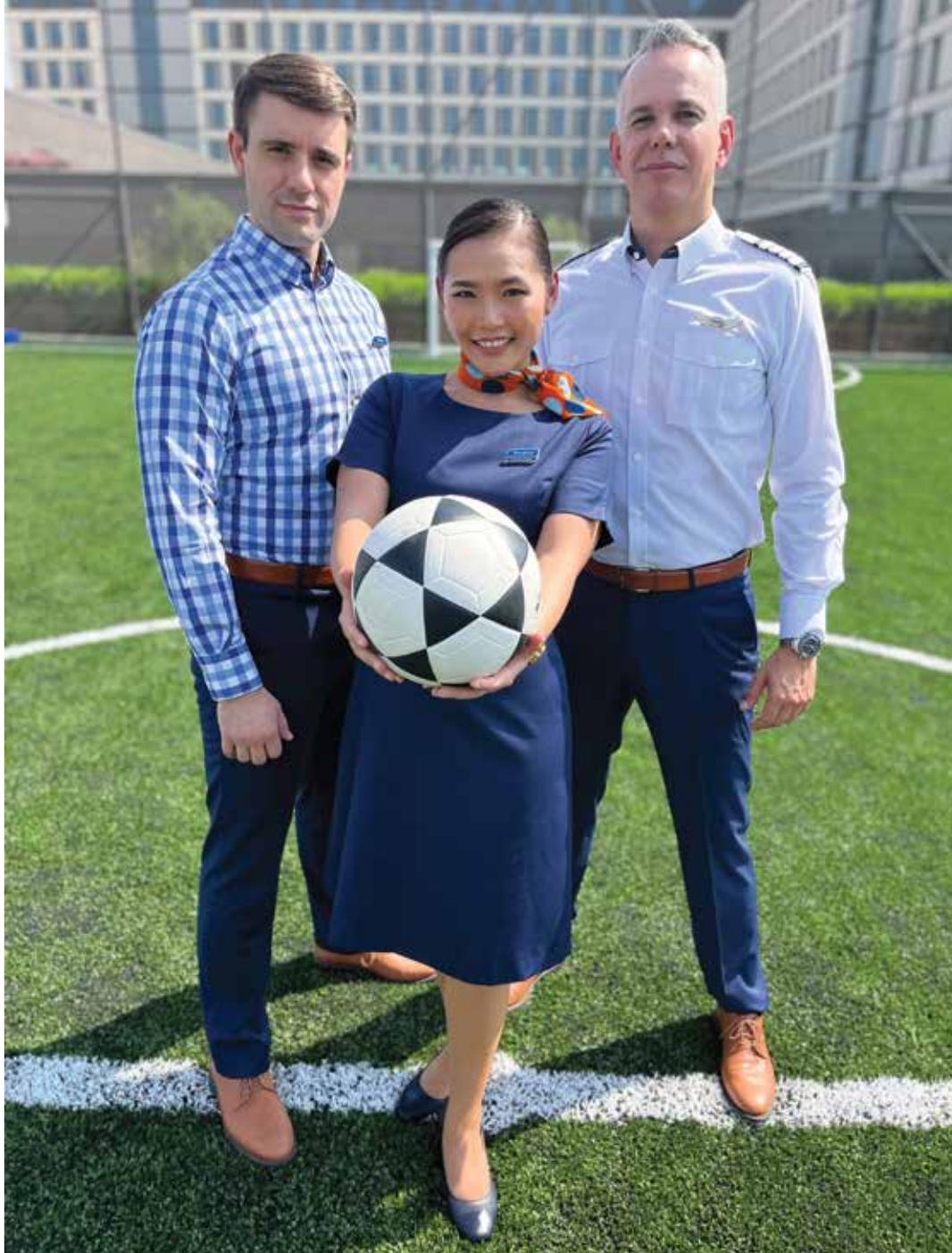
Vistara shall be merged with Air India post receipt of requisite approvals. As part of the merger transaction, SIA shall also invest Rs 2,059 crore in Air India. Post the consolidation, SIA shall hold 25.1% shareholding in Air India.

The transaction is estimated to be completed by March 2024.

## Goh ChoonPhong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines



Tata Sons is one of the most established and respected names in India. Our collaboration to set up Vistara in 2013 resulted in a market-leading full-service carrier, which has won many global accolades in a short time. With this merger, we have an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Tata and participate directly in an exciting new growth phase in India's aviation market. We will work together to support Air India's transformation program, unlock its significant potential, and restore it to its position as a leading airline on the global stage.



## flydubai's special Match Day shuttle flights

Dubai-based flydubai announced that it has proudly enabled more than 100,000 football fans to travel conveniently to take part in the biggest football tournament hosted in Qatar.

The carrier has operated 900 flights between Dubai World Central (DWC) and Doha International Airport (DIA) since 21 November, the majority of which operated at near full capacity at peak travel periods of the day. The Match Day Shuttle flights will operate until 19 December 2022.

As part of its partnership with Qatar Airways to support the flow of football fans from the region to Doha for the duration of the World Cup, flydubai has been operating up to 30 daily Match Day Shuttle flights providing passengers with a seamless and enjoyable travel experience.

Seven of flydubai's Boeing 737 aircraft are currently positioned at DWC to operate the Match Day Shuttle schedule. At peak travel periods during the day, an aircraft departed every 30 minutes. Throughout the rest of the day, an aircraft took off on average every 50

minutes. This provided customers with ample options for travel to Doha to cheer on their favourite team and return to Dubai.

Two of flydubai's aircraft operating out of DWC feature a special football-themed livery as part of its regional partnership with the Argentine Football Association (AFA). The new design features members of the Argentine national football team including Angel Di Maria, Julian Alvarez, Lautaro Martinez, Leandro Paredes, Lionel Messi and Rodrigo De Paul.

More than 70% of passengers travelling on the Match Day Shuttle flights had completed online check-in and received their online boarding passes prior to arrival at DWC, enabling them to directly proceed to immigration in record time to start their journeys.

flydubai gears up to another busy travel

### Ghaith Al Ghaith, Chief Executive Officer at flydubai

It has been a very exciting couple of weeks for everyone involved in delivering the Match Day Shuttle flights, whether they are football fans or not. The celebratory atmosphere at DWC, the joy of the fans and the ease of how their journey from Dubai to Doha commences is proof of how well everyone has come together to make this a reality. A special thanks to Dubai Airports, dnata, Dubai Police, Dubai Immigration, the authorities and our partners Qatar Airways for all their support.

Having automated many of the processes required for travel, including Hayya card approvals, meant that passengers who have completed their travel requirements and online check-in could pass through the terminal in 10 to 12 minutes. This includes the journey from the car park to the boarding gates, which is truly remarkable.



period where more than 25,000 football fans are expected to travel to watch the final matches in Doha. The airline will also add capacity to cater to the demand for travel for the quarter-finals, semi-finals, third place play off and the final match of the tournament. The last Match Day Shuttle service flight FZ 5274 is scheduled to depart from DIA to DWC on 12:40 on 19 December.

# IndiGo's largest ever new station launch at New Goa International Airport

Starting January 5th, 2023, when the airport operations commence, IndiGo, will begin its operations with 168 weekly flights to 8 destinations

In-line with its vision to strengthen connectivity, IndiGo, India's leading carrier, announces 12 daily and a total of 168 weekly, new flights to and from the soon to-be inaugurated New Goa International Airport (Mopa, North Goa) effective from January 05, 2023. This will be IndiGo's largest ever new station launch and will immediately connect New Goa International Airport to 8 cities across India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Goa's second international airport at Mopa in North Goa on December 11, 2022, and the airport will begin operations from January 05, 2023. IndiGo is introducing these new flights to cater to the increasing demand and will improve direct connectivity to North Goa. The present Goa Dabolim Airport (Dabolim, South Goa) will remain active, and IndiGo continues its existing operations there.

North Goa has some of the most popular tourist attractions and generally derives more traffic than any other

region in the state. From scenic beaches to breathtaking forts and glamorous casinos and night clubs, Goa certainly is one of the tourist hubs of India. Tourist destinations like the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Aguada Fort, Immaculate Conception Church, Chapora Fort, Sinquerim Beach, Anjuna Beach, Calangute Beach Harvalem waterfalls, Morjim, Club Titos, Club Cubana, Candolim Beach Goa Safari Adventure Café Mambos are some of the most well-known attractions that are widely visited by tourist from and outside the country. Residents of Goa will also be able to utilize these new services to fly directly to many large cities across India and utilize IndiGo's comprehensive network at its hubs to connect onward to its entire network spanning more than 100 destinations.

The new flights are designed to cater to travelers who are constantly on the lookout for new and affordable flying options to access destinations which help in building businesses and are known for their tourist attractions.



**Pieter Elbers,**  
Chief Executive  
Officer, IndiGo

We are very excited to announce our largest ever new station launch with new direct connections from the New Goa International Airport in Mopa, North Goa. It's momentous for us at IndiGo to have such massive opening and it speaks of our ambition and ability to provide connectivity to our customers and the nation in the best possible way.

## Malaysia Airlines launches Year-End Sale

Malaysia Airlines invites travellers to plan their next adventures during its Year-End Sale and enjoy up to 25% off on airfares to select international destinations from 29 November to 12 December 2022, for travel until 31 August 2023.



Whether to visit loved ones or discover the country's diverse landscape and unique offerings, holidaygoers can enjoy airfares starting from INR 20,999 all-in to Kuala Lumpur from destinations within India. Customers are also invited to extend their adventure and fly seamlessly to neighbouring cities and countries such as Bali from INR 30,999, Singapore from INR 26,899 and Bangkok from INR 25,999 all-in, via the airline's

Economy Class.

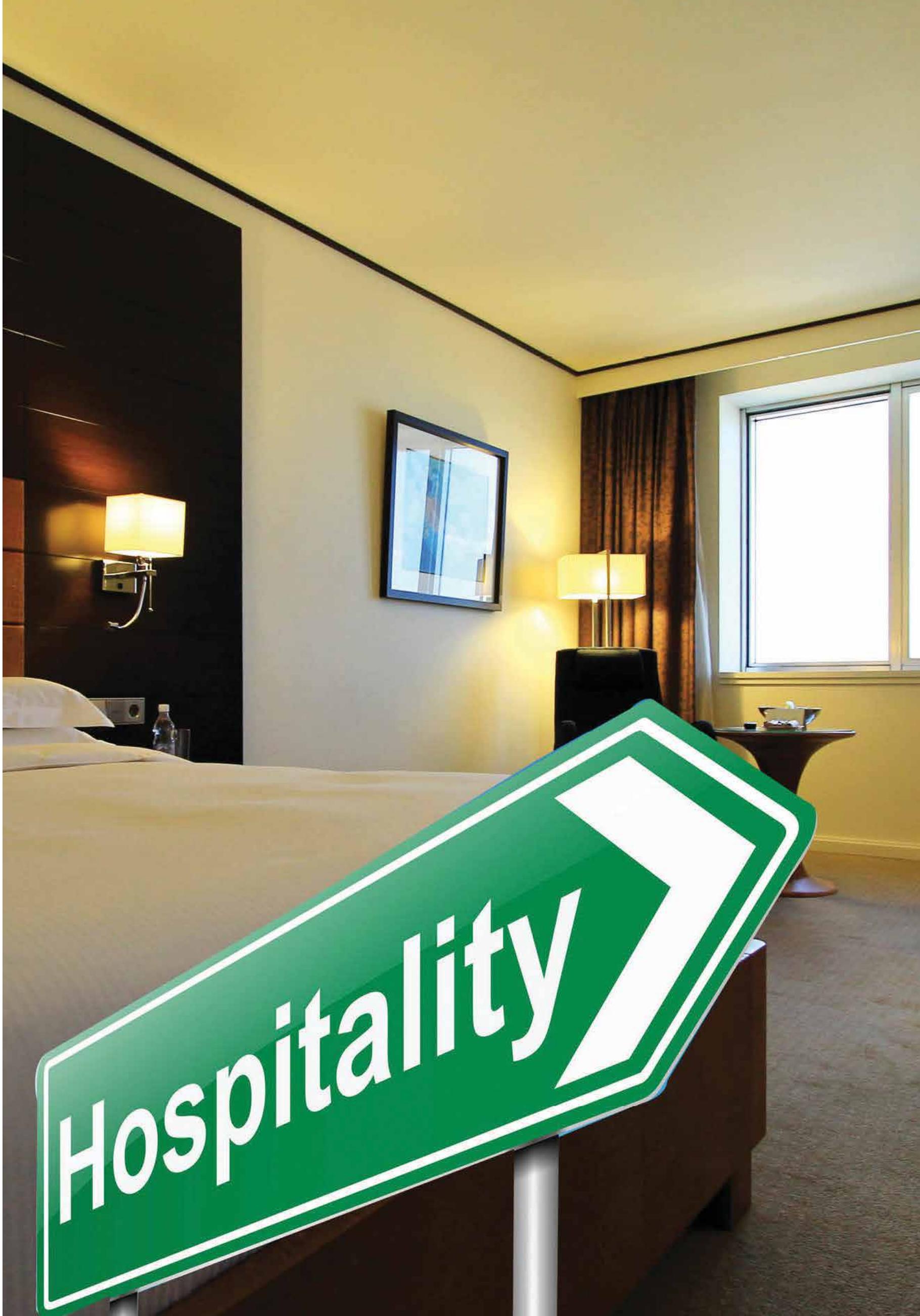
On top of these great fares, Malaysia Airlines is also offering 20% off on add-ons such as seat selection, extra baggage, Golden Lounge access, premium bundle and value bundle allowing customers to travel with convenience and peace of mind. Enrich members will also earn 10% Bonus Enrich Points when they book within this campaign period. Terms and conditions apply.

### Amit Mehta, Country Manager-South Asia, Malaysia Airlines

At Malaysia Airlines, we are committed to connecting people with their loved ones and helping them explore new places. As we approach the year-end holiday season,



we invite travellers to take this opportunity and plan for their next adventure. Wherever they choose to fly, we want to reassure our guests that our commitment remains in providing a safe, seamless and convenient end-to-end travel experience from the moment they book their flights and board our aircraft, in line with our brand campaign 'This is Malaysia Hospitality'. We are hopeful that our customers will make the most of the ongoing sale and we look forward to welcoming them onboard Malaysia Airlines soon!



Hospitality

# Most Royal Suites in India for **Modern Kings and Queens**

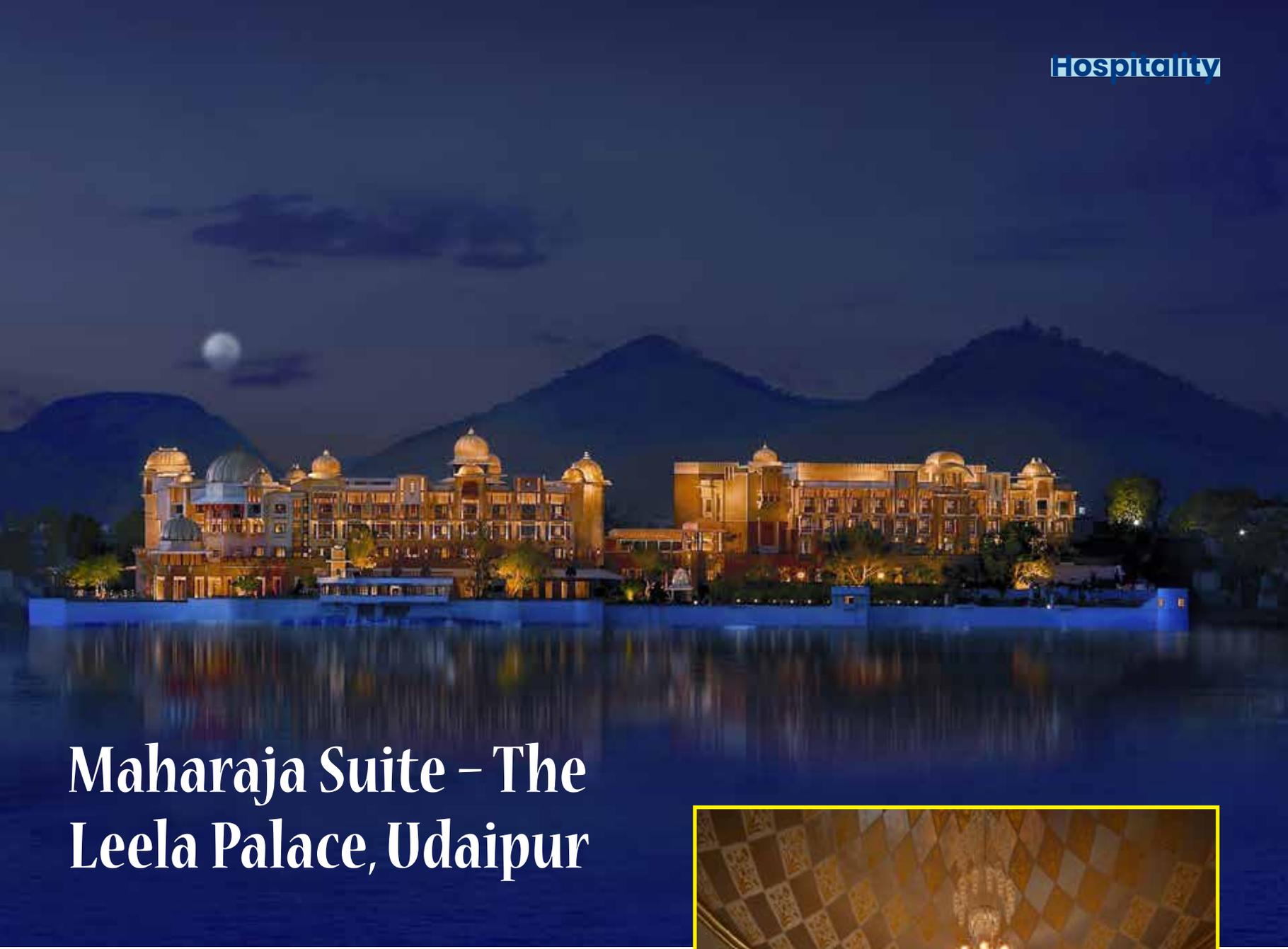
If you are looking for a magnificent experience then you must know that India is home to plenty of such royal properties that offer ultra-posh rooms giving you a taste of the Maharajas' lavish lifestyles.

**T**hese luxurious hotels have some exceptional suites representing the quintessence of the typical arts, reflecting India's opulent past, rich

cultural heritage, and royal history. Every second spent here gives you ultimate rest, comfort, and a feeling that you are some modern king or queen of this world.

• Parul Malhotra





# Maharaja Suite – The Leela Palace, Udaipur



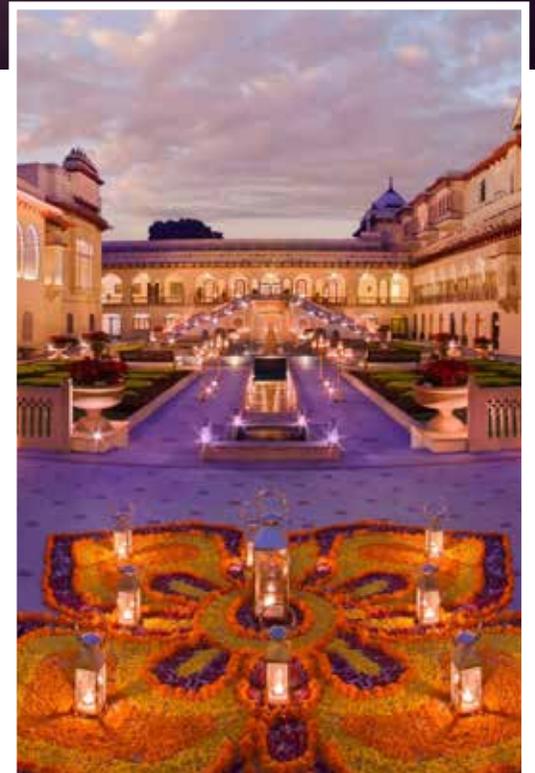
The Maharaja Suite at The Leela Palace in Udaipur, responds to the expectations of a modern luxury traveller and offers a more royal style of accommodation that meets the desire to “Live life, king size”. Built into the suite, for the discreet comfort of its distinguished guests, is uninterrupted relaxation, recreation and complete privacy- The 3,585-sq.-ft. suite comes with a living room, study, dining area and master bedroom with a separate walk-in wardrobe. The king-size bathtub and jacuzzi, an attached massage parlour, a spacious plunge-pool and sprawling courtyards. Giving you a scenic view with its interconnecting Grand Heritage View Balcony.



# Sukh Niwas - Rambagh Palace, Jaipur



When it comes to the posh “Sukh Niwas suite” at Rambagh Palace in Jaipur offers you a spacious dining area, swanky bedroom, glamorous bathroom with modern amenities, and a private terrace that enthrals guests with panoramic views of royal gardens and the Aravali Hills. It’s a massive suite spanning 1800 sq. ft. representing the ethnic culture of Rajasthan as opposed to the majestic lifestyle of the Kings. The Decor of these cottages is skilfully done keeping in mind the comfort and the taste of a varied guest. Warm hospitality and timeless service adds to the trademark of Rambagh Palace.





## Khwabgah - Noor Mahal Palace, Karnal

The jaw-dropping 2700 sq. ft. Khwabgah of Noor Mahal Palace at Karnal exudes regal experience. Khwabgah is a spacious royal chamber encompassing 2 bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, a separate bar, a private butler service and an office chamber with a private terrace. A level of understated luxury is maintained, arched stonework, rich drapes, crystal chandeliers, gold-leaf frescoes, opulent furniture, and accessories envelop you in an ambience of sheer regal luxury. Khwabgah's main door was once hinged to a haveli in Bikaner's Raisamand. The royal chamber has an original window from the Mughals era. The in-room bar area is adorned by restored pieces from the debris of the Golden Temple vicinities after Operation Blue Star. The walls have been beautified with extremely rare vegetable colour hand-paintings and intricate 'tikri' work by Rajasthani artisans who have conserved the art handed over to them in the family legacy.



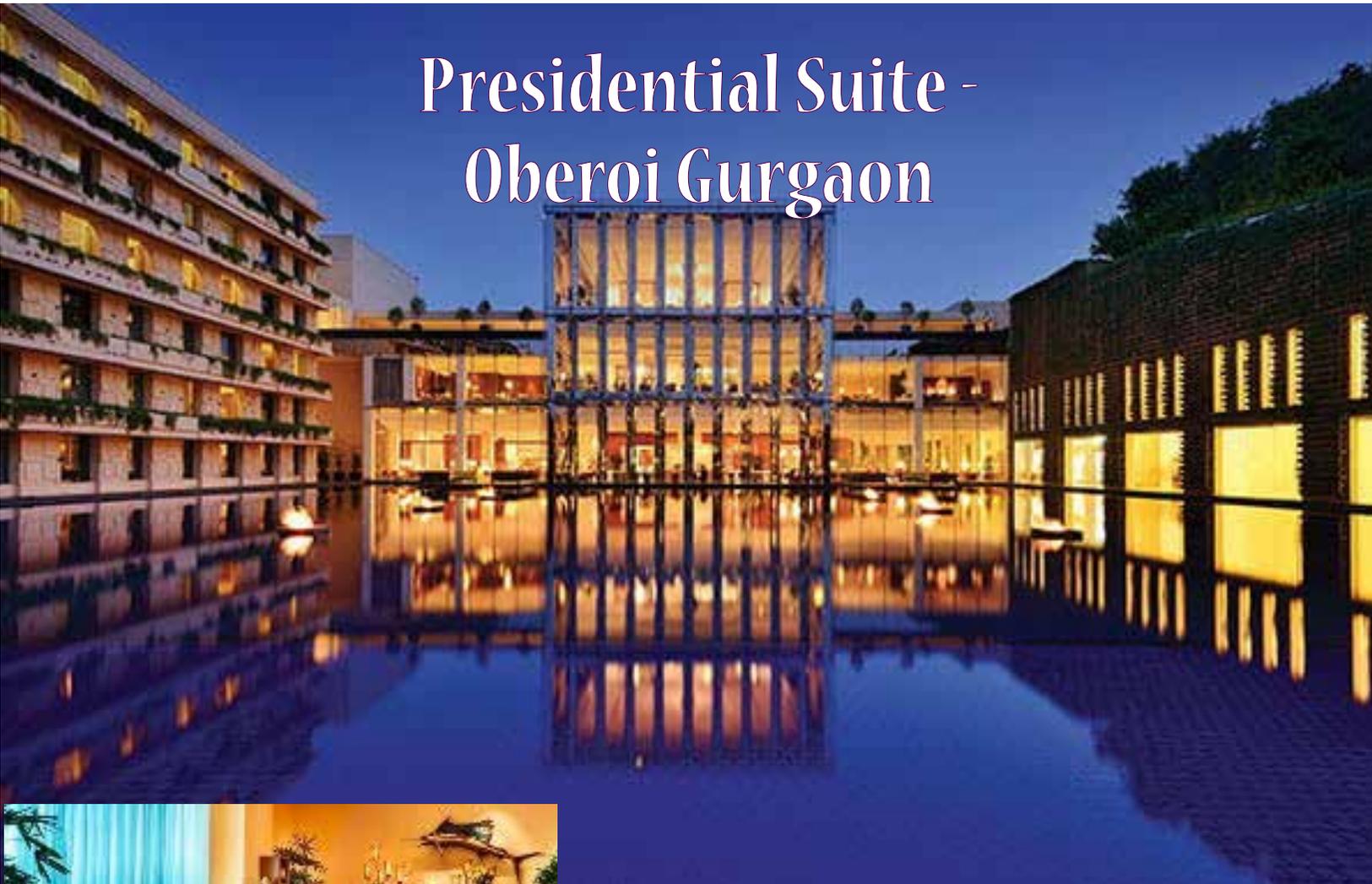


# Kohinoor Suite - Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

The Oberoi Amarvila is a reflection of India's royalty blended with modern amenities. And the Kohinoor Suite is the most precious jewel in its crown. This exceptional accommodation with 230 square metres interiors, harmonises the romance of Agra and the luxuries of an Oberoi experience. Unparalleled Taj Mahal views can be enjoyed from every room; even the king size bed faces Agra's iconic monument to love. Tranquil, practice yoga in the gardens or cool off in the massive pool with its striking indigo tiles.



# Presidential Suite - Oberoi Gurgaon



Conveniently located near Delhi Airport, the strikingly modern Oberoi Gurgaon offers all the comforts of a five-star cosmopolitan hotel, from its sophisticated fine-dining restaurant to a 50,000-square-foot luxury shopping arcade sporting brands. Check into the spacious Presidential Suite for the ultimate crash pad overlooking Gurgaon's vibrant cityscape. The 5,300-square-foot suite, decked out with original artwork and its own Italian marble fireplace, features a spacious living room and dining area, a king-size master bedroom, twin bedroom, luxurious bathroom, a gym/ yoga room, and a private pool and terrace.

# In the lap of Divine Beauty



Set against the backdrop of the Himalayas and with the pristine Ganga flowing through it, the ancient town of Rishikesh is one of the major tourist and pilgrimage hubs in northern India, where people from across the world arrive in search of peace. To enhance its beauty and make your stay comfortable is Laxman Jhula Divine Resort & Spa.

• Vedika Sharma



Lying amidst the foothills of the Himalayas, Laxman Jhula Divine Resort in Rishikesh, India overlooks the holy Ganges thus presenting a completely mesmerizing spectacle to its visitors.

Giving the view of screen, Turquoise Ganga. An awesome beauty of breathtaking, sun washed river complements the resort to provide you a real freshness cool and fresh air originating from mesmerizing Ganga refreshing your body and soul. Ravishing view of sunsets and an enchanting sound of water of holy Ganga, refreshes the surroundings with its melody.

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This is a place where you can enjoy the beauty of natural greenery and the sounds of nature and the river. Here you can experience the traditions and feelings of "ayurveda" the science of life.

## DINNING

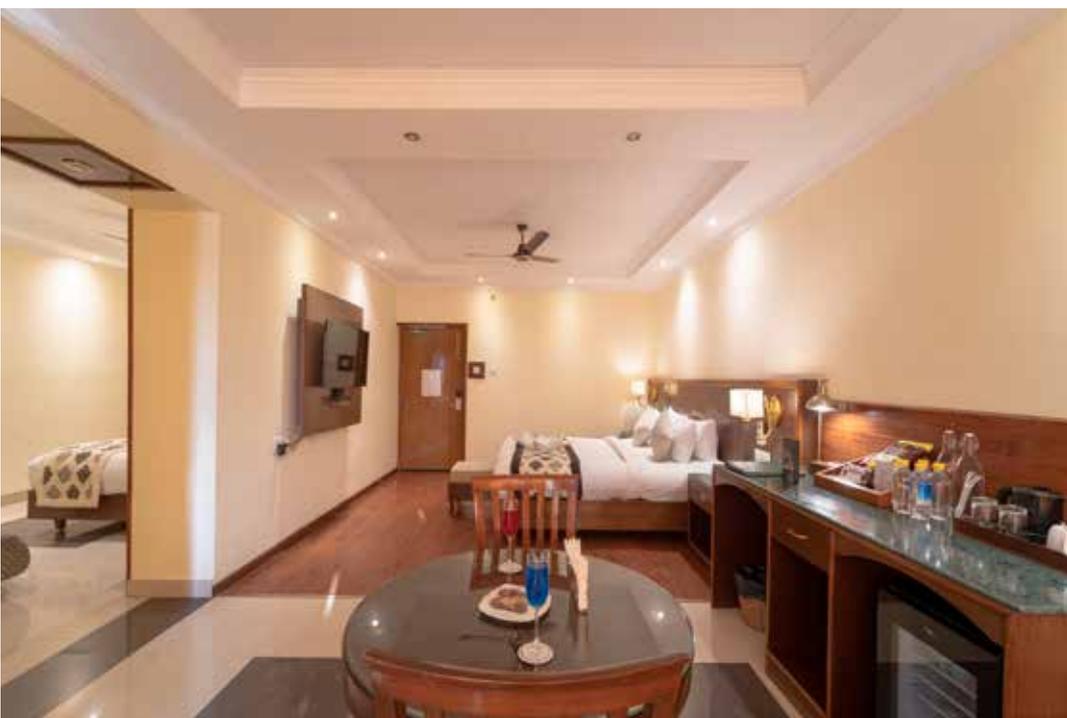
The Laxman Jhula Divine Resort boasts of having a multi-cuisine restaurant that offers mouth-watering Indian, Chinese as well as Continental Cuisines. Besides, a 24 hour Coffee Shop is also known to be a favorite place to hang out.

## EVENT

Wedding is a once in a life time event wherein Divine Resort & Spa ensure that you leave a lasting impression in the minds of your guests.

Laxmanjhula Divine Resort & Spa is the perfect site for a dream destination wedding. Ceremonies can be held under the open skies overlooking the mountains, while a gentle zephyr from the holy river rises to bless the couple.

The wedding venue at Laxmanjhula Divine Resort & Spa will surely appeal to your penchant as you will find yourself spoilt on choices as Divine Resort & Spa proffer a multiplicity of eye catching and enthralling



mandaps, decorative settings and wedding themes.

Laxmanjhula Divine Resort & Spa comprehends the factors that goes into making weddings a grand success and utterly impressive. Their River Side Banquet at Rishikesh is the most sought after and enticing theme wedding venue, you will ever come across. Their pursuit for culinary flawlessness motivates them to proffer you an assortment of mouth watering cuisines and the most optimum mocktails and desserts for you to pamper your guests.

Divine Resort & Spa friendly banqueting personnel are at your disposal to customize your function details, from audiovisual requirements through corporate banquets. They can arrange anything from a themed Gala Dinner to a smaller, more informal, meal. You will find here a high degree of flexibility, coupled with professionalism. All enquiries will be dealt with by our banqueting staff immediately.

➤ "Your magical vacation in India starts right at Laxman Jhula Divine Resort which is the ideal place to combine business with vacation for the entire family. As a guest at one of the best hotels in the country, you will experience the traditional Himalayan hospitality with excellence."

# The Leela Palace Trail



The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts announced the launch of 'The Leela Palace Trail' - a thoughtfully curated itinerary that is a majestic celebration of India's palatial grandeur defined by its rich cultural heritage, immersive rituals and bespoke signature programming with the true graciousness of Indian hospitality.

## • T3FS Desk



There is no place in the world quite like India and nowhere better to unlock its treasures and unravel its mysteries than at The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts. The Leela Palace Trail offers multi-day itineraries to six exquisite award-winning palaces and resorts in the country's most alluring destinations including New Delhi, Jaipur, Udaipur, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kovalam. Each palace will not only astonish you with its unique architecture and exquisite environs but will present to you India at its luxurious best.

Marvel at the ornate Vijayanagara inspired architecture of The Leela Palace Bengaluru. Learn the culinary secrets of Rajasthan at The Leela Palace Jaipur. Discover the grandeur of the royal heritage of the land of the Mewars at The Leela Palace Udaipur perched on the banks of the majestic Lake Pichola. Explore lively city bazaars with The Leela Palace New Delhi or restore inner balance with the ancient science of Ayurveda at The Leela Kovalam. This is the essence of India to be savoured with all your senses.

Commenting on The Leela Palace Trail, **Mr. Anuraag Bhatnagar, Chief Operating Officer, The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts** said, "For over three decades, The Leela brand has come to be known for delivering an uncompromising level of personalized experiences which stems from the timeless Indian tradition of Atithi Devo Bhava - Guest is God. Built on this ethos, The Leela Palace Trail allows for an immersive experience of everything that is quintessentially India with authenticity and grace."



The Leela Palace Trail is a thoughtfully crafted offering with two distinctive packages, The Leela Palace Trail and The Leela Palace Trail - Curated. While the former allows you to experience the opulence of India's finest palaces with the flexibility of weaving in your own destination experiences, while The Leela Palace Trail - Curated is a well thought out itinerary that anticipates your every need and offers a distinctive Leela lens on the destination from the time you arrive until your departure.

The itinerary extends a local immersion of the destinations along with signature Leela offerings. Some of the highlights include a traditional welcome, The Leela Palace Service, unique dining experientials, ceremonial rituals, wellness therapies, palace tour, guided city tours, rejuvenating yoga sessions, local transfers, and savings on hotel services. The itinerary requires a stay of minimum 5 nights spread across two resorts and one city hotel as mandatory.

# A Magical Festive Season



Hilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa welcomes the festive season with a thoughtfully curated calendar of activities designed to immerse travelers in the warmth and merriment of a tropical Yuletide celebration.

## • T3FS Desk

A tree-lighting ceremony followed by a cocktail reception on December 21 signals the start of the festivities. Inspired by the sparkle and whimsy of this year's theme, *Magical Beginnings*, the resort will be transformed into a glittering wonderland with navy blue and silver accents throughout. On Christmas Day, guests will be serenaded with carols by the resort choir as they await Santa's splashy arrival; Santa will also be joining the day's sunset cruise.

A splendid New Year's Eve countdown party with a showstopping entertainment lineup will take place at Aura, bringing the old year to a close and ringing in the new.

## Enchanting Flavours

Signature dining experiences to look forward to include champagne tastings at Eden; festive high tea at Sip Tea Lounge; Christmas Day brunch featuring holiday favorites at Habitat; five-course wine pairing dinners at Origin; seaside buffets at Beach Shack; cocktail pairing truffle dinners at the Cocktail Lab; and lively Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners at Aura.

## A Big Welcome for Little Guests

Families traveling with junior explorers will be delighted by the creative daily programming led by a multilingual team of certified childcare professionals at the purpose-built Krakengiri Kids' Club.

Enriching holiday activities include circus workshops and pool games, nature walks and coconut bowling, island treasure hunts and Santa's beach house building, as well as Christmas-themed arts and crafts and cinema under the stars. Upstairs at Re:Fuel, a rooftop



lounge for teenage guests, there are milkshake, cotton candy and pizza parties. The kids' club will also host its very own Christmas Day and New Year's Eve parties for little ones.

## Serene Wellness Retreats

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# Reni Pani Jungle Lodge Introduces Horseback Safaris

Located in the pristine forest on the periphery of the Satpura National Park, the conservation and wildlife-focused Reni Pani Jungle Lodge has recently introduced horseback safaris that will be operational between the months of October and June.



The lodge was the first in Satpura to successfully introduce non-motorized safaris on land and water. Besides being eco-friendly, these activities allow a more immersive experience of the forest and all its elements. A unit of Jehan Numa Wilderness and the Jehan Group of Hotels, the property is run by the descendants of the royal family of Bhopal and is a translation of the family's deep connect with nature and the Satpura forests. "The first trail runs through the forest around Reni Pani where you can immerse in Satpura's flourishing flora as well as sightings of birds and some herbivores like nilgai, wild boar, spotted deer, Indian Gazelle, and if lucky the sloth bear too. The other trail passes along the local villages in the area - a really fabulous way to catch the rural sights up close. These rides will allow our guests to cover and explore more of the landscape in an excitingly new format. Both our trails end with a lovely picnic in the forest or a sundowner for that special, personalized touch - an essential requisite for all Jehan Numa experiences", said Aly Rashid, Director & CEO of Jehan Numa Wilderness.

**T**hese riding safaris on the royal family's thoroughbreds and Marwari horses are the first of their kind in Madhya Pradesh. Guided by experts, they offer guests a choice of two identified, distinct trails. Widely popular and respected within the wildlife circuit, Reni Pani is quite a pioneer in the responsible wildlife tourism landscape in the region.

Reni Pani Jungle Lodge, a 3.5-hour drive from Bhopal, comprises earthy cottages and luxury tents in the midst of spectacular nature. Many birds have made the lodge their home - Grey Hornbills, Malabar Pied Hornbills, Black Shouldered Kites, Tree Pies, Shikra, and many others can be spotted around the lodge itself. Besides safaris and nature excursions into the buffer zones and Park, the lodge's expert naturalists are happy to guide and regale guests with spotting the wilderness within the premise at any time.

# Roseate Hotel to open at Noida International Airport

Roseate Hotels and Resorts will develop an airport hotel at Noida International Airport, the upcoming greenfield airport in Delhi NCR, offering comfort, convenience and a sustainable experience to passengers and visitors.



**T**he hotel will be a whole new concept featuring intelligent technology like smartphone access and services especially designed to cater to the evolving demands and expectations of global leisure and business travelers. Roseate Hotels, owned and operated by Bird Group, have been selected for their excellent customer service, sustainability ethos, digital approach and their commitment to showcasing a new spectrum of hospitality.

Roseate Hotels will bring a one-of-a-kind stay experience that is unique by design, heritage, location, character, facilities, and personalized service around customer experience with sustainable luxury. The hotel will feature online check-in and check-out, instant online room allotment and smartphone room access. The aesthetics of the property will reflect the warmth of Indian hospitality in over 220 well-appointed rooms and a suite of banquet, dining and wellness spaces, including

a state-of-the-art fitness centre. The hotel will be located in close proximity to the airport terminal and will be the first step towards building NIA as a business and leisure centre for the region.

Mr. Christoph Schnellmann, Chief Executive Officer, Noida International Airport, said, "We are pleased to welcome Roseate Hotels to Noida International Airport. This marks the start of our journey towards developing a modern, consumer-centric infrastructure for travellers as well as the visitors at the airport. Roseate Hotels understand the needs of Indian customers, come with a rich experience in managing airport hotels, and share our ethos of a digital-led experience and sustainable infrastructure that we hope will be an extension of the experience we aim to provide at the airport. The hotel will be a catalyst for NIA to become a leading destination for travel, leisure, business, shopping, entertainment and stay, with hassle-

free multimodal accessibility."

The spokesperson, Roseate Hotels, said "We are excited to be selected as the hotel partner for Noida International Airport, one of the most awaited airports in the country. It is a proud moment for us to have won this bid. We want to build a property that brings a world-class experience to our guests from India and abroad with customer-focused efficiencies. The hotel will be built within walking distance of the Noida International Airport terminal, providing easy accessibility and multimodal connectivity. We aspire to deliver excellence that is synonymous with the brand. We are looking forward to showcasing a world-class hotel built keeping sustainability and cutting-edge technology at the helm. India's aviation and hospitality industry is poised for unprecedented growth in the coming years. NIA is a spectacular new chapter in this growth story, and we are equally delighted to be a part of it."

# A Magical Festive Season

**H**ilton Maldives Amingiri Resort & Spa welcomes the festive season with a thoughtfully curated calendar of activities designed to immerse travelers in the warmth and merriment of a tropical Yuletide celebration.

A tree-lighting ceremony followed by a cocktail reception on December 21 signals the start of the festivities. Inspired by the sparkle and whimsy of this year's theme, Magical Beginnings, the resort will be transformed into a glittering wonderland with navy blue and silver accents throughout. On Christmas Day, guests will be serenaded with carols by the resort choir as they await Santa's splashy arrival; Santa will also be joining the day's sunset cruise.

A splendid New Year's Eve countdown party with a showstopping entertainment lineup will take place at Aura, bringing the old year to a close and ringing in the new.

## Enchanting Flavours

Signature dining experiences to look forward to include champagne tastings at Eden; festive high tea at Sip Tea Lounge; Christmas Day brunch featuring holiday favorites at Habitat; five-course wine pairing dinners at Origin; seaside buffets at Beach Shack; cocktail pairing truffle dinners at the Cocktail Lab; and lively Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve gala dinners at Aura.

## A Big Welcome for Little Guests

Families traveling with junior explorers will be delighted by the creative daily programming led by a multilingual team of certified childcare professionals at the purpose-built Krakengiri Kids' Club.

Enriching holiday activities include circus workshops and pool games, nature walks and coconut bowling, island treasure hunts and Santa's beach house building, as well as Christmas-themed arts and crafts and cinema under the stars. Upstairs at Re:Fuel, a rooftop lounge for teenage guests, there are milkshake, cotton candy and pizza parties. The kids' club will also host its very own Christmas Day and New Year's Eve parties for little ones.

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## Winter Offers from Luxury Lodge, Aramness

ARAMNESS, a beautiful Indian safari lodge with 18 private village style kothis - each with its own courtyard, private pool and forest views, re-announced their two special winter offers, which will be active till end of March 2023.

**T**he offers include "Escape to Wilderness" and the "Signature Extended Stay Offer". Given that Gir is home to the only bunch of Asiatic lions around the world, these offers make for a great start to 2023 for the luxury traveller.

The first offer "Aramness Gir - Escape to Wilderness" is a two-night package (details given below), which include all meals with a capacious kothi, two spectacular wildlife activities, and more. In case you decide to lengthen your opulent stay, you may take advantage of the "Aramness Gir - Signature Extended Stay" offer which is valid for 3, 4, or 5 nights. This includes an optimal package, details of which are given below.

Along with luxury, you may experience a safari tour that exhibits the park's diversity, including Asiatic lions, leopards, and paradise flycatchers in addition to the breathtaking scenery. Of significance is that each tour is accompanied by an Aramness Naturalist who leads and engages the visitors in conversation, while educating them about the surrounding environment and its native flora and fauna. The lodge offers a special chance to connect with wildlife while on foot in addition to the Safari experience. The 18 sq.km space that separates the resort from Sasan Gir National Park is where this wonderful Indian wilderness experience comes to life.

No vacation is complete without exquisite gastronomy treats. From traditional Gujarati food to cuisines from around the world, the property offers a wide variety of dining options, for you to indulge your taste buds. The delectable menu includes the Gujarati Swaminarayan Thali, an all-vegetarian feast, as well as the Aramness Thali which allows you to savor the state's unsung non-vegetarian dishes. The Matla chicken, sheesha, and a spirituous drink make for the ideal evening followed by a jungle barbecue in the wilderness.

Unwind and revitalize yourself with spa treatments at the Aramness Spa while taking in the beauty of the imposing forest and its sweet-smelling fresh air. In conclusion, enjoy unparalleled luxury whilst being surrounded by the magnificent Gir's natural beauty and witness the wilderness unraveling before your eyes.

# En Fuego now in Dubai

On Friday 9th December, Atlantis, The Palm, conceptual partners, Solutions Leisure Group and the Master Showman, Don Fuego unlocked the doors to Dubai's newest South American social dining extravaganza.



**E**n Fuego, which translates to on fire in Spanish, promises diners an exhilarating and authentic South American experience, full of endless surprises, upon every visit.

Taking entertainment to new heights, the destination is an entity of energy, bringing the unexpected with fire performers, aerial hoop artists, an energetic tango duo and gravity-defying aerial acrobats. From musicians and dancers, to singing hosts and an enchanting family of characters, the team of performers emit the heartbeat of South American culture, captivating guests from arrival, through to their next visit.

As guests step foot inside Don Fuego's house of En Fuego, they will be greeted with a bracelet, officially welcoming them into his family. Shortly after entering, don't be surprised by a little mischief from Tiki-lla the golden butterfly or the energetic sounds of the Mexican mariachi band, the Fuego Trio. Make way for Madame Rosa, the scarlet songstress, who serenades guests with endearing vocals, as the Matadora and the Bull show off authentic Argentinian tango. Guests can samba the night away with the sizzling samba duo, the Firebirds, and the Fire Gypsy, whilst keeping their eyes peeled for the nimble Red Hot Chili acrobat and Don



Fuego's personal trickster, the Jazzy Jester. A night at En Fuego is one full of surprise, wonder and delight for the whole family to enjoy.

Echoing the continent's renowned fervent enjoyment of life and penchant for a party, En Fuego delivers a multi-sensory-driven, all-

Those with an appetite for a fresh ceviche must try En Fuego's Scallop Ceviche. This traditional Peruvian seafood dish has been infused with the flavours of Columbia; tossed in a creamy coconut milk sauce, the scallops are then paired with the tangy, sweet flavours of



encompassing destination that breathes new life into the social dining definition. The new age dining concept captivates guests with bright colours, electrifying acts, ceilings featuring hundreds of objects and distinct pieces, transporting them to countries that they have never been before.

Helmed by Columbian native Chef Daniel García, En Fuego's vibrant menu captures the essence that exudes from South America and is guided by García's vision to showcase Latin America's most loved dishes, including the continent's unique techniques and rich history. Beyond the food diners can discover a perfectly paired beverage menu created by the restaurant's Bar Manager, Sandor Sigler. Those who have gluten intolerance are bound to make a repeat visit given that the menu is 90 per cent gluten free.

The star of the menu, which was voted no.1 by the friendly staff at En Fuego, is the Grilled Celeriac. This captivating, vegan-friendly dish, features grilled celeriac placed on a bed of green pistachio Mole (pronounced MOH-lay), topped with a traditional Mexican Macha salsa sauce. This moreish dish has creamy, crunchy, and silky textures that embodies citrus, fresh flavours.

green mango and lime. To enhance the South American experience, diners are recommended to pair this ceviche with a glass of Chichimurada, a Peruvian mocktail, made from boiled corn, spices, and fruits. Another menu option that perfectly demonstrates the fused cuisines is the Patagonian Shrimp Tiradito. This Argentinian delight is coupled with a unique Mexican corn sauce, Huitlacoche (pronounced whee-tla-KO-cheh) which is known as corn mushroom or Mexican truffle, which grows at random on organic corn.

Meat aficionados will be in for a real treat with the "Asador" rotisserie and Don Fuego's Grill; from the Golden Butterfly's Corn Fed Chicken, which is prepared over five days, to the grass fed Sirloin which is infused in a marinade for three to four days, the mouth-watering meat mains are a must-try. The succulent steak is cooked on the Josper grill giving the meat a distinct smoky aroma and is then served up on a 'Cow-grill' plate - a makeshift grill which imitates the traditional way of cooking steak in the continent. This South American classic is accompanied by three different sauces, a mix of Mexican green sauce, red salsa, and Argentinian chimichurri, and completed with a selection of Columbian potatoes.



# Festive Feels with Emirates

It's the most wonderful time of the year and Emirates is ensuring passengers get the festive feels for the whole month of December, with magical moments sprinkled upon journeys from start to finish.

## • T3FS Desk

Wishing all passengers a very Merry Christmas around the world, Emirates will have festivities and celebrations at check-in desks, across international lounges, and onboard - ensuring the 1.4 million passengers booked to travel this December are immersed in the merry mood.

Season's greetings at Emirates Lounges

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Emirates Lounges in Dubai, where passengers jetting off to greet family and friends for the holiday season can pause to indulge in some festive fare before boarding. Business Class lounges will be serving warm and crumbly mince pies dashed with cream, traditional Stollen cake, soaked and spiced lady fingers with a Christmas dulce-whipped ganache, roasted chestnut and biscuit cake with a pop of lime and lemon sable. First Class Lounges will also have the flavoursome winter favourites - gingerbread profiteroles, dark chocolate salted caramel tarts and cinnamon baba au orange. Those dreaming of a white Christmas can enjoy some gingerbread ice cream and Perrier's winter white cosmo - festively flavoured water. For those who seek a warm and cosy feeling, savour the aromatic flavours of a cinnamon cortado, toffee nut oat latte, gingerbread mocha, or relax with a special festive tea brew by Dilmah - Charming magic or Christmas Holly Jolly. Around the globe, Emirates Lounges will be offering festive treats too, with local favourites taking centre stage.

A December to remember onboard Emirates



For the entire month of December, 'tis the season to be jolly onboard Emirates with festive meals and snacks in all cabins on select routes, with green and red Christmas lights aglow. First and Business Class passengers can indulge in all the classic Christmas dishes, from lemon and herb marinated king prawns with fennel salad and marie rose sauce, to cured salmon gravadlax with mustard crème fraiche to start, also enjoyed in Premium Economy Class. A full festive main course with all the trimmings will be available in all three classes - roasted turkey with cranberry compote, chestnut stuffing, pumpkin with honey and thyme, potato wedges and crunchy brussels sprouts peppered with turkey bacon. Desserts include a variety of delectable dishes - Christmas pudding with a generous dollop of crème anglaise, festive ginger cake smothered in dark chocolate ganache, or a vibrant

redcurrant chocolate mousse cake in the shape of Santa. Economy Class passengers will also have a moreish Christmas meal featuring roasted turkey with chestnut roulade, pommes Parisienne, a medley of parsnip, carrots, and green peas, followed by a sumptuous gingerbread cake doused with cream cheese frosting and cinnamon sauce.

In the onboard A380 lounge amidst festive florals, passengers departing Dubai can relax with some fragrantly spiced mulled wine, mince pies, panettone, gingerbread ice cream, and Christmas themed pastries.

From the 24-26 December, Emirates cabin crew will be offering mini gifts of cinnamon cream profiteroles, chocolate truffles and gingerbread Christmas trees and snowmen, to all passengers onboard.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas with ice

Bringing tidings of comfort and joy, Emirates multi award-winning inflight entertainment system ice features all the sounds of the season from the contemporary Christmas hits of Michael Bublé and Sia, to the nostalgic classics of Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald. Kids and adults alike can get the holly jolly vibes watching new Christmas movies like Silent Night starring Keira Knightley and 8-Bit Christmas starring Neil Patrick Harris, as well as the old favourites Love Actually (2003), Last Christmas (2019), The Holiday (2006), Elf (2003), The Polar Express (2004) and even Rudolph the Red Nosed



Reindeer from 1964. Nothing says Christmas like a festive TV special, and passengers have all the familiar favourites at their fingertips including Friends: The Christmas Episodes, Gavin & Stacey: A Special Christmas, Big Bang Theory: The Christmas Episodes and The Great British Bake-Off: Christmas Special.

Kids make the magic of Christmas

At Emirates, every child is on the Nice List, and will be gifted with an Emirates giveaway onboard suitable for their age group, as well as the opportunity to make magical memories with family as Emirates cabin crew take polaroids and share them in a festive-themed keepsake frame. For some sugar and spice, and all things nice, kids can also cuddle up with a Christmas movie, a soft Emirates blanket and pillow, and a creamy hot chocolate with marshmallows served directly to their seat - in all cabin classes.



# Trending Food at Six 'O' One

Six 'O' One, the iconic multi cuisine restaurant at THE Park Chennai that trail blazed trending food concepts since 2002, now launches an all new address for exclusive Dim Sums and Sushi.



**I**ntroduction of Sushi and Dim Sum Bar at Six 'O' One brings alive a concept of easy, light dining that would satiate any diner, whether for a quick and light working lunch or an unwinding, relaxed dinner. As you walk in to Six 'O' One, be pleasantly welcomed by the wafting aromas of steaming dim sums and colourful artistic renditions of Sushi.

Bringing passion, precision and flair to the all-new bar, Executive Chef Ashutosh Nerlekar and his team have curated an exciting menu that pleases vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. The menu

features some classical cum familiar and some innovative takes on Sushi and Dim Sums. The tall bar stool seating around the bar also makes it an ideal location for a great solo meal and fun interactions with the Sushi and Dim Sum Masters.

The menu has been curated with consciously sourced ingredients that exude authenticity, flavour, a sense of fun and visual stimulation in each of the creations. If you are in a mood for something adventurous or looking for a light, fresh and healthy meal, the all new Dim Sum & Sushi Bar at Six 'O' One offers all of this and more!

**Lifestyle**



# Luxury Brands' Christmas Collection 2022: Girls, Let the chase begin!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go it's glistening once again with candy canes and silver lanes that glow. The Christmas Collection from brands is once more ready and waiting.

• Yashika Arora

All the shops are waiting for the divas to commence their merry shopping. Simple details have been carefully explored by brands to offer a festive feel. Every individual has something waiting to be purchased by them in one shape or the other.

The variety of goods includes everything from cosmetics to clothing to home décor and to stunning handbags. The designers have their products embellished with Christmas-themed touches of red, green, white, and blue, along with nighttime glittering gold and silver.

Here are the most buzzing luxury brands' Christmas cum HolidayCollection 2022 that will make your season glitzy, sparkly, and merry.



*Lipstick Rouge Dior Limited edition*

For the Christmas season, Rouge Dior, the iconic Dior lipstick, receives a makeover as part of a constellation-themed collection. The lipstick's bullet, which is available in limited-edition colours created by Peter Philips, Creative and Image Director for Dior Makeup, features a delicate pattern of stars and flowers. For a 16-hour feeling of comfort, Rouge Dior's refillable bold couture colour bathes lips. This limited-edition lipstick comes in velvet, matte, and satin textures and is infused with extracts of red peony and pomegranate blossom that are naturally derived.

# Prada



## *Prada Panier Satin Bag with Crystals*

The Prada Panier bag's bright all-over crystals, which trace back to the fashion industry and bring with them the essence of golden sparkling stars, highlight its elegant form, making it ideal for a night time Christmas celebration. In addition to an exclusive name tag with a metal logo, the bag offers a detachable shoulder strap. The bag has a leather handle, a shoulder strap that is removable, a clasp clutcher, and a keychain that is detachable.

# MiuMiu

## *Stretch Cady Dress with Feathers*

**W**hat would Christmas be like without snow? Keeping this in mind, the MiuMiu designers designed a white gown that was inspired by the language of evening wear. For the upcoming season, the company experiments with romantic silhouettes and luxurious details to create ultra-feminine designs. The dress is embellished with a feather at the hem, giving it a snow festive appearance. dress has spaghetti straps, a back zipper, and a sheath lining.



# Tiffany and Co

## Ring Dishes

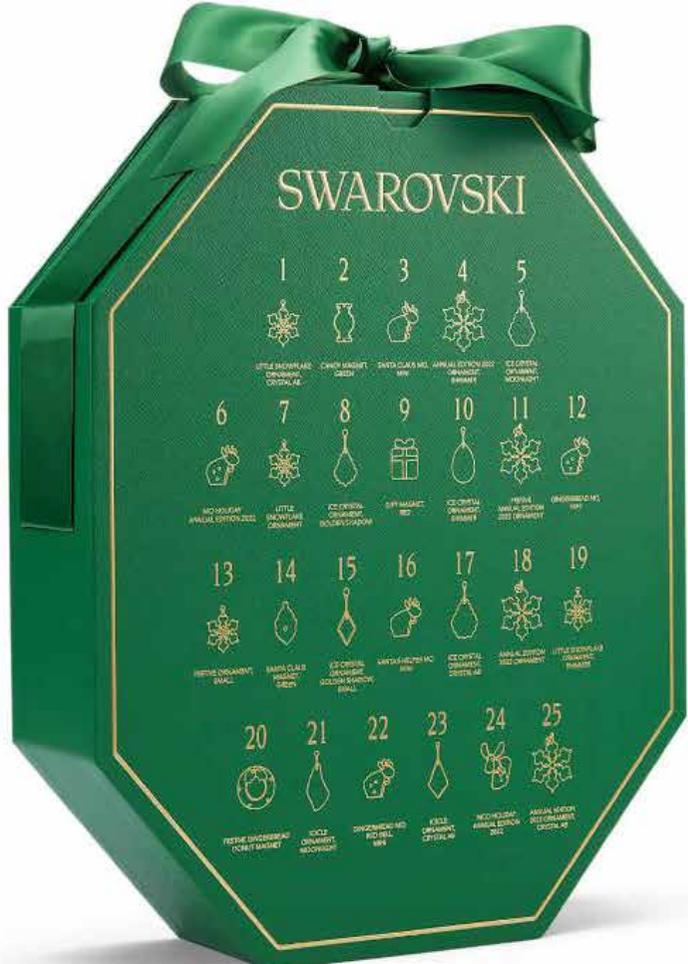
Tiffany commissioned Andy Warhol to create a series of holiday cards that encapsulated the fun and whimsy of the Christmas vibe from 1957 to 1962. In order to create limited-edition Home & Accessories designs inspired by Warhol's Christmas Graphics, Tiffany went to its Archives this year. These six ring plates will add a festive touch to your home. Each feature one of their colourful interpretations of traditional holiday motifs in the artist's distinctive blotted line and watercolour technique, from stars and Christmas tree ornaments to a shoe made of holly. The set is made of Bone China, and the hand-painted gold rim provides it with a distinctive appearance.



# Swarovski

## Annual Edition 2022 Advent Calendar

You may count down the days until the holidays and savour the romance of the season with the aid of this magnificent Swarovski Advent Calendar. It contains 25 expertly crafted crystal sculptures, some of which are exclusive to the calendar and feature well-known Swarovski characters Mo the cow and Ricci the moose. It is only available for December 2022. The figurines, magnets, and ornaments can be used to adorn a tree, festive table or placed on our classy Ornament Stand or Bell Jar Display.





# Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2023

BMW Group Classic will host the legendary Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este in cooperation with the Villa d'Este luxury hotel on 19 – 21 May 2023.

The most spectacular cars of their respective eras will once again do battle in exclusive competition classes for the coveted prizes. Most prestigious of all is the Trofeo BMW Group, awarded by the high-calibre Jury to the overall winner of the Concorso d'Eleganza.

To this end, the Selecting Committee of the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2023 is inviting owners of exceptional classic cars to sign up for the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este.

The category "A Century of the 24 Hours of Le Mans: heroes of the most famous race in the world" honours the centenary of the classic endurance race near the Sarthe river in France. The 75-year anniversary of Porsche is an occasion of comparable distinction, and fully deserving of its own category: "Porsche at 75: delving into the Stuttgart legend's iconic and eccentric back catalogue". The third already fixed competition class is: "Incredible India: The Dazzling Motoring Indulgences of the Mighty Maharajahs". Cars can also be registered outside of the categories set out so far. Further classes will be announced in due course.

BMW Group Classic is delighted to announce that the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa



d'Este Public Days at Villa Erba – suspended as a result of the coronavirus pandemic – will return to the programme in 2023.

On Sunday 21 May, the Public Day – Il Festival will once again give the wider public the opportunity to experience the parade of the cars in the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este.

This will be a festival day for all the senses,

celebrating the cars and mobility of the past, present and future. And an enthralling programme of entertainment will also be laid on for the whole family.

The Amici & Automobili – Wheels & Weisswüsch event format familiar to many from its Munich roots and adapted for the Concorso d'Eleganza for the first time this year will also be part of the festival weekend in 2023. This established get-together for car enthusiasts will return to Lake Como on Saturday 20 May and give a warm welcome to the models of all brands brought over by car clubs and communities from around the world.

These elements of the programme reflect the commitment of BMW Group Classic – as the event organiser – to evolve the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este with sensitivity and without detracting excessively from its historic character. With this in mind, further pre- and side events are in the pipeline, more details of which will be revealed at a later stage.

The Hotel Villa d'Este will celebrate another anniversary in 2023: 150 years as a hotel, because the company Villa d'Este S.p.A. was founded back in 1873. For this reason it will host special events throughout the year and will stay open during the winter period.

# Honda Cars India inks MoU with MSTI

HCIL, leading manufacturer of premium cars in India, November 28, 2022 announced that it has signed an agreement with Maruti Suzuki Toyotsu India Private Limited (MSTI) to offer its customers, an end-to-end solution for scrapping their End of Life Vehicles (ELVs).



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Government of India and adopted by various State Governments. The customer will also have additional peace of mind and assurance that their old vehicle cannot be misused and therefore no legal liability or hassle afterwards.

This collaboration marks a key milestone in Honda Cars India's commitment to green mobility, providing a circular ecosystem for End of Life Vehicles through safer and more environment friendly disassembly and scrapping.

About Honda Cars India Ltd. Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL), a leading manufacturer of premium cars in India, was established in December 1995 with a commitment to provide Honda's passenger car models and technologies, to Indian customers. HCIL's corporate office is based in Greater Noida, UP and its state-of-the-

Customers can get their older vehicles scrapped in a scientific and environment friendly manner. With this tie-up, HCIL strives to assist its customers to get the best value of their ELVs and facilitating hassle-free deregistration and issue of Certificate of Deposit/ Destruction through its dealer partners.

MSTI is a government-approved ELV scrapping and recycling company which is setting up modern ELV scrap and recycling centres in the country. The service alliance will begin in Delhi NCR, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The coverage area will expand with addition of new scrapping centres by MSTI in future.

Speaking on the new customer initiative, Mr. Takuya Tsumura, President & CEO, Honda Cars India Ltd, said, "The Vehicle Scrapage Policy by Government of India stipulates scrapping and deregistration of old vehicles to promote phasing out of unfit vehicles from the roads, improve safety and lowering of carbon footprint in India. We are pleased to offer a one stop solution to our customers through our dealers, to scrap their old cars in a systematic and environmentally friendly manner. With this association, Honda Cars India intends to go beyond while serving and



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delighting our customers."

Further, Mr. Masaru Akaishi, Managing Director, Maruti Suzuki Toyotsu India Private Limited (MSTI), said, "Today we are pleased to announce our collaboration with Honda Cars India Limited. MSTI will continue to contribute to the improvement of India's environment by providing environment friendly ELV dismantling services."

As part of the tie-up, HCIL dealership along with MSTI will offer the customers: 1. Vehicle Evaluation 2. Arrange quote for scrapping value of the vehicle 3. Provide end to end services including vehicle pick-up, transportation and dismantling at MSTI scrap and recycling centre 4. Issue of Certificate of Deposit/ Destruction from MSTI.

The Certificate of Deposit/ Destruction will enable customers claim eligible benefits under Vehicle Scrapage Policy notified by

art manufacturing facility is located at Tapukara, District. Alwar, Rajasthan.

The company's product range includes Honda Jazz, Honda Amaze, Honda WR-V, Honda City and Honda City e: HEV catering to the diverse needs of its discerning buyers across different segments. Honda's models are strongly associated with advanced design and technology, apart from their established qualities of durability, reliability, safety and fuel efficiency.

The company has a strong sales and distribution network spread across the country. Besides the new car business, Honda offers one-stop solution for buying and selling pre-owned cars through its business function Honda Auto Terrace. The Honda Certified Pre-owned cars come with an assurance of quality and peace of mind that caters to the diverse and burgeoning needs of pre-owned car buyers across the country.



# The 2023 Race Calendar

Next year marks the 34th season for the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland with an attractive race calendar featuring eight events in four countries.



A total of 16 rounds with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup are on the schedule. For the first time since 2017, most of the Porsche Carrera Cup races will be contested as part of the DTM platform. In addition to six race weekends run as part of the German GT3 series support programme, the calendar includes a doubleheader event at the FIA World Endurance Championship WEC on the legendary Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium. The 2023 season kicks off there from 27 to 29 April. NITRO will again air all races

live on German free-TV.

In addition to the races in Belgium's Ardennes region, the calendar includes two further international Formula 1 circuits: the Red Bull Ring in Austria and the Dutch Circuit Zandvoort. Porsche fans can also look forward to a special race weekend at Hockenheim at the end of June – the event name and further programme details will be announced at the beginning of the year. Other venues include the Nürburgring, the Lausitzring and the Sachsenring. For the finale, the Porsche one-

**Bastian Schramm, Director Marketing Porsche Deutschland GmbH**

We've put together an attractive package for the 34th season of the Porsche Carrera Cup Deutschland. With the trademark rights acquisition of the DTM, the ADAC offers an exciting stage that has never before been seen in this constellation. Porsche fans should also mark the second race weekend on their calendars. It'll be a very special event in Hockenheim.



make cup will revisit the Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg.

The 2023 season runs from April to October. All eight race weekends include two 30-minute sprint races plus one lap.

# Safety with Škoda: New Updates in Traffication Infotainment App

Škoda is trialling a new feature in its Traffication infotainment app. The latest version of the app, which is being tested in a pilot project in the Czech Republic, now warns of approaching trains, reducing the risk of accidents at level crossings.



This feature complements other functions in the Traffication app, such as warning of wrong-way drivers and alerting the driver to the risk of inadvertently entering a motorway against the flow of traffic, to further improve road safety.

## Safety first

Škoda is continually adding clever real-time solutions to enhance road safety. In collaboration with the Czech railway company Leo Express, ŠKODA is offering a new feature in its Traffication infotainment app as part of a pilot project. Customers already using the app can download the update now. An update notification will appear in the infotainment notification centre. Similarly, the in-car shop will show that an update is available. The app will be installed after being confirmed by the user.

## Cloud-based solution

Real-time train locations are regularly transmitted to the cloud, which then

communicates the information to any Škoda vehicle using the Traffication infotainment app near a level crossing with a train approaching. The warning about the approaching train is shown on the central infotainment display along with an acoustic and pop-up notification. Škoda is already working on integrating other railway companies across Europe, while discussions with several others are ongoing.

## Easy download

Traffication is available for download from the in-car shop and online in the Škoda Connect shop. It can be installed in all current Škoda models apart from the ENYAQ iV, provided the vehicle is equipped with the top infotainment system from the third-generation Modular Infotainment Matrix.

The app then runs automatically in the background without the driver having to switch it on. It immediately shows warnings on the central infotainment display whenever drivers encounter traffic hazards in their immediate

vicinity.

## More than trains: slippery roads and bad weather

Besides the newly added warnings of approaching trains, the app already displays other types of warnings either from traffic information providers or directly from Škoda cars. Traffication can warn drivers of severe weather, bad road conditions, or accidents ahead.

Moreover, the app can detect a wrong-way driver joining a motorway against the traffic flow and warn other drivers of the potential danger. Poor visibility can be identified, for example by Škoda vehicles switching the fog lights on, and this information is sent to the cloud.

In addition, Škoda drivers can manually report traffic hazards to the cloud with a single click to warn all other Škoda drivers using Traffication. The app is now available in 32 European countries and issues warnings in 23 languages.



# The Tribe Concepts

**Mini Masking Kit:** Our skin need not sag but be tight- not dull but be bright- definitely not tiresome but forever glowing! Our Mini Masking Kit simply accomplishes everything you desire and more.

This box comes with 3 bestseller masks with authentic Ayurvedic formulations that provide result-based benefits. Power of Himalayan Shilajit and Saffron in Collagen Mask boosts natural collagen of skin and improves skin firmness. Marigold and Chironji in Glow mask helps get stunning illuminated skin & reduces pigmentation. Sandalwood & Rose petals in Brightening Mask helps minimise pores and gives balanced hydration.

**Amara Box:** indulge in all things luxurious



**Comment:** one-stop solution to hassle-free sarees

**Rating:** 9/10

# One Minute Saree

One Minute Saree is the much-anticipated saree revolution that has recently launched an In-house Glam collection and a one-of-a-kind Gujarati Drape One Minute Saree. It solves all of your draping problems with custom-stitched, pre-draped sarees that fit perfectly every time and leave you feeling as beautiful as you look, all in under one minute! And compared to other pre-stitched sarees in the market, One Minute Saree offers authentic sarees that are true to their integrity so you can drape them without any hassle.

They use authentic sarees of various materials and workmanship sourced from all over India. By offering silk and gold bordered sarees to sexy

sequined net sarees, the brand uses real sarees to maintain the look and feel of a traditional 6-yard saree. They keep all of the beautiful aspects of the saree, such as the flow, drape, and pleats, while eliminating all of the hassles, such as pleating, pins, and petticoats. They are size inclusive as you can find XXS to 7XL ranges.

All it takes is the desire to embody celeb-like grace in stunning sarees at weddings without having to worry about tripping over a long pallu or sporting uneven pleats. It is not only adjustable but also comes with a paired blouse so that you do not have to worry about anything, be it marriage or the festive season, One Min Saree is here to make your life easy.



# Fabcurate

A typical Indian blouse looks fabulous when worn with a saree as the classic, traditional and contemporary designs go on to define the true beauty of a feminine form. Fabcurate has the most updated collection of blouses that includes pleated, plain, and printed blouses which belong to the category of designer and readymade blouses.

### Sequins Collar Blouse

Gorgeous blouse with a sequin collar made of georgette fabric. Georgette is a lightweight fabric that drapes well, which is why it is preferred. The geometric designs on the blouse show how one may creatively embellish conventional clothing to liven up the look.

### Embroidery Collar Blouse

An embroidered blouse is something to be proud of. This gorgeous blouse will live up to your expectations for the wedding season. This blouse can be worn with Lehengas by the bride and bridesmaids to enjoy gala time and preserve that unforgettable moment.

### Embroidery halter neck Blouse

An embroidered blouse made of net cloth is adaptable and may be worn with sarees and lehengas. This blouse is the ultimate choice if you're looking for something exclusive that shows off your personality in a cultural style.



**Comment:** It's time to be classy with Indian Outfit

**Rating:** 9/10

Ayurveda has to offer Amara, the eternal conquest of Beauty ends with this beautifully curated box.

Luxuriously crafted with a touch of elegance, our Amara Bath Ritual Box is a fusion of oils & cleansers made with revitalising herbs & precious Ayurvedic ingredients for healthy hair and skin.

This top to toe luxurious bath ritual box is an experience to behold and serves as a great gifting option for your loved ones.



**Comment:** Tribe Rituals

**Rating:** 8/10

# Nutrilitius

“Where there is health, there is happiness.” - Keeping this philosophy at the core of their operations, Abhilash Reddy D, Pranath Sisodiya, and Shreya Dheeraj Jain co-founded Nutrilitius in October 2021.

The company is dedicated to sourcing, processing, grading, packaging and supplying the finest dried fruits from the best farms in India and Iran to customers while ensuring affordability and excellent customer experience - this gives Nutrilitius an edge over its competitors.

Currently, Nutrilitius provides health-conscious customers of Tier-I cities with a unique, distinctive and exotic array of products ranging from dry fruits and nuts to wellness and nutraceutical products such as health supplements, capsules and vitamin gummies. On the back of its immense growth and popularity in India in the last decade, the company now aims to scale further by adding new products, such as gummies, mouth sprays, and effervescent tablets, to cater to the growing needs of customers.

With health and innovation at the forefront, Nutrilitius is on a mission to become India's fastest-growing affordable healthy food and supplement D2C brand. It strives to achieve INR 10 crores ARR in the next five months and 100 crores in 18 months. Further, the company plans to capture a chunk of the Indian nutraceutical market, which is growing at a tremendous pace and is estimated to reach 10 trillion by 2030.

**Comment:** Be healthy with Nutrilitius

**Rating:** 8/10

# Modicare



Comment: Well Sports Performance Whey Protein  
Rating: 8/10

Well Sports Performance Whey is a high-quality, well-balanced Whey Protein formula with all essential Amino Acids, naturally occurring BCAAs, Glutamine, and added Vitamins & Minerals. Priced at Rs. 8,999/- (2kg), it helps in protein synthesis for the muscular body and strength. The easily digestible formula promotes rapid recovery and better results from training sessions, helps in increasing muscle size and minimises muscle wastage. It is a 100% vegetarian product supplement that is super easy to make by simply mixing in water or milk. Loaded with multivitamins, it helps to maintain strong bones, strengthen teeth, boost immunity, reduce inflammation and improve memory. The two exclusive flavours, Mango Twist and Chocolate

Delight support the immune system and help to manage body weight. The Well Sports Performance Whey is a part of the Well Sports range that offers a complete range of high-performance products for all your fitness needs and goals. It addresses the three key principles of sports nutrition—fuelling, hydration and recovery—and helps meet your pre, intra, and post-workout nutritional requirements. The specifically curated range supports muscle recovery & repair, improves athletic performance, support building muscle mass, enhance power and boost stamina before, during, and after working out. Through its varied range of seven comprehensive offerings, it aims to provide optimal benefits and results to those engaged in an active lifestyle.

# Makeup Eraser



Comment: Easy to remove makeup anytime anywhere  
Rating: 8/10

Makeup Eraser, India, which is officially dedicated to creating the most sustainable makeup removal product in the world by using only the most accessible resource available: WATER.

MakeUp Eraser I HEART YOU 7-Day Set (Pack of 7) - Erase ALL makeup with JUST water! The 'I HEART YOU 7' MakeUp Eraser is a 2in1: double-sided to erase and exfoliate, 7-Day Set includes: 7 MakeUp Erasers, approx. 5in x 4in, one mini for every day of the week!

MakeUp Eraser Disney Princess 7-Day Set (Pack of 7) - The 'MakeUp Eraser Disney Princess 7'

MakeUp Eraser is a 2in1: double-sided to erase and exfoliate, 7-Day Set includes: 7 MakeUp Erasers, approx. 5in x 4in, one mini for every day of the week!

MakeUp Eraser Let's Get Physical Gym Set (Pack of 5 MakeUp Erasers & 3 Accessories)- The 'MakeUp Eraser Let's Get Physical Gym Set' MakeUp Eraser is a 2in1: double-sided to erase and exfoliate, 7-Day Set includes: 5 MakeUp Remover Towel, one headband, one mesh bag for washing towels and a toiletry bag to fulfill all your gym requirements for every day of the week!

# Inveda



Comment: A pure sense of ayurvedic products  
Rating: 9/10

## Luxury Kumkumadi Tailam Face & Body Kit

In search of perfect skin & bodycare regimen? Inveda's Luxury Kumkumadi Face & Body Kit is special gifting and self-care hamper created to give ultimate luxury that you need! While your skin needs attention, so does your body! Inveda's Luxury Kumkumadi is here to give all of the love and care that you need while making skin look young and healthy. Gift this amazing combo of body care and skincare to your loved one or treat yourself with amazing packaging that makes you fall in love with solution-driven products with sweet aroma of saffron!

## Overnight Repair Lip Sleeping Masque:

The unique formulation of Inveda's Overnight Repair Lip Sleeping Masque gently melts away dead skin cells from the lips. It restores the moisture and adds a protective layer to avoid further dryness & cell breakage. It also adds a perfect natural tint and treats dark lips overnight.

# Giving Back With Gratitude

“Passion, Perseverance and Persistence are certain skills I would call it what our younger generation should acquire and work on.”  
Said Dr. Hianshnu Talwar.



*One and only Dr. Himanshu Talwar, Executive Director TAAI, International TEDx Speaker, Celebrated Author, 15 National Level Award Winner and PR Professional share about his journey and his ideology.*

## Share your philanthropic journey.

I decided to become a lifelong seeker and a benevolent giver at an early age. From being a prolific author to a noted public speaker, I have never stopped expanding the skill set. However, I believe, what sets me apart

from the crowd is the willingness to give back to society with gratitude.

## How are you bringing change in the society?

By becoming a distinguished patron of social elevation, I continued to guide people and counsel students, entrepreneurs and managers. I worked relentlessly to transform the lives of others by encouraging and empowering them with their innate and external resources. I try to help people equanimously

by being a Mentor and a Life Coach because I believe that the chaperonage to young professionals can open their minds to the possibility of establishing a fair socio-economic society and give impetus to the budding talent.

## Please through some light on awards & accolades received, and your social journey so far.

By God's grace my dedication towards social causes earned me the Inspirational Leader of Asia 2022, Outstanding Social Worker 2021, Indian Achievers' Award 2020 for Excellence in Social Service and the The Man of Excellence award for 2019. Fortunately, I am the Recipient of more than fifteen national-level awards, and have been supporting Non-profit organizations for more than a decade and working for international organizations, facilitating people-to-people contacts, and conducting training/ workshops for professionals on International Relations, Strategic Management, Cross-Cultural & Corporate Communications, Business, and Corporate laws, Entrepreneurship, and the list goes on.

## What is your future course of action?

I would like to continue on impacting people by harnessing their potential and encouraging them to reach their desired goals. I have learnt a lot from the society and therefore strongly believe that the only right thing is to use the expertise for the service of others by imparting the right knowledge and guidance to them. Using the ability to translate my life experiences into words, I communicate seamlessly and perseveres to pave a career path for many.

## Your Message for Younger Generation.

Passion, Perseverance and Persistence are certain skills I would call it what our younger generation should acquire and work on. With these basic skills multiple milestones can be achieved. Pandemic has taught us that any unprecedented event can spoil rather sabotage your years of hard work, however, we must understand that rebuilding is a process which can only be executed based on the experience and education gained with Passion, Perseverance and Persistence.



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