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#### Dear Readers

hen you will bring T3FS May 2024 edition you will get to know a lot about the family destinations and hotels. Planning a family getaway can be a thrilling endeavor, especially when you're considering destinations that cater specifically to the interests and needs of children. Whether you're dreaming of exploring enchanting theme parks, diving into vibrant cultural experiences, or immersing yourselves in the wonders of nature, the world is brimming with destinations that promise endless excitement for the whole family. In cover story you will be uncover some of the most captivating destinations where children can unleash their curiosity, ignite their imagination, and create unforgettable memories with their loved ones.

In hospitality, we focused on Family- $Friendly\,Retreats: Top\,Hotels\,for\,Unforgettable$ Holidays with Children. Choosing the right accommodation is essential for a memorable family holiday, where comfort, convenience, and entertainment options cater to both parents and children alike. From spacious suites equipped with kid-friendly amenities to resorts offering exciting activities for all ages, finding the perfect hotel can elevate your vacation experience to new heights. Let's explore some of the best family-friendly hotels around the world, where every moment promises laughter, relaxation, and cherished family bonding. Whether you're craving beachside bliss, theme park thrills, or cultural immersion, these hotels are sure to exceed your expectations and create lasting memories for the whole family.

Moving ahead in lifestyle, we covered backpacking through summer with kids. Summer vacation—a time of endless possibilities, where the world becomes our playground and adventures beckon on every



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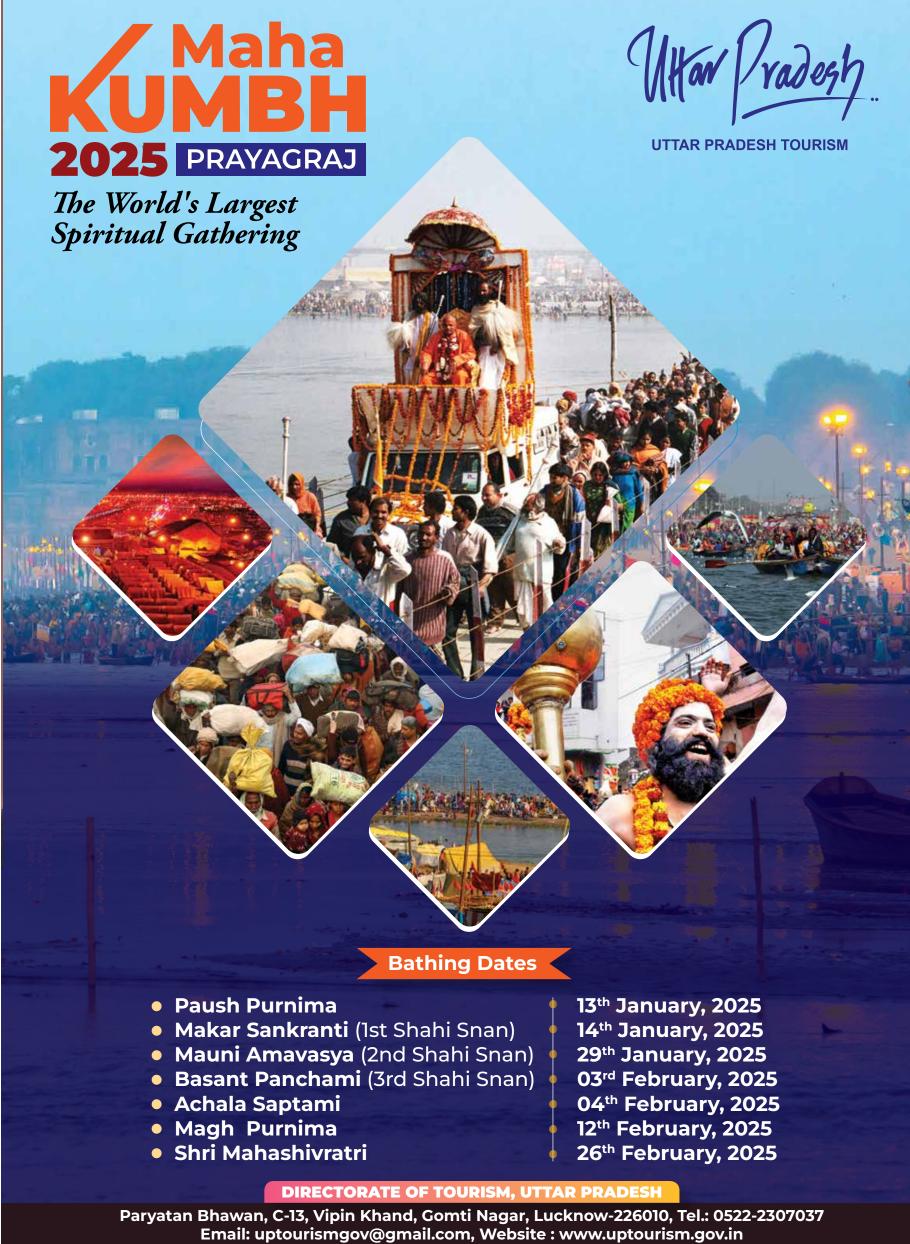
horizon. For families seeking to embrace the spirit of exploration and adventure, backpacking offers a unique opportunity to venture off the beaten path, forging unforgettable memories amidst the wonders of nature. Join us on a journey as we embark on a backpacking adventure with kids, navigating rugged trails, sleeping beneath starlit skies, and discovering the boundless joys of the great outdoors.





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### **Embark on a Culinary** Voyage to Italy

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## From Royal Weaves to Vibrant Prints EXTRE TOTALS in mankya Pr

Unveil the magic of Rich Textile Heritage

Madhya Pradesh is inevitably a kaleidoscope for textile lovers, with centuries-old tradition of handloom weaving and dying skills passed down through generations. Textile Tourism in Madhya Pradesh offers an immersive experience that surpasses the souvenir collection dating back to 5000 years. Let us take a peek into some of the top destinations in Madhya Pradesh for textile tourism.



The thin air like Chanderi Cotton textile, a hand-weaved interlacement of gold and silver warp and weft forming popular motifs like paisley, guinea design, peacock, mehrab and flowers beholds the rich and prestigious



culture of Chanderi. The fabric was exclusive among royals and the then Queen of Baroda put a price on sarees after rubbing the fabric onto her cheeks. Folklores are prevalent as soft as the cloth as high was its price. Chanderi sarees are not just a textile or a cloth, but a handwoven saree exemplifying the history and the century-old tradition of sarees that come in three types of fabrics pure silk, silk cotton and Chanderi cotton.

#### **MAHESHWAR**

Nestled on the banks of the Narmada River, Maheshwar a centuries-old centre for handloom weaving, has been famous for its



beautiful Maheshwari sarees characterised by vibrant

colours, gold zari borders, and unique pit loom weaving techniques. These sarees, known for their unique style, were introduced by a queen about 250 years ago. Traditionally made from cotton, they come in a variety of designs including plain, striped, and even geometric patterns. Explore the bustling handloom market, visit heritage havelis showcasing the craft, or try hand at weaving a small piece of cloth under the guidance of a master weaver.

#### HAND BLOCK PRINTING ON TEXTILES

One of the few art forms practised through its original technique, the Nandna Print is a colourful block print produced in the village of Tarapur in Neemuch and Umedpura. This comfortable clothing is the traditional attire of the Bhil and Bhilal tribes.



The town named Bagh near the historic city Mandu boasts a 1000-year-old tradition of Bagh Print, a unique form of natural dye block printing. Visit a printer's workshop to witness the meticulous process of hand-carving wooden blocks and printing intricate floral and geometric patterns onto fabric.

Bherugarh is the centre of Batik Printing near Ujjain. This age-old wax-resist dyeing and printing craft is considered to have been practised in Egypt, Japan and India for over 2000 years. At present, textile lovers can visit Bherugarh and witness over 800 men and women working as printers in the village.

Handblock printing fabric-tying and dyeing crafts belong to Indore. For Handblock printing vegetable and natural dyes such as indigo, turmeric roots, pomegranate skin, lac, iron, etc. are utilised to create the colours in this technique which produce a complex yet understated impression. The amazing part is that since the natural colours penetrate the cloth, they do not quickly fade enhancing the fabric's aesthetic appeal. While in fabric tying and dyeing craft is referred to as Bandhani or Bandhej in Madhya Pradesh.

The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is recognising the potential of textile tourism and taking steps to promote this unique travel experience. Pranpur village in Chanderi is India's First Craft Handloom Tourism Village developed by the tourism department. This unique initiative intends to allow tourists to visit the weaver's community in Pranpur and directly interact with artisans, witness the weaving process, and understand the cultural significance of these textiles



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### Chai Destinations

Ahead of International Tea Day, observed on 21 May, digital travel platform Agoda witnessed an increased number of accommodation searches for travel to hill stations that are famous for their tea experiences and heritage. India, popularly known as 'The Land of Chai', is home to vast tea estates that offer a chance to learn more about tea culture, while taking in breathtaking mountain views.

Ooty, Palampur, and Chikmagalur are the destinations with the highest increase in searches according to Agoda's insights when comparing Q1 2024 to the same period in 2023, generating a higher increase in searches than iconic and ever-popular tea garden locations like Darjeeling and Munnar.

Ooty, nestled in the Nilgiri Hills, offers panoramic views and aromatic tea experiences topping the board for the biggest increases in searches (46%) followed by Palampur (44%) which, set amidst the Himalayan foothills, boasts scenic beauty and distinctive Kangra tea flavors. Chikamagalur in the picturesque region of Karnataka comes in third (35%).

Krishna Rathi, Senior Country Director India Subcontinent and Maldives at Agoda shared "It's not surprising to see travelers increasingly searching out new experiences or exploring the heritage and culture that India has to offer.



While Indian travelers love to go abroad to unexplored destinations, they also appreciate just how much there is to see and do within their own borders that allows them to discover India's landscapes and culture. The increasing popularity of destinations like Ooty and Palampur showcasing India's unique Chai experience is a prime example of this and on Agoda it's easy to find all types of places to stay."

### Airtel: Budget-Friendly International Roaming Plans for Global Travelers

Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service providers unveiled affordable international roaming packs for customers travelling abroad. The new packs include access to 184 countries and the tariffs start at as low as Rs. 133/



day, making them an affordable option even when compared to local sims. In addition, they offer enhanced data benefits, in-flight connectivity and 24x7 contact centre support.

To make things as convenient as possible, Airtel has also ensured that customers travelling to these 184 countries no longer need subscribe to multiple packs for various travel destinations and have the convenience to simply choose the duration of travel and enjoy seamless connectivity anywhere in the world through one single pack; and do this in the most

Amit Tripathi – Director – Customer Experience and Marketing, Bharti Airtel, said, "At Airtel, our mission is to solve customer problems and offer greater convenience. We are happy to launch affordable and simplified international roaming packs that will enable seamless roaming access to customers travelling anywhere in the world. The packs offer greater value with enhanced benefits that are economical when compared to local in-country sims across many countries. The new pack truly redefines our value proposition for customers and gives them the freedom to use data and voice at an affordable tariff."

### FHRAI Raises Concerns to MOHUA

The Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), development within the hospitality sector in Delhi, to the MOHUA persists, impeding the growth and development of the hotel industry in

FHRAI highlights that the inability of hotels in utilizing the increased FAR is contributing to a gap between the increasing demand fuelled by Airlines are adding capacities with more than 1000 airplanes on order by Indigo and Air India, but there are no active pipelines of hotel

align with an increasingly rapid demand.

Indira Gandhi International Airport opens, its capacity will increase from regional hub. Opening up of new convention centres In Delhi is another major initiative taken by the Government to position Delhi as a MICE is not growing in Delhi is a major concern along with a more conductive environment for the viable functioning of the existing players. Addressing these issues would lead to sustainable growth, enhance employment opportunities, and strengthen Delhi's position as a premier destination.

of additional FAR are hindering the sector's ability to keep pace with the

### **AVIAREPS Celebrates 30** Years of Business

With the ambition of helping airlines and destinations grow their business, AVIAREPS was founded by Michael Gaebler in April 1994 in Munich, Germany. 30 years later, AVIAREPS has expanded its network to 69 offices in 65 countries worldwide, serving a wide variety of brands from the aviation, tourism, hospitality, food & beverage, and lifestyle industries - and has become the world's leading international sales, marketing, and communications company in these business fields. In April 2024, AVIAREPS celebrates 30 years of creating success and 30 years of bringing the world to the people in it.

Michael Gaebler, Chairman and Founder of AVIAREPS: "30 Years of AVIAREPS! What a great journey with the most exceptional and wonderful colleagues and partners! In the beginning, AVIAREPS came to life as a solution for airlines, destinations, and hospitality brands to better expand their corporate footprint and reach into global markets. Today AVIAREPS is entrusted with and acts on behalf of an increasing number of brands. We have expanded from aviation, destinations and hospitality brands to a wide variety of business fields, including mobility, lifestyle, retail, tourism attractions, trade promotion, and food and beverage. Celebrating the 30th



anniversary of AVIAREPS this year, I am proud to say that the great and ongoing successes achieved for our clients in their quest for global market outreach and growth, have been based on connecting them and having them facilitated by the best product in the world – our people."

AVIAREPS officially kicked off the 30-year anniversary celebration at this year's ITB Berlin, the world's leading travel trade show, with the annual signature event "AVIAREPS ITB Executive Dinner" and celebrated the milestone anniversary with partners from all over the world.



### Dubai Food Festival: A Fusion of Flavors and Fun

Dubai has firmly established itself as a culinary hotspot, from savouring traditional Emirati delicacies with rich spices to exploring the vibrant street food markets offering exotic Southeast Asian flavours, the city's gastronomic scene is a delightful fusion of cultures and tastes.

To experience this culinary adventure firsthand, visit the two-and-a-halfweeklong gastronomic extravaganza that is the 11th edition of the Dubai Food Festival (DFF) organised by Dubai's Festivals and Retail Establishment. This festival offers guests the chance to indulge in cuisine indulgences ranging from fine dining to street cooking, making Dubai a haven for all food enthusiasts from around the world. Taking place from Friday, April 19, to Sunday, May 12, the festival promises a plethora of culinary pleasures to be savoured, some of which are highlighted below:

Besides the epicurean experiences mentioned above, other highlights include the Taste of Dubai, Dine and Win, Limited Coffee Edition, and Cheese Festival, making Dubai Food Festival a delectable experience. It brings together food enthusiasts, chefs, and restaurateurs to celebrate flavours, innovative dishes, and cultural experiences, making it a must-attend event for anyone passionate about gastronomy.

### EaseMyTrip unveils the Easy Summer Sale

EaseMyTrip.com, one of India's leading online Sale, a special summer sale discounts across a wide range of travel services. Scheduled from April 23rd to April 27th 2024, this sale is designed to give travellers an extra dose of adventure with irresistible deals on flights, hotels, bus holiday packages.



To access these amazing discounts, customers can make use of the coupon code EMTSUMMER when booking through the EaseMyTrip app or website. Additionally, by booking with select bank partners such as ICICI Bank Credit Card (including Amazon Pay Credit Card), users can avail of extra discounts, enriching their travel experience even further. To make this sale even more exciting, every transaction made during the sale period gives you a chance to win gift vouchers from select brand partners, including Shoppers Stop, GIVA,

of EaseMyTrip said; "As we usher in the season of sunshine and adventure, I am excited to introduce our Easy Summer Sale, offering unbeatable discounts on flights, hotels, buses, cabs, and holiday packages. At EaseMyTrip, we believe in making travel accessible to all, and this sale is our way of ensuring that everyone can experience the joy of exploring new destinations. With specially curated discounts on flights, hotels, and incredible savings across all our offerings, there has never been a better time to plan your dream getaway. And with our exclusive bank offers and exciting giveaways, every booking becomes an opportunity for more savings and surprises.'

# Discovering Family Fun Travel Destinations **Perfect for Children**

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# FIJI

Fiji boasts a variety of unique experiences and attractions that may appeal to Indian travelers. The archipelago of 333 islands, is known for its stunning landscapes, pristine beaches, and crystal-clear waters.

s an island destination, there's no shortage of water-based activities. Take your pick from surfing and snorkeling to river rafting and ocean kayaking. Known as the "Soft Coral Capital of the World" you'll be mesmerized by Fiji's underwater beauty, Fiji is a dream destination for divers.

If you're more of a landlubber, you might prefer to hike to secret waterfalls or go skydiving for seriously jaw-dropping views, explore muddy tracks on a 4WD quad bike or zip through forest canopies. Get to know the locals and experience Fijian customs through cultural-based activities. Visiting a Fijian village is a unique way to learn more about Fiji's rich culture and further engage with its warm people.

The islands also provide opportunities for hiking, zip-lining, and exploring lush rainforests as well as a range of water-based activities such as snorkeling, diving, and water sports. Lastly, the Fijians are known for their warm and welcoming hospitality. This friendly atmosphere can contribute to a positive and memorable travel experience for Indian visitors.

#### Must Do in Fiji

- Surfing
- Dive and explore the Great Astrolabe Reef
- Snorkelling with the Manta Ray (May -October)
  - Coral restoration activities
  - Ecotrax tour for kids
  - Go shark Diving



Fiji prioritizes the safety and well-being of families, making it a fantastic vacation destination.

- Family-Focused Resorts: Many Fijian resorts cater specifically to families. Imagine dedicated kids' clubs with exciting activities supervised by experienced staff who understand children's needs. These resorts often boast multiple pools, complete with designated shallow areas, perfect for little ones to splash around safely.
- Peace of Mind on the Beach: Popular beaches in Fiji, particularly those near resorts, have lifeguards patrolling the shores, providing an extra layer of security. Additionally, many resorts offer complimentary life jackets for children, ensuring an extra layer of protection during water fun.
- Sun Smarts in Paradise: Fiji's tropical climate means sunshine galore! To ensure your family enjoys it safely, pack reef-safe sunscreen. Remember to reapply frequently, especially after swimming. Reefsafe sunscreen not only protects your skin but also safeguards the vibrant coral reefs, a crucial part of Fiji's marine ecosystem. Opt for shades with a high Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) for added sun protection, and consider rashguards for children for extra coverage while playing in the water.

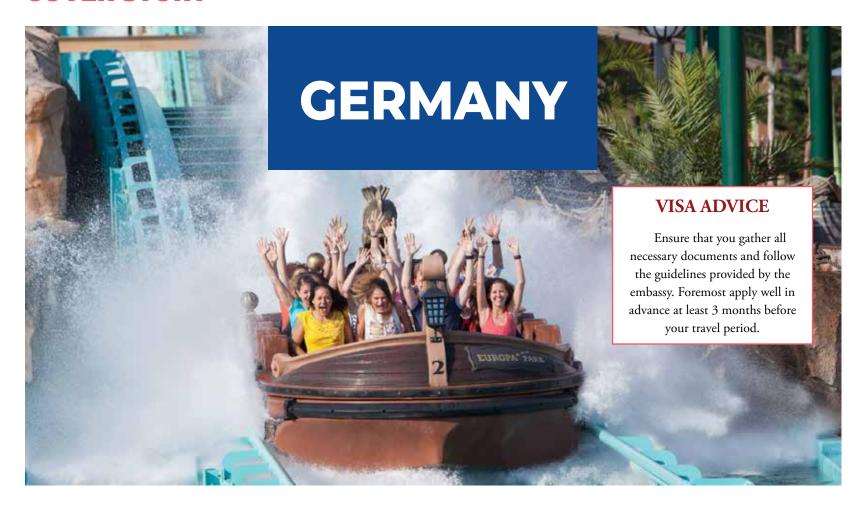
#### Mr. Robert Thompson, **Executive Director of Regions**

Dive deeper into Fiji's vibrant culture with your family through interactive experiences. Immerse yourselves in a cultural evening, a feast for the senses where villages and resorts showcase the Meke, a traditional dance with rhythmic chanting and intricate drumming. movements will leave children mesmerized, while families can learn about the dances' meanings and symbolism.

Move from the lively performances to an authentic culinary experience. Witness the fascinating preparation of the Lovo, a cooked underground on volcanic rocks, a unique technique sure to spark children's curiosity. Afterward, families might be invited to participate in a Kava ceremony, a social gathering where a peppery drink made from the kava root is shared. Children will find the ceremonial preparation and presentation of the

specifically to families with engaging, handslanguage phrases, try their hand at traditional crafts like weaving or tapa cloth making, or participate in cooking demonstrations where they learn to prepare Fijian delicacies. These interactive experiences not only entertain but also provide a deeper appreciation for Fiji's rich

#### COVER STORY



Germany is an excellent destination for families. It offers a diverse range of experiences, including big urban cities, natural landscapes, historic routes, fairy tale castles, world-class museums, fun amusement parks, and interesting cultural events year-round. Depending on the family's interests, one can explore different regions in Germany.

7th some planning, you can easily visit various parts. Summer (June to August) is a popular time to visit Germany due to pleasant weather and longer daylight hours. However, be prepared for warm temperatures and occasional heatwaves. Germany has an efficient public transportation network, especially in larger cities. You can travel almost everywhere by train or rent a car to explore different regions. If you choose to rent a car, consider parking it at the hotel and using public transport within cities, as it's often more convenient than driving.. The German Castle Road is a great option, focusing on the southern part of the country as it features over 70 castles, perfect for castle enthusiasts. Also, travellers can consider exploring northern Germany, perhaps Rostock a vibrant coastal city with sandy beaches along the Baltic Sea coast. Warnemünde Beach invites sunbathing, swimming, and leisurely strolls along the promenade.

#### **EXPERIENCES IN GERMANY**

- Germany offers a wealth of cultural experiences for families during the summer. Whether you're exploring historical sites, enjoying outdoor activities, or visiting museums, there's something
- Berlin: Berlin is a fantastic destination for families. Explore immersive museums like the German Spy Museum, German Historical Museum, and the DDR Museum. Don't miss the vibrant



street art along the remaining section of the Berlin Wall at the East Side Berlin Wall Gallery. Visit the Berlin Zoo, home to around 20,000 animals, or explore Tierpark Berlin and the Aquarium Berlin. On Sundays, check out the Mauerpark Flea Market for a bustling market experience.

• Northern Germany: Rügen Island, with its beautiful beaches, is a great spot for families. The history-rich city of Berlin and nearby Potsdam offer

educational experiences. Consider staying on a farm (Bauernhof) for a unique experience where kids can help care for farm animals and enjoy fresh eggs.

- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Germany boasts several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, each with its own cultural significance.
- Festivals and Celebrations: Summer is a prime time for festivals and cultural events. Berlin's vibrant Karneval der Kulturen in June, which celebrates



Anika Tandon, Manager Sales & Marketing - India at the GNTO

Germany is a fantastic destination for families, and there are plenty of familyfriendly attractions to explore during the summer like Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich. Travel search queries from India for German cities like Baden Baden/ Stuttgart/Munich/ Berlin Black Forest and the Rhine region have seen a major jump. We are seeing a trend of travellers now eager to book long-haul destinations. In Europe, Germany is the most preferred destination for incentives, amongst the cities, Munich and Berlin continue to be amongst the top favourites, with these cities becoming very popular for MICE visits. Germany is now being included in itineraries for a longer duration. While earlier most itineraries included only a drive through in Germany, now many over a minimum of 2 overnights. The most popular region still continues to be Bavaria, The Southwest of Germany and Frankfurt and neighbouring regions. Germany's biggest and most popular cities attract plenty of visitors from India. Everyone from business travellers and cultural aficionados to shopaholics and party animals will find exactly what they're looking for. Indian Travellers are sure to be enchanted, whether in a UNESCO world heritage site or a lesser-known gem.

The German National Tourist Office has been actively promoting Germany as an enticing travel destination for outbound Indian collaborations to upsell Germany to outbound Indian travellers.

- GNTO leverages cultural and sportive events to attract Indian tourists. These events create excitement and Germany an appealing choice for
- Despite the challenges posed overnight stays in Germany have shown remarkable growth.
- GNTO collaborates with German partners to position Germany as a preferred destination.
- GNTO highlights significant of Caspar David Friedrich's birth, the Berlin Wall, and Chemnitz as the European Capital of Culture 2025. These milestones offer additional travel opportunities for Indian guests.



diversity through colorful costumes, global food, and music. The Rhineland's "Rhein in Flammen" firework shows along the river are also must-see.

• Educational Museums: Germany has numerous interactive museums suitable for children. From the Neues Museum to the LEGOLAND Discovery Centre in Berlin, these places offer both fun and learning opportunities.

# **LOS ANGELES**

Los Angeles is a year-round destination with over 300 days of sunshine and the destination has so much to offer - especially for families. Starting with attractions and studios, visitUniversal Studios Hollywood for an action and adventure-packed experience and Warner Bros. Studios Tour Hollywood, where you can explore working sets and actual soundstages where the biggest names in entertainment made history from Friends to Gilmore Girls, Batman and beyond.



nother gem of LA is the innovative and interactive museums. Visit the Peterson Automative Museum and see one of the world's largest collections of vintage cars, learn about animals at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, or visit an active paleontological research site at the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum.

#### COVER STORY



For the foodies in the family, afavourite destination among locals and tourists is TheOriginal Farmers Market offering nearly 100 gourmet grocers, restaurants, and small business owners. Located at the corner of Fairfax and Third Street, The Original Farmers Market celebrates its 90th anniversary in 2024 and offers unique dining options that range from a variety of cuisines.

Get outdoors and experience a hike to the iconicHollywood Signfor Instagram-worthy pictures or have a beach day in Venice Beach and take advantage of the paved bike path and skatepark.

#### **DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TOURIST**

Los Angeles has had an unprecedented level of

investment continued throughout the pandemic, resulting in more demand drivers now than ever before. You may think you know LA, but with all the new developments, Los Angeles now referring it to "LA 2.0."

The \$30 billion modernization of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) transforming it into one of the world's premier aviation facilities. The Automated People Mover (APM) is the centrepiece of LAX's \$5.5 billion Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) which will enhance the traveller experience, give guests time-certain access to terminals, and provide the long-awaited connection to the regional transportation system.

Exciting new hotel concepts with over 7,500 new rooms in the last 36 months.

Ms. Seema Kadam, Regional Director, India, **Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board** 

Los Angeles has emerged as the 'Creative Capital of the World' with more museums and performing arts venues than any other U.S. city, and

the world's most vibrant street art scene. The city also offers diverse experiences in the field of movies and music with unique and interactive experiences.

One can visit the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures to get a unique perspective of the movie industry or experience the Sony Pictures or the Paramount Pictures Studio Tour to understand what goes into filmmaking. It is an enriching experience to see your favourite TV show set live.

Beyond the Hollywood glamour is educational visits where children can delve into the world of astronomy at the Griffith Observatory and stimulate curiosity at the California Science Center.



Kids under the age of 18 can indulge in an LA Conservancy walking tour and learn about LA's history and architecture. Taking place on Saturday mornings, the 2.5 hour tours are centered on themes such as Art Deco, Broadway Theatre District, Historic Downtown LA, Modern Skyline, Past Meets Present, and Union Station.

And ofcourse, there are events that take place in LA through the year. Guests can find more details on

https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/events

In terms of Safety and security, Los Angeles has enhanced safety and security around major events and local attractions. When moving about any major urban area, we encourage visitors and Angelenos alike to be alert, use situational awareness and familiarize themselves with their destination before arriving.

LA Mayor Karen Bass has made solving the issue of homelessness her top priority. We

actively support her comprehensive plan, recognizing that the whole community will

have to work together to meet the needs of unhoused Angelenos.

#### **VISA ADVICE**

Guests arriving to the United States must obtain a non-immigrant B1/B2 category visa. All the details and documentation are clearly provided on the US Visa application website (https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/). The visa offices and consulats in India are working overtime towards reducing the visa wait times. There is also a drop box facility for whose visa has expired in the last 48 months. Travellers are advised to plan their trip in advance and in line with the date of appointment at the Visa centres.

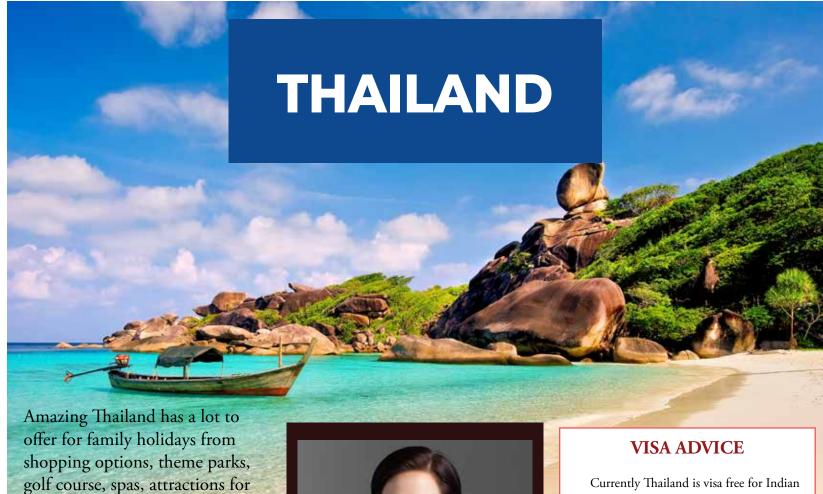


State of the art new museums and attractions including:

- Destination Crenshaw 1.3 miles of art and culture celebrating Black LA - a thriving commercial corridor, with parks, trees and more than 100 commissioned works of art (opening 2024)
- Intuit Dome home of the NBA's LA Clippers and the 2026 NBA All-Star Game (opening August 2024)
- PST ART: Art & Science Collide the largest art event in the U.S. (September 2024 -February 2025)
- NHM Commons the transformative \$75 million expansion and renovation project adding a new wing and community hub at the Natural History Museum (opening Fall 2024)

Over 200 Michelin-recognized restaurants, including 25 Michelin stars, and the world's most vibrant street food scene.

Metro is expanding its rail system to the Westside with the D Line Subway Extension Project. This highlyanticipated new addition to Metro's network will add a total of seven new stations and a reliable, high-speed connection between Downtown and the Westside. Opening in three sections, Section 1 is slatedto open in 2025.



or travelers from India, May to July is a good time to visit as many schools have their summer holidays. Bangkok, Pattaya, Hua Hin are some great family holiday destinations and all in close proximity. One can travel to these places by road hence reducing holiday costs and giving a whole different experience of exploring nearby destinations. Phuket is another option with direct flights from some cities in India.

children and ofcourse enjoying

the beaches.

Bangkok has loads of activities for children. From 'edutainment' venues for children to learn while they play, to exciting theme parks, games arcades and exciting outdoor attractions, there is something for every type of child. Some of the popular attractions for children in Bangkok and around are Siam Ocean World, Safari World, Madam Tussauds, Art in Paradise, Kidzania etc.

Pattaya has the popular Ramayana Waterpark and Columbia Pictures Aquaverse which is a great attraction for Children. Family can also visit Sanctuary of truth, NongNoochTropoical Garden, Front Magical-Ice of Siam, Ripley's Believe it or not and enjoy some water activates on Coral Island Tour.

In Huahin, Vana Nava Water park is a great place for families to spend their day and beat the heat. Families can visit Hutsadin Elephant foundation, Baan Sillapin Artists Village and the Cicada market in the evening.

Phuket is another Island worth visiting for families since there are direct flights from some cities in India. There are several attractions for families

#### Mrs. Sirius-A-NongTrirattansongpol, **Director Tourism Authority of Thailand New Delhi Office**

From beautiful temples to magnificent museums, Thailand has a lot to offer for tourists looking to explore the Thai culture and heritage that differentiates from North to South, to learn about the local way of life travellers can visit the local markets, cooking classes, textile and handicraft villages etc. Our recommendation to Discover Thainess and a great way to experience the rich culture and traditions of Thailand is to visit during the Songkran (Thai New Year) and LoiKrathong festival.

For children a number of entertainment attractions and waterparks have opened in Thailand to enjoy and beat the summer heat. As for parents, they can enjoy shopping in the world class air-conditioned malls as the annual Amazing Thailand Grand sale will be held from 15th June- 15th August all across Thailand, play golf at one of the world class golf courses and enjoy the world famous spas.`

travellers. Visa exemption is going on for Indian nationals till 10 May.



like Phuket Fantasea, Siam Niramit entertainment shows presenting Thai traditions and culture with state of the art technology in light and sound. Then there is Phuket Seashell museum, Phuket Thai Hua Museum, Thalang National Museum and Phuket Old Town which is worth visiting. Besides one can indulge in horse riding, windsurfing, sailing, water skiing, snokelling, scuba diving, sea kayaking, mountain biking, trekking, options are many. Those who enjoy playing golf can enjoy playing golf as well.

#### **SAFETY**

Thailand is a very safe country for all tourists and the locals are warm hospitable people. Thai people absolutely love kids and will interact with them with love and care.

All places from hotels and restaurants to tourist attractions and public transportation have good standards of hygiene as well.

# **Historic Sites of Yuri Gagarin** and Space Routes of Moscow

Moscow is the capital of a country with many space victories to its credit. The first artificial Earth satellite, the first human space launch and, subsequently, the first spacewalk, circumnavigation and photography of the dark side of the Moon, flights to Venus and a successful landing on Mars, the launch of the first ever multi-module orbital station Mir into orbit - all these achievements were carefully prepared and planned in Moscow.

here have also been some space breakthroughs in the country's recent history: Russia was first to learn how to print human and animal tissue in space, launched the Progress MS-11 transport cargo ship, created the GLONASS global satellite navigation system and began developing a nuclear engine for interplanetary flights. Take a walk along Moscow's space routes and visit places associated with the dream.

#### Outer space at VDNKh

Most of the "cosmic" locations are concentrated in the area around VDNKh, the Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy, which is easily accessible from the metro station of the same name. On the way to the famous "Vostok" rocket, you will walk along Cosmonauts Alley, admire the colossal "Conquerors of Space" monument, and visit the Museum of Cosmonautics and the memorial housemuseum of aircraft designer Sergei Korolev, whose achievements enabled mankind to break free of the Earth into unexplored space.

#### **Cosmonauts Alley at VDNKh**

2024 is the year the great space explorer Yuri Gagarin would have turned 90. You can honor his memory in Moscow on Cosmonauts Alley, where monuments to 14 heroes of cosmonautics stand. On this pedestrian street you will remember not only Gagarin: there are also monuments to Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, the great theorist and author of the space exploration plan, and to Sergei Korolev, the design engineer who put Tsiolkovsky's ideas into practice. Besides monuments, the alley features several other interesting installations: in front of the entrance there are globes of the Earth and the Universe with a map of the starry sky; in the center of the alley, you can take spectacular photos of a model of the solar system and admire pedestals formed like stars bearing the dates of memorable events in space exploration. The alley offers a beautiful view of the Cosmos Hotel and ends with the majestic monument "To the Conquerors of Space".

#### **Monument "To the Conquerors** of Space"

This titanium monument in the shape of a rocket



with a smoke plume 110 meters high is dedicated to the successful launch of the first artificial satellite, Sputnik-1. It was launched by the USSR on October 4, 1957 and marked the beginning of mankind's space age. While architects and sculptors were working on the project, the glorious achievements of the Soviet Union's space explorers were augmented by Yuri Gagarin's historic flight. The rocket's plume is made of giant polished titanium plates: the monument, which weighs 250 tons, had to be assembled manually and lifted with the help of special cranes. At the base of the monument are some figures of ordinary Soviet people - engineers, designers, scientists, workers, thanks to whom the stars became closer. Inside the monument is the Museum of Cosmonautics, another key place on Moscow's space map.

(28, 1st Ostankinskaya St., metro station "Academician Korolev Street". Wikimedia commons)

Another place where visitors can reach for the stars in Moscow is the house where Soviet aircraft designer Sergei Korolev lived his last years. Thanks to his passion for space and his engineering genius, the Soviet Union was able to realize all mankind's dream of space. The academician is considered the father of manned cosmonautics and an innovator in aircraft engineering. For many years, Korolev headed the design branch of the rocket and space industry of the USSR. The Vostok and Voskhod spaceships are his creations. He made possible not only the launch of the first artificial Earth satellite, Yuri Gagarin's space flight and Alexei Leonov's

spacewalk, but also laid the foundations for future projects to colonize Mars and Venus.

The memorial house-museum is located in the park zone between Akademika Korolev Street and 1st Ostankinskaya Street. Here you can see personal belongings of Sergei Korolev, his library of technical and artistic literature, and works of art with which he surrounded himself. The whole environment in Korolev's house has been preserved unchanged: you will feel as if you have come to visit the great designer, who has just popped out a couple of minutes ago.

#### Pavilion "Cosmos" at VDNKh

(119 Prospekt Mira, VDNKh, Promyshlennosti Square, Pavilion No. 34 "Cosmos". To find the pavilion on the territory of VDNKh, from the main entrance you should go straight along the Central Alley, past the fountains "Friendship of Peoples" and "Stone Flower" towards the Promyshlennosti Square. The "Cosmos" pavilion is located right behind the Vostok rocket)

VDNKh covers a huge area, but you cannot miss this famous cream-colored pavilion with the word "Cosmos" in golden letters and its glass dome. Installed in front of the pavilion is the "Vostok" rocket, which is 16-storeys high and simply grabs your attention. This is the ship that carried Yuri Gagarin into space on April 12, 1961. By the way, the great cosmonaut himself was a frequent visitor to VDNKh, where he brought daughter to see the pavilion's space exhibition.

Today, the "Space" pavilion contains the "Cosmonautics and Aviation" center - the largest

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exhibition complex in Russia devoted to space. It features interactive exhibits such as a Flight Control Center. Visitors can also design their own spacecraft, plot orbits for them and see them moving in space. And there are more complicated missions, such as sending an interplanetary station to Mars or placing satellites in orbit around the Moon or Titan.

The center offers real-time monitoring of the ISS's position in orbit, and periodic communication sessions with the space station are held here. Real space artifacts are also stored in the pavilion: for example, lunar soil delivered to Earth in 1972 by the Luna-20 automatic interplanetary station. For a high ribbed pedestal, like a rocket shooting into the sky. Yuri himself - a magnificent athlete with his world-famous half-smile - soars above Moscow and the square named in his honor. The space monument is made of titanium and is reminiscent of the real rockets that were sent into space by the USSR. It consists of 238 parts, which were bolted and welded together in situ. The largest part is Gagarin's face, which weighs 300 kg.

#### Monument to Laika - the first dog in space

(Petrovsko-Razumovskaya Alley, 12A, building of



the complete space experience, it is worth visiting the full-scale model of the orbital complex "Mir" and its "Crystal" and "Quantum-2" modules. The "Cosmonautics and Aviation" center is headed by Fyodor Yurchikhin - a real cosmonaut with experience of spacewalking. From time to time, he personally conducts tours around the pavilion, so don't miss the chance to learn about the stars from a man who has been to space.

#### Other "cosmic" places on the map of Moscow

Traveling through the "cosmic" places of the Russian capital is not limited to VDNKh. There are many spectacular monuments dedicated to space exploration, as well as a garden in Sokolniki Park. The Moscow Planetarium is a must-visit place for space lovers.

### Gagarin Square and the monument to the first man in

(metro station "Ploshchad Gagarina" or "Leninsky Prospekt". The Moscow City Tourism Committee press office)

The most spectacular monument to Yuri Gagarin in Moscow is located in the southwest of the city, on Leninsky Prospekt, where Muscovites greeted the cosmonaut on his way from the airport in 1961. True, the monument is better viewed from a distance: the figure of the first man in space is on the Research Institute of Aviation, Space Medicine and Military Ergonomics of the Russian Defense Ministry).

The first living being in space was not Yuri Gagarin, but a three-year-old mongrel dog named Laika, also born in the USSR. In 1957, she went into space on the "Sputnik-2" spaceship and became a participant in the most important developments in flight safety, which then made it possible to send a man into space. Laika flew around the Earth four times. Unfortunately, the brave animal did not return from space (at that time technology did not yet allow the device to return to Earth), but the world remembers her. In Moscow, a monument to the cosmonaut dog was erected on the territory of the Institute of Military Medicine, where the experiment was prepared. The monument to Laika is in the form of a rocket which gradually turns into a human palm. Laika stands on the huge palm, next to a plaque with verses dedicated to the four-legged cosmonaut who gave her life to science.

#### Monument to the creators of the first Earth satellite

Another must-see on the Moscow space tour is the monument to the creators of the first Earth satellite. Its successful launch was the first step in humanity's exploration of outer space, making the monument to its creators a memorable place in the Russian capital. Located near the "Rizhskaya" metro station, the monument is a collective

representation of all Soviet scientists and workers who participated in the scientific breakthrough. The bronze Soviet worker is somewhat similar to the image of Prometheus, who brought fire to people: above his head he holds an artificial satellite, which the Soviet Union brought to mankind.

#### **Moscow Planetarium**

Sadovo-Kudrinskaya St., p.1, Krasnopresnenskaya metro station. The Moscow City Tourism Committee press office)

What is the study of space without a planetarium? The first planetarium in Russia opened in Moscow in 1929 and became the center of education and popularization of space sciences. The planetarium houses working scientific instruments with which mankind explored the cosmos and enriched its knowledge of the structure of the Universe and the Earth. These include Newton's small telescopereflector, a copy of Galileo's telescope, a globe made by 17th-century Polish astronomer and telescope designer Jan Havelius, Tesla's plasma ball and Foucault's pendulum, which proved that the Earth rotates around its axis.

The Moscow Planetarium is very interactive: during a visit you can find out your weight on different planets, protect the Earth from meteorites, fly to the Moon on a bicycle, try your hand at operating a lunar robot, become a creator of clouds or tornadoes, and feel the power of earthquakes of different magnitudes. There are screenings of movies about space, demonstrations of the starry sky, and open sky observations. You can also relax here in cafes with space interiors and buy spacethemed souvenirs for family and friends.

#### **Astronomers' Garden in** Sokolniki Park

(Sokolniki metro station, Sokolniki Park. The garden is located near the central entrance, you can walk to it on the left side alley)

The cosmic route around Moscow should be continued in Sokolniki Park in the Garden of Astronomers, which features colorful models of the planets. Visitors enter the Solar System through the "Astral Gate", and go to the planets along the orbits laid out with tiles. The designers of the project tried to take into account the real sizes and colors of the celestial bodies of our solar system in the layouts, so the Garden of Astronomers is perfect for introducing children to the structure of the Universe: each planet can be carefully examined, comparing its size with the Earth or the Sun. Next to the parade of planets stands the "Vesta Meteorite" art installation, which imitates a fallen meteorite and the crater around it. Of course, there is also the Moon, with craters and the interior behind the glassy craters. Visitors to the Garden of Astronomers can relax in the cozy "Orbital Platform" gazebo and in the "Starry Sky" public observatory, where by appointment on a clear evening you can look at real stars.

# Prehistoric Garden of Eden in Jordan Opens to the Public

'Ubeidiya Park in the Jordan Valley—an archaeological site of world-class importance for researching human history, the oldest prehistoric site in the country (1.6 million years old) and one of the earliest in the world outside of Africa—was dedicated last week in a festive ceremony.



River's northern segment, led by the Lake Kinneret Authority and the Jordan Valley Regional Council. Coordinated efforts by the relevant bodies combined forces to implement the project of opening to the general public. Access roads were paved, as well as a circular pedestrian route with explanatory signage. This is the first of three site development stages. In the next stage, the original excavation field laboratory will be opened as a visitor center.

Jordan Valley Regional Council Head and United Kinneret Towns Chairman IdanGrinbaum said at the ceremony: "We are proud to be partners in the important project of opening 'Ubeidiya National Park to the public. This is one of the large-scale projects we are implementing to develop the Southern Jordan River Reserve area. I invite everyone to come here and see close-up one of the world's most important heritage sites and its prehistoric finds."

Israel Antiquities Authority Director Eli Escusido said: "This is a red-letter day for prehistory. Every

he ceremony took place in the presence of the Jordan Valley Regional Council Head, Idan Greenbaum; Israel Antiquities Authority director, Eli Escusido; Israel Nature and Parks Authority General Manager Raya Shurky; Lake Kinneret Authority Chairman Moti Dotan, and the representative excavator of the 'Ubeidiya renewed archaeological mission, Prof. Omry Barzilai.

The site is located next to Kibbutz Bet Zera, and was first identified in 1959 by Izzy Merimsky, a nature instructor and area resident. A series of excavation expeditions were led by Prof. Moshe Stekelis, Prof. Ofer Bar-Yosef and Prof. Eitan Tchernov. These missions revealed early hominin remains; flint, limestone, and basalt tools; evidence of many kinds of wildlife, including giraffes, jaguars, and hippopotami; and extinct species such as mammoths and saber-tooth tigers.

The hominin who lived in 'Ubeidiya belonged to the species known as homo erectus. A recently published study regarding a youth's skeleton found in the Stekelis excavation provides a new understanding - the human migration out of Africa was not a onetime event but rather occurred in waves.

After the last excavation season in 1999, the site stood abandoned and exposed to the ravages of nature. Then, in 2021, site excavations were renewed in the context of a focused study by Prof

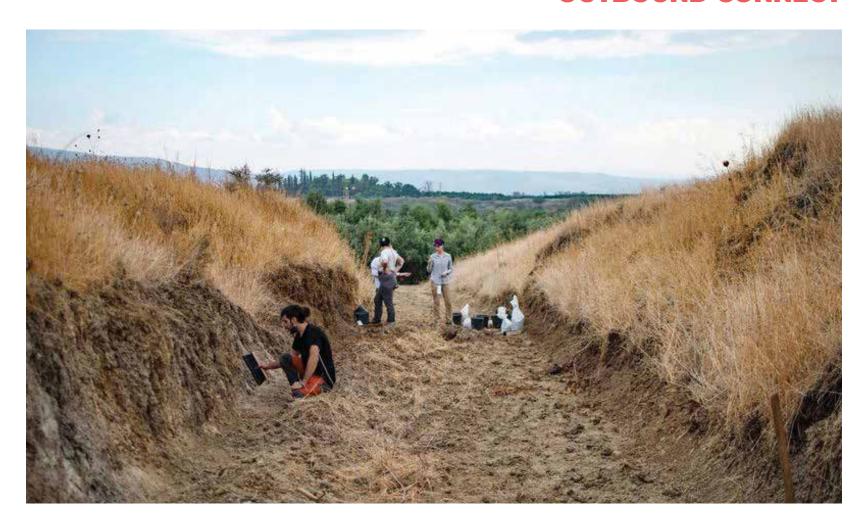


Omry Barzilai on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority and the University of Haifa, together with Prof. Miriam Belmaker from the University of Tulsa in the USA. In its wake, the site underwent conservation and development and is now accessible to the public.

In2022, the Israel Nature and Parks Authority declared 'Ubeidiya to be a national park. Simultaneously, the site was associated with the national project to rehabilitate and revive the Southern Jordan River Reserve in the Lower Jordan

year, the Israel Antiquities Authority develops tens of archaeological sites, making them accessible to the public. But 'Ubeidiya is unique: This is a prehistoric site of inestimable scientific importance for researching the beginnings of the human race. Previous efforts to develop the site were unsuccessful due to the lack of appropriate partners to manage and maintain it. Today, turning 'Ubeidiya into a national park as part of the greater Southern Jordan River Reserve promises a bright future. This site will undoubtedly draw visitors from all over the country

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and from the world-over."

In the words of Israel Nature and Parks Authority General director Raya Shurky: "We are happy to present to the public a historical site of such importance that links a beautiful landscape to history. The 'Ubeidiya region is an exciting journey backwards in time. The site contains three important areas which connect to one heritage story in the history of our land. First, 'Ubeidiya's prehistoric site represents representsman's entry into the Middle East 1.5 million years ago. Secondly, adjacent Tell 'Ubeidiya represents early Israel, based on the inscription of the Egyptian PharoahMerneptah. And finally, Moshav Menahemia represents the beginning of the Zionist movement; established here in 1901 right in this very district, and heralding Zionism flourishing throughout this region. These three sites tell the story and provide the complete picture of life in this region throughout the course of history until our own times. I thank our partners,



the Open Space Foundation, the Jordan Valley Regional Council, the Lake Kinneret Authority, and the Israel Antiquities Authority."

According to ZvikaSloutzky, Lake Kinneret Authority CEO: "Developing the northern part of the Lower Jordan River was declared to be a national project. This comes after it suffered many years of pollution and neglect, since sewage was streamed here, and it was also used as an outlet for saltwater springs diverted from Lake Kinneret's north. The project's purpose is to make this section of the river accessible to hundreds of thousands of visitors who visit this area, while at the same time retaining its nature and character and transforming it into a swimming and recreational area. Many of the components are now completed. The 'Ubeidiya site lies on the western side of the Lower Jordan River's northern segment, while the river's entire route has benefited from accelerated rehabilitation thanks to the Lake Kinneret Authority's efforts here since

2012. Within this framework, restoration works were carried out on the prehistoric 'Ubeidiya site, which has successfully turned it into an attractive and experiential visitor site for the general public."

The Cradle of Humanity: Additional Background on the 'Ubeidiya Site The unique 'Ubeidiya site parallels the East African Olduvai Gorge sites, known as the "Cradle of Humanity", explain Prof. Omry Barzilai of the Israel Antiquities Authority and the University of Haifa, and Prof. Miriam Belmaker from the University of Tulsa. " 'Ubeidiya has thirty geologic layers containing evidence of human activity, the earliest of which dates back to 1.6 million years ago. The site's geology is most important for telling us about conditions on Earth between 2-1 million years ago. During this period, in our region,, there was a lot of volcanic activities, while at the very same time, the Syro-African Rift was widening and deepening."

Since the area uplifted and became inclined due to later tectonic movements, most of the layers are tilted. This facilitates a journey through time going back over one million years. "Excellent preservation of the site's material finds enables recreating the Jordan Valley's early ecological conditions," say the scholars. "There is a unique broad selection of species to be found here, of which most are extinct, and which includes African fauna side-by-side with European species. The flint and stone tools at 'Ubeidiya served its inhabitants to execute daily activities - butchering and cutting animal carcasses, processing vegetal foods and more. These represent the Acheulian culture, including hand axes, scrapers, chopping tools, and spheroids and polyhedrons."

# **Germany witnesses** a notable growth of visitors from India

Germany's tourism industry is witnessing a notable growth in visitors with Indian tourists playing a key role in driving this development.

#### **Georg Enzweiler, Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy**

growing interest among Indian tourists in exploring Germany. The remarkable impressive ranking in the global Nation European Football event, the Euro Cup, offerings in the cultural and historical sphere. Situated in the heart of Europe, and commercially attractive destination for young travelers. This growing people-to-people contact is crucial in strengthening the foundation of our



#### **Romit Theophilus**, **Director of Marketing** & Sales Office – India at the GNTO

beauty and a rich culture, combined with magical theme-routes and eco-friendly tourism. We believe it is the ideal destination for travelers and scintillating cuisine. We look forward to welcoming more Indian visitors and showcasing the best of

he country welcomed over 8 lakh overnight stays from India in 2023, marking a large rise in German tourism compared to the previous years. This trend highlights Germany's appeal as a sustainable and travel friendly destination offering diverse cultural experiences and hidden gems that captivate the hearts of travelers be it from India or any corner

The German National Tourist Office (GNTO) and German Embassy in India successfully concluded a joint press conference, to showcase Germany as a preferred travel destination for Indian travelers. The conference took place at the German Embassy in New Delhi and was attended by various media personnel from India.

In recent years, Germany has seen a significant increase in Indian tourists choosing the country as their most preferred travel destination. The remarkable growth of 32.6% as compared to 2022, reflects the rising interest among Indian

travelers in exploring Germany's rich culture, scenic landscapes, historic landmarks, and renowned culinary experiences. Germany's commitment to eco-friendly tourism practices offers travelers the opportunity to meet with sustainable cultural experiences while minimizing their environmental

As the tourism industry in Germany grows day by day, the country aims to increase the visibility of the 52 UNESCO World Heritage sites and attract visitors interested in exploring the country's sustainable social heritage. Not only does Germany lives and breathes history and rich culture, but it is also home to many hidden gems waiting to be discovered by travelers seeking out of the ordinary

Through these routes, they can explore the charming villages and lesser-known tourist attractions that offer a glimpse into the country's authenticity. From exploring Brandenburg Gate and the historic streets of Munich to getting lost in the scenic beauty of the Black Forest and Rhine Valley, Germany offers countless experiences that appeal to Indian travelers seeking memorable

Furthermore, Germany's well-developed infrastructure, efficient transportation networks and high standards of safety and hygiene have positioned it as a preferred destination for seamless travel experiences. The country's commitment to sustainability and eco-friendly tourism practices also resonates with Indian travelers who prioritize responsible travel.

As the global tourism industry continues to grow and spread its wings, Germany remains committed to welcoming and delighting tourists from all around the world and providing unforgettable experiences that celebrate its rich heritage and natural beauty. With the rise of Indian tourism contributing to this motion, Germany is confident to emerge as a top destination for travelers seeking enriching experiences in Europe.

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# **UTTAR PRADESH TRAVEL MART 2024**

The sixth edition of the UP Travel Mart (UPTM) held in Gorakhpur from April 25 to 29, 2024, under the auspices of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The aim of this four-day event was to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh and increase domestic and international tourist arrivals in the state.



uring the B2B (Business to Business) meetings scheduled for April 25 and 26, approximately 150 tour operators from India and abroad had been discussed various ways to promote tourism in Uttar Pradesh. These meetings focused on cultural and spiritual tourism destinations such as Kushinagar, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Ayodhya, Kapilvastu, and Shravasti.

The inaugural ceremony on April 25 was graced by the Shri Avanish Awasthi, Advisor to the Chief Minister, as the chief guest. Senior officials of the state government and FICCI were also present on this occasion. The valedictory session on April 26 was attended by the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, as the chief guest, along with Mr. Mukesh Meshram, Principal Secretary of Tourism and Culture.

The second day of the Uttar Pradesh Travel Mart (UPTM), held at the Baba Ganganath Auditorium, witnessed lively discussions and enthusiastic participation regarding the boundless potential of tourism in the state. Various sessions were conducted on the second day, focusing on strategies to boost tourism, exploring opportunities in different sectors, and enhancing experiences for foreign tourists.

The UP Travel Mart 2024 is an important initiative to promote the tourism industry in Uttar Pradesh and establish the state as a prime destination for domestic and international tourists.

The conclusion of the Travel Mart on April 29 will include excursions to three major tourism circuits for tour operators. This journey will familiarize tour operators with the rich tourism destinations and opportunities in Uttar Pradesh.

#### D. S. Mishra, **Chief Secretary**, **Government of Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh is undergoing transformation. It is now the second-largest economy in the country, surpassing its previous ranking of seventh. As India progresses towards



a five trillion-dollar economy, Uttar Pradesh is poised to become a trillion-dollar economy itself. The state has emerged as a pioneer in dispelling misconceptions and creating opportunities. Previously labeled as a sick state with no prospects, Uttar Pradesh has now become a land of opportunities. With 15 new airports, including five international ones, and the development of expressways and metro lines, accessibility for tourists has significantly improved.

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#### Mukesh Meshram, **Principal Secretary of Tourism, Uttar Pradesh** government

The significance of organising the UPTM in Gorakhpur is to highlight its spiritual significance. The state is prominence in Buddhist tourism, with important sites like Kushinagar, Sravasti, Kapilvastu, and Sarnath. Not only this,



the presence of hidden gems in rural tourism, handicrafts, traditional cuisine, and eco-tourism in the state. The government focus on the development of Ayodhya, Prayagraj, and Kashi Vishwanath for spiritual tourism. Recently Uttar Pradesh Tourism Policy 2022 was implemented which offers several beneficial provisions for tour and travel operators.

#### Prateek Hira, Chairman of FICCI State Tourism Committee

The Uttar Pradesh Travel Mart 2024 in Gorakhpur served as a gateway to the state's vast tourism potential, offering a glimpse into its rich tapestry of culture, heritage, and natural beauty. By bringing together industry stakeholders, promoting sustainable



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#### **Embark on a Spiritual Odyssey** in the Heart of India

Nestled along the banks of the sacred River Ganges, Varanasi beckons travelers from across the globe with its mystical charm and profound spirituality. As one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, Varanasi, also known as Kashi, holds a timeless allure as the Spiritual Capital of India. From ancient temples to reverberating chants, every corner of this holy city pulsates with the divine energy, offering pilgrims and seekers a



transformative journey to the depths of their souls.

#### **Embracing Tradition and Devotion**

Varanasi stands as a living testament to India's rich spiritual heritage, where tradition seamlessly intertwines with modernity. As you navigate through its labyrinthine lanes and bustling markets, you'll





encounter a tapestry of ancient rituals, age-old customs, and fervent devotion that have endured for millennia. The city's vibrant ghats, adorned with colorful prayer flags and bustling with activity, serve as a sacred stage where the drama of life and death unfolds in harmony with the eternal flow of the Ganges.

The Sanctity of Kashi

# **VARANASI: A Pilgrimage** to the Soul



#### Vishwanath Temple

At the heart of Varanasi lies the revered Kashi Vishwanath Temple, a sanctum of devotion dedicated to Lord Shiva, the cosmic dancer. Steeped in legend and mythology, this ancient temple has stood witness to the ebb and flow of empires, serving as a beacon of spiritual enlightenment for countless generations. As you stand in awe before its towering spires and intricately carved walls, you'll feel the palpable presence of the divine, drawing you into a realm of timeless reverence and introspection.

#### Traversing the Ghats: A Journey of the Soul

No visit to Varanasi is complete without experiencing the soul-stirring beauty of its iconic ghats. From the ancient Dashashwamedh Ghat, where the evening aarti ignites the river with flickering flames of devotion, to the serene tranquility of Assi Ghat, where the dawn brings forth a symphony of yoga and meditation, each ghat offers a unique window into the spiritual essence of Varanasi. Whether you're seeking moksha (liberation) through the rituals of Manikarnika Ghat or simply basking in the sacred serenity of Panchganga Ghat, every step along the riverbank is a step closer to the divine.

#### **Immersing in Spiritual Practices** and Rituals

As you immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of Varanasi, you'll have the opportunity to partake in age-old practices and rituals that have been passed down through generations. From performing puja (worship) with offerings of flowers and incense to participating in the ancient tradition of Ganga snan (holy dip) at sunrise, each ritual offers a profound connection to the eternal rhythms of life and creation.

#### A Pilgrimage of the Heart

In conclusion, Varanasi beckons to the soulseeker, inviting you to embark on a pilgrimage of the heart and mind. Whether you're drawn to the sanctity of its temples, the serenity of its ghats, or the spiritual vibrancy of its streets, this ancient city offers a sacred sanctuary where the boundaries between the material and the divine blur into insignificance. Prepare to be captivated, transformed, and forever touched by the timeless magic of Varanasi, where every moment is a testament to the eternal quest for truth and enlightenment.





#### **Embarking on a Journey of Divine Discovery**

Nestled at the confluence of the sacred rivers Ganges, Yamuna, and Saraswati, Prayagraj, formerly known as Allahabad, beckons travelers on a spiritual odyssey unlike any other. Steeped in myth, legend, and historical significance, this ancient city has been a beacon of spiritual enlightenment for millennia. From holy rivers to revered temples, every corner of Prayagraj resonates with the divine energy, offering pilgrims and seekers a transformative passage into the heart of spirituality.

#### **Confluence of Rivers,** Confluence of Souls

Prayagraj, often referred to as the "Tirth Raj" or the King of Pilgrimage Sites, owes its spiritual significance to the Sangam, the sacred confluence where the Ganges, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers merge. Believed to be the site where the gods themselves descend to bathe during the Kumbh Mela, the Sangam is a place of unparalleled sanctity, where the waters are said to possess the power to cleanse the soul of all impurities.



#### **Tryst with Divinity: The Sangam Experience**

As you stand upon the banks of the Sangam, gazing out at the tranquil waters that intertwine like threads of destiny, you can't help but feel the weight of centuries of spiritual devotion that permeate the air. Whether you take a boat ride along the confluence or participate in a traditional puja (worship) ceremony, every moment spent at the Sangam is a communion with the divine, a sacred union of earth and sky, mortal and immortal.

#### The Revered Triveni Sangam

At the heart of Prayagraj lies the Triveni Sangam, the holiest of all ghats where the three rivers converge in a divine embrace. Pilgrims from far and wide flock to this sacred site to perform rituals, offer prayers, and seek blessings for themselves and their loved ones. The atmosphere is alive with the sound of chants, the aroma of incense, and the fervent devotion of the faithful, creating a tapestry of spiritual fervor that transcends time and space.

#### **Exploring Spiritual Enclaves:**



#### **Temples and Ashrams**

Beyond the banks of the Sangam, Prayagraj is home to a multitude of temples and ashrams that serve as centers of spiritual learning and enlightenment. From the historic Hanuman Temple, dedicated to the monkey god of strength and devotion, to the serene Anand Bhavan, once the ancestral home of the Nehru-Gandhi family and now a museum showcasing India's struggle for independence, each site offers a glimpse into the rich tapestry of Prayagraj's spiritual heritage.

#### A Pilgrimage of the Soul

In conclusion, Prayagraj stands as a testament to the eternal quest for spiritual fulfillment, where the rivers of faith converge to create a tapestry of divine grace and transcendence. Whether you're seeking solace in the sanctity of the Sangam, enlightenment in the hallowed halls of ancient temples, or simply a moment of quiet contemplation amidst the bustling streets of the city, Prayagraj welcomes you with open arms, inviting you to embark on a pilgrimage of the soul that will leave an indelible imprint on your spirit for eternity.



# IndiGo brings **Hope and Empowerment to Passengers** with **Special Needs**

IndiGo, India's preferred airline, has commenced a dedicated service at Indira Gandhi International Airport - Terminal 1, to create an inclusive, accessible, and comfortable travel experience for specially-abled passengers. Committed to promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion (DE&I) at the workplace and across its operations, the airline has dedicated a newly designed desk to facilitate check-in for passengers with special needs.

urrently, IndiGo has over 20 specially-abled employees and staff at the Delhi Airport, who will also be deployed at these desks for assistance. This initiative is in line with IndiGo's commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity, in the workplace and beyond. This will also empower IndiGo's specially-abled colleagues by providing an opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities. This initiative is a testament to IndiGo's unwavering commitment to providing an affordable, on-time, courteous, and hassle-free travel experience for all our passengers. The airline has also undertaken special efforts to ensure all its facilities, technologies, information, and privileges are accessible to persons with disabilities.

In a bid to create a more accessible and inclusive world for everyone, IndiGo has undertaken several measures onboard its flights. The cabin crew members are trained to assist with stowing and retrieving carry-on and assistive devices. The aircraft are equipped with lavatories featuring additional grab bars to aid persons with disabilities. The airline also offers pre-board courtesy and provisions for customers with sensory impairments, mobility assistance, spinal support equipment, and adverse medical conditions.

# Vietjet's Q1 **Performance Sets New Standards for Aviation** Growth

In Q1/2024, Vietjet's air transport revenue was recorded at VND17.76 trillion (approx. US\$701.13 million), while after-tax profit was VND520 billion (approx. US\$20.5 million), increasing by 38% and 209% YoY respectively.

The airline's consolidated revenue and after-tax profit were VND17.79 trillion (approx. US\$702.39 million) and VND539 billion (approx. US\$21.27 million) respectively, growing by 38% and 212% YoY in the given order. During the first three months of the year, Vietjet safely operated nearly 34,500 flights with more than 6.3 million passengers onboard. The airline's average load factor rate reached 87%, and the technical reliability rate was 99.6%.

Advancing its strategy to expand internationally, Vietjet's international passenger transport in Q1/2024 witnessed growth of more than 53% and 61% YoY in terms of numbers of flights and passengers respectively. The airline has launched 15 new international and domestic routes over the span of three months, lifting its total operating routes to 140. Among the latest international routes announced and launched include Phu Quoc - Taipei (Taiwan, China), Ho Chi Minh City – Chengdu/Xi'an (China), and Vientiane (Laos), in addition to Hanoi to Hiroshima (Japan) and Sydney/Melbourne (Australia). Additionlaly, Vietjet Aviation Joint Stock Company (HoSE: VJC) organized the General Meeting of Shareholders (GMS) 2024 on April 26, 2024, where the annual business plan was approved. It aims to maintain domestic market share, promoting cooperation and joint ventures to expand international flight routes.

#### **Leading international expansion**

The financial statements for 2023 showed that despite the challenging economic situations in Vietnam and the world with volatile exchange rates and high oil prices, Vietjet still reported growing and stable business performance. Vietjet safely operated 133,000 flights with 25.3 million passengers onboard – a surge of 183% YoY, of whom more than 7.6 million were flying internationally. In 2023, Vietjet launched 33 new domestic and international routes. It became the largest airline operating between Vietnam and the five biggest cities of Australia while opening several routes to the Indian market, including the direct flight connecting Hanoi and Jakarta (Indonesia), which had been off the radar of any airlines for decades. Vietjet also increased its flight frequency to Northeast Asian countries, becoming the airline with the highest frequency from Vietnam to cities in Japan and South Korea.

Vietjet continues to invest in a modern, safe, and eco-friendly fleet. As of December 31, 2023, its fleet consisted of 105 aircraft, including wide-body A330s, helping optimize resources, save fuel, and achieve long-term sustainable development (ESG) goals.

#### **Outstanding business and financial performances**

Effectively operating the current flight network while opening new international routes have resulted in impressive business performance for Vietjet in 2023. Separate and consolidated revenue were reported at VND53.7 trillion (approx. US\$2.16 billion) and VND58.3 trillion (approx. US\$2.35 billion) respectively.

The business performance also justified several awards that Vietjet received from AirlineRatings, the world's leading airline magazine, in 2023. It was hailed as the Top 20 Safest Low-Cost Airlines, the World's Best Low-Cost Airline Onboard Hospitality, and the Best Ultra Low-Cost Airline. Vietjet was also honored by the prestigious UK financial magazine International Finance as the "Best Low-Cost Airline" and "Best Finance Management - Aviation". The GMS also approved the 2024 profit distribution plan, in which dividends and advanced dividends will be paid in cash and stock at a maximum ratio of 25%. Building on its growth momentum since the beginning of the year, Vietjet has set ambitious targets for the coming quarters and throughout 2024. In addition to maintaining its domestic market presence, the airline aims to further expand its international flight network, with plans to operate 142,000 flights and transport 27.4 million passengers in 2024.

# Turkish Airlines, **Airbus and Rolls-Royce to Strengthen Partnership**

Celebrating the historic order for 150 A321neo and 80 A350 Family aircraft placed in December 2023, Türkiye's flag carrier Turkish Airlines, Airbus and Rolls-Royce came together at Turkish Airlines' headquarters in Istanbul.



resent were the Turkish Minister of Trade Mr. Prof. ÖmerBolat, Minister of Industry and Technology Mr. Mehmet FatihKacır, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Mr. Abdulkadir Uraloğlu, and Deputy Minister of National Defence Mr. Bilal Durdalı, representatives of top Turkish aerospace companies as well as the British Consul General, and undersecretaries of France and Spain.

The celebration also marked the unveiling of the Strategic Türkiye Enhanced Programme (STEP), which was created by Airbus, Turkish Airlines andaerospace companies in Türkiye to further develop the Turkish aerospace industry in line with Turkish Airlines'long-term strategic growth plan and createexponential economic value over the next 15 years.

The recent aircraft order position Turkish Airlines as the world's largest operator of Rolls-Royce's Trent XWB engine. In line with the partnership with Rolls-Royce, the manufacturer is exploring the implementation of a number of industrial initiatives in Türkiye, including the potential establishment of a competitive Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) capability and further supply chain sourcing.

Commenting on the STEP and the partnership with Rolls-Royce Turkish Airlines Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee, Prof.Ahmet Bolat stated: "We are glad about the launch of the Strategic Türkiye Enhanced Programme with Airbus, which is a testament to our deepening collaboration with the aircraft manufacturer. Given

the rapid advancements in technology, today marks the commencement of our efforts to help cultivate Turkish aviation companies into prospective suppliers, aligning closely with Airbus' strategic objectives and their newly identified business domains. We are also delighted to further strengthen our relationship with Rolls-Royce. By joining forces with the manufacturing giants, we underscore our commitment to both excellence and the further development of Türkiye's aerospace capabilities. With the significant cooperation between three valuable companies, Turkish Airlines will continue to leverage advanced technologies and collaborative strategies to enhance our operational efficiencies and contribute to continuing our sustainable growth while reinforcing our leading role on the global aviation stage."

Guillaume Faury, Airbus CEO said;"We thank Turkish Airlines for their trust and we are honoured to both support their growth as one of the world's elite airlines and develop our partnership with Türkiye through the new STEP programme we are unveiling today. The programme will provide the framework for Airbus to further broaden its collaboration with Türkiye and support Turkish Airlines' growth ambitions, with a particular focus on supply chain development, skills and sustainability."

Tufan Erginbilgiç, Rolls-Royce CEO said; "Türkiye is a strategically important market for Rolls-Royce across our business. We are very pleased with the confidence that Turkish Airlines has placed in our Trent XWB engines. We now look forward to

working with Turkish Airlines and our partners to use our extensive aerospace engineering experience to benefit the Turkish economy, grow the country's skills base and expand its role in the energytransition. I am personally very energised by the strengthening relationship between our great company, Turkish Airlines and the Republic of Türkiye."

Türkiye has been an integral part of Airbus' supply chain for over 20 years, and today every Airbus commercial aircraft from the A220 to the A350 includes Turkish supplied parts. Directly and indirectly over 3,500 Turkish aeronautical jobs are supported by Airbus. At the end of 2023, the accumulated total amount invested by Airbus in Türkiye has exceeded US\$4 billion. In addition, the 20-year collaboration has established a wealth of expertise, technological advancements and a highly skilled workforce in Türkiye's aerospace sector.

These initiatives aim to further develop the Turkish aerospace industry in accordance with Turkish Airlines growth ambition as well as Türkiye's aim to develop a robust aerospace industry. Supported with the acquisition of A321neo and A350 aircraft which aligns with Turkish Airlines' ongoing commitment to expand its reach and enhance service capabilities across its extensive flight network, the partnership also underscores all three partners' focus on sustainability and technological advancement. This forward-thinking approach is designed to foster innovation, create high-skilled jobs, and elevate Türkiye as a key player in the aerospace sector.

# Saudia Launches **Beta Version of Revolutionary Digital Platform**

Saudia, the national flag carrier of Saudi Arabia, has launched its innovative digital platform, the Travel Companion (TC), powered by advanced artificial intelligence. This move is part of a two-year plan to revolutionize the travel industry by embracing digital innovations.





n collaboration with global professional services firm Accenture, Saudia's Travel Companion is set to change how travelers interact with the airline and redefine the standards of digital travel.

The Travel Companion offers personalized and tailored solutions to meet individual preferences and needs, providing search results from trusted and authenticated sources and utilizes image-supported responses. The platform is intended to be a comprehensive,

one-stop solution that allows users to book concierge services such as hotels, transportation, restaurants, activities, and attractions, eliminating the need to switch between multiple platforms. Additionally, it establishes seamless connections with transportation platforms and various train companies, ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted journey.

In the next stages, Saudia will introduce additional features, such as voice command and digital payment solutions. Through an always-on Travel Companion accessible via a telecom e-SIM card enabled by Saudia, users can enjoy global access without relying on other internet providers. Furthermore, users can purchase data packages for additional applications, ensuring continuous access to the platform's services.

The ultimate goal of the Travel Companion is to become the top app for travelers, providing unparalleled travel information. With aspirations to become the go-to platform for various services beyond flight bookings, the Travel Companion will aim to distinguish itself in the airline industry.

His Excellency Engr. Ibrahim Al-Omar, Director General of Saudia Group said, "We are thrilled to introduce the Travel Companion, a game-changer in the airline industry that will revolutionize the digital travel experience. This platform, resulting from our ongoing collaboration with Accenture, signifies our forwardlooking approach to providing guests with unparalleled convenience and flexibility.



### **Thai Lion Air Extends Ground Handling Partnership** with Çelebi India

hai Lion Air's decision to select Çelebi India as its ground handling partner underscores the company's reputation for excellence and reliability in the aviation industry. Çelebi India brings over 65 years of experience and a track record of delivering premium ground handling services to some of the world's leading airlines.

Mr. Tauseef Khan, CEO of Çelebi Ground Handling – India, expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "We are honored to be chosen as the ground handling service provider for Thai Lion Air's operations at Cochin International Airport. This partnership exemplifies Çelebi India's commitment to delivering exceptional service and underscores our reputation as a trusted partner for major international airlines. With our expertise and dedication to excellence, we are fully prepared to ensure a seamless and efficient ground handling experience for Thai Lion Air and its passengers."

"At Thai Lion Air, we are committed to providing our passengers with a seamless and superior travel experience from the moment they step into the airport. We are excited to expand our operations to Cochin with Çelebi India as our ground handling partner, a collaboration that has already proven to be highly successful in Mumbai and Bangalore. Çelebi's commitment to operational excellence and customer satisfaction aligns perfectly with our vision, enabling us to offer enhanced comfort and convenience to our passengers. We look forward to this strengthened partnership paving the way for even more successful operations in India" said Mr. Sunny Malhotra – Regional Manager India.

Thai Lion Air's commencement of flights to Cochin represents a significant milestone in the region's aviation landscape, providing enhanced connectivity between India and Thailand. As a preferred ground handler for Thai Lion Air's operations in Mumbai and Bangalore as well, Çelebi India continues to strengthen its presence and expand its footprint in the Indian aviation sector.

Çelebi has been present at Cochin International airport since 2018 and the company's legacy at other major airports across the country is characterized by its commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction. With a comprehensive range of ground handling services and a focus on sustainability, Çelebi India is at the forefront of driving innovation and setting industry standards in the aviation sector.

The collaboration between Çelebi India and Thai Lion Air signifies a strategic expansion for both parties, highlighting their shared commitment to delivering exceptional service and enhancing the passenger experience. As Çelebi India continues to grow its presence in the Indian aviation industry, it remains dedicated to upholding the highest standards of quality, reliability, and sustainability in ground handling services.

# Air India and All Nippon Airways to **Begin Codeshare Partnership**



he new commercial partnership will provide more travel opportunities for customers of both airlines, who will benefit from the enhanced flight selections between India and Japan.

With this agreement, effective for travel from 23 May 2024, Air

India and All Nippon Airways guests will fly to their desired destination by combining those flights between India and Japan with a single ticket. In addition, guests of both airlines flying on codeshare flights will enjoy premium services such as lounge access and priority boarding that Star Alliance offers to its premium members.

Available for sale from 23 April 2024, Air India will add its 'AI' designator code on ANA's flights between Tokyo Haneda and Delhi as well as Tokyo Narita and Mumbai, while All Nippon Airways will add its 'NH' designator code on Air India's flight between Tokyo Narita and Delhi. Air India and ANA are considering further expanding their cooperation on additional routes.

"This codeshare agreement with All Nippon Airways marks an important step forward in connecting India and Japan," said Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial & Transformation Officer. Air India. "This collaboration broadens our network connectivity and offers our guests seamless travel experiences

and a wider choice of flights between the two countries. We look forward to a successful collaboration with ANA and exploring further avenues for cooperation in the future."

This agreement will contribute to further consolidate the economic and commercial relations between India and Japan and will offer Indian tourists the opportunity to broadly discover the wonders of Japan and to Japanese citizens the opportunity to easily travel to India, ensuring the highest standards

"We look forward to building this strategic partnership with Air India, as it is a significant step towards furthering stronger air connectivity and enhancing customer experience between Japan and India," said Katsuya Goto, Member of the Board and Executive Vice President of Alliances and International Affairs, All Nippon Airways. "This collaboration is a testament to ANA's commitment to improving the air travel experience for all of its travellers and we hope this will lead to a seamless travel environment between our two nations."

# FlyBig offers special summer starting ₹99



ndia's leading regional airline, FlyBig, a part of Big Charters Private Limited (BCPL), announced the launch of the 'Udaan Har Kisi Ke Sapnon Ko Pankh De' campaign. Under this campaign, regional air travelers will have the opportunity to access air travel from Aligarh to Lucknow at a reduced fare of just Rs 99\*. FlyBig is currently operating a 19-seater aircraft on this route. This campaign aligns with Prime

This campaign, starting with the Aligarh-

Minister Modi's vision for inclusive growth and

connectivity, aiming to democratize air travel for

economic empowerment across the nation.

Lucknow route, will soon be extended to other destinations in Uttar Pradesh, including Azamgarh, Shravasti and Chitrakoot. This reflects FlyBig's commitment to democratizing regional air travel for common citizens without the burden of traditional air travel costs.

As part of this campaign, FlyBig will reserve 1000 seats for passengers traveling on routes such as Aligarh, Lucknow, Azamgarh, Shravasti and Chitrakoot. The fare, inclusive of taxes and charges, amounts to a total of Rs 354, which includes a nominal Rs 5 GST and a Rs 250 government fee. The campaign offers families and individual travellers an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy the rich cultural heritage and diverse attractions of Uttar Pradesh with ease. With FlyBig's reserved seats, families and individuals can now explore iconic destinations such as Lucknow, Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakootand Shravasti while enjoying the comfort and convenience of air travel together.

The inaugural flight under this campaign took off from Aligarh airport at 12 noon today, with plans for additional flights in the near future. FlyBig will allocate 1000 seats at Rs 99 tickets over the next three months.

#### Sanjay Mandaviya, **Chairman and Managing** Director, FlyBig

Our mission is to ensure that regional air travel is accessible and affordable for every individual, irrespective of their economic background. We firmly believe that affordable air travel has the power to catalyse economic growth and development across the nation. FlyBig is committed to aligning with the Government of India's vision to promote regional air travel. I am sure that this campaign will play a critical role in empowering individuals and businesses to create new opportunities, propel economic advancement, and foster inclusive development nationwide.

As regional connectivity expands, the potential for infrastructure development, tourism promotion, and the establishment of new markets will open up. This holistic approach to connectivity holds the promise of unlocking the untapped potential of various regions, driving prosperity and inclusivity throughout the country.

# **Hamad International Airport: World's Best Airport**

Hamad International Airport (DOH) has again secured its position as the "World's Best Airport" by the prestigious 2024 Skytrax World Airport Awards held at the Passenger Terminal Expo 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany. The airport also clinched the title of 'World's Best Airport Shopping' for the second time in a row and "Best Airport in the Middle East" for the tenth consecutive year.



amad International Airport's recognition is based on meticulous assessments conducted by air travellers. They evaluated the airport's performance across key performance indicators and selected it as the best in the world amongst a group of over 500 global airport contenders.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer, Engr. Badr Mohammed Al-Meer, who spearheaded the development and growth of Hamad International Airport over the past decade, said: "This is a remarkable achievement for Hamad International Airport, as it celebrates its 10th anniversary of operational excellence, connecting passengers seamlessly from all around the world. It is a testament to the dedication of our team and partners, who have contributed to providing passengers with the finest travel experience. Our continuous investment in our facilities and pioneering initiatives in retail and hospitality within a single expansive terminal has made this achievement possible."

He emphasised the importance of understanding passengers' needs and evolving travel trends: "At the heart of our growth strategy lies the passengers' journey, their evolving needs, and our commitment to meeting and exceeding their expectations. We have introduced a diverse range of experiences at the airport, including 'Souq Al Matar', which brings

Qatari hospitality and culture closer to travellers, "Orchard", the ideal place for relaxation and rejuvenation between flights and an array of highend lounges. We remain dedicated to pushing the boundaries of the industry to maintain our position as the world's premier airport."

Hamad International Airport achieved a significant milestone in 2023, witnessing an exceptional surge in passenger traffic. Serving over 45 million passengers, the airport experienced a remarkable 31% increase compared to the previous year, surpassing the momentum established during the historic FIFA World Cup. The airport also welcomed new esteemed airline partners, including Vistara, Iberia, Xiamen Airlines, Garuda Indonesia, and Japan Airlines, and serves over 250 destinations, including passenger, cargo, and chartered flights.

As Hamad International Airport approaches its milestone 10th year of operations, it anticipates a bustling 2024. Plans include welcoming new airline partners, enhancing connectivity, and supporting Qatar's endeavours to host various global events. Committed to the Qatar National Vision 2030, Hamad International Airport aims to enhance sustainability efforts through investments in new technologies and pioneering industry-first initiatives, further solidifying its position as a leader in the aviation industry.

# More choice when travelling to **Europe**

radea is a Romanian city near the border to Hungary which can be described as a hidden gem for city trippers. It is steeped in history with roots reaching back to the ancient Romans and with fantastic architecture from the epochs of baroque and Art Nouveau. LOT Polish Airlines operates four times per week from its global hub in Warsaw to Oradea (90 minutes flight time) effective 3 June 2024. This service will be operated by Embraer E170 and

#### From Delhi to Oradea in less than 12 hours

Travellers from India, who want to explore an amazing destination, which has not yet been discovered by many tourists, and therefore plan to include Oradea in their European itinerary, can even start their adventure there – thanks to the convenient flight service from LOT Polish Airlines from Delhi via Warsaw:

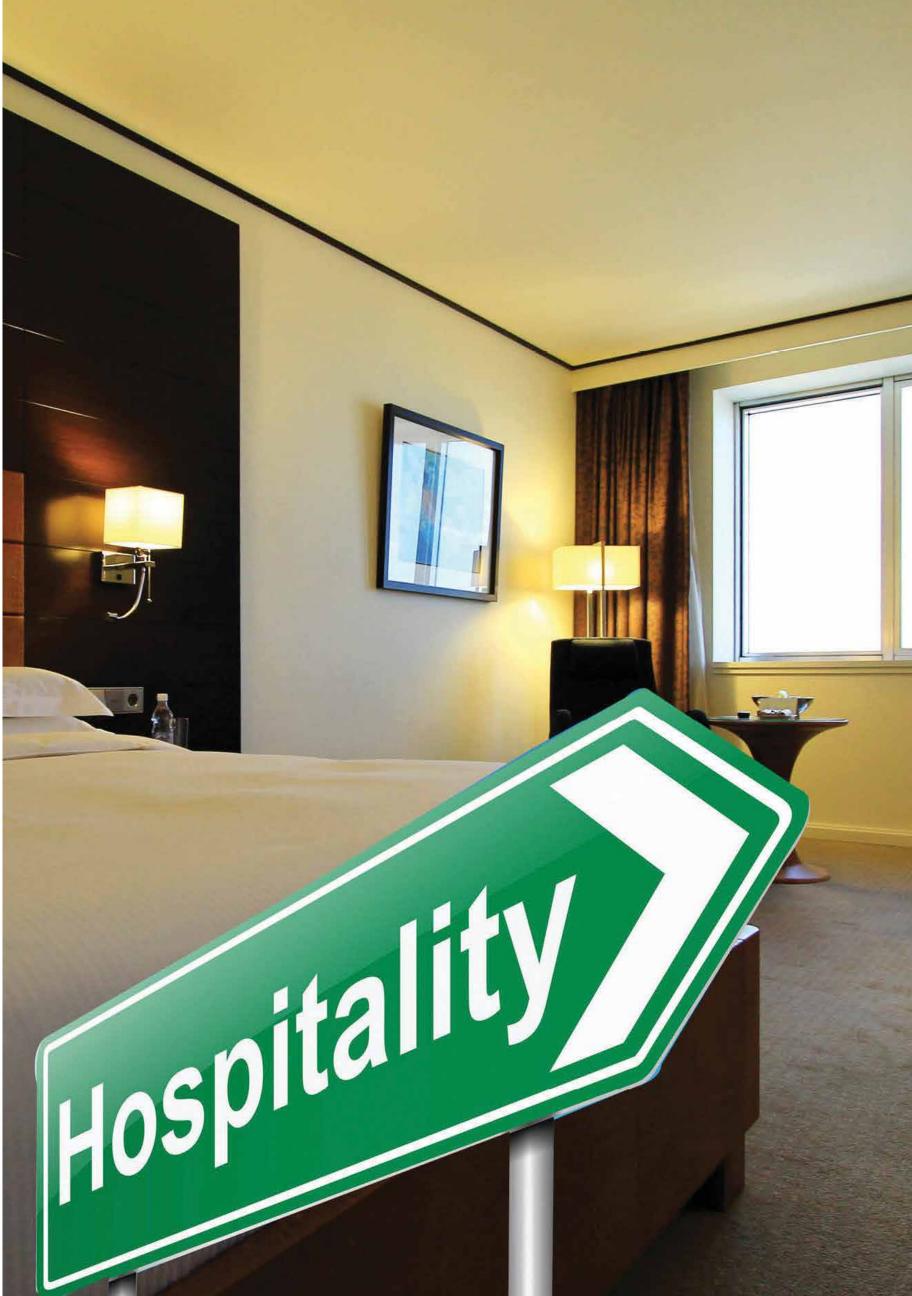
Every Monday and Saturday, departure from Delhi at 8:00h, arrival in Oradea at 17:00h local time the same day;

11:30 hours total travel time including 100 minutes stopover in Warsaw

#### Daily service between Warsaw and Athens

A destination not be missed on a roundtrip through Europe is Athens and LOT Polish Airlines has now returned to the Greek capital. The Polish carrier is flying daily between Warsaw and Athens. Departure from Warsaw is conveniently scheduled for 9:30h, so that after 2:40 hours flight time passengers arrive in Athens at 13:10h local time, where they can immediately start visiting the Acropolis and the other exciting ancient archaeological sites.

'With Oradea and Athens, we have once again expanded our network in Europe," says Amit Ray, Director India/DACH/Italy and Head of Global Corporate and Strategic Sales at LOT Polish Airlines. "Both cities are staggering destinations for Indian tourists, for example after a stopover of a few days in the Polish capital Warsaw – Oradea as a real insider tip and Athens as a shining icon of European antiquity".



# **Family-Friendly Retreats: Top Hotels for Unforgettable Holidays with Children**

Choosing the right accommodation is essential for a memorable family holiday, where comfort, convenience, and entertainment options cater to both parents and children alike. From spacious suites equipped with kid-friendly amenities to resorts offering exciting activities for all ages, finding the perfect hotel can elevate your vacation experience to new heights. Let's explore some of the best family-friendly hotels around the world, where every moment promises laughter, relaxation, and cherished family bonding. Whether you're craving beachside bliss, theme park thrills, or cultural immersion, these hotels are sure to exceed your expectations and create lasting memories for the whole family.











## Unique offerings for kids and families

Chomu Palace, nestled in the heart of Rajasthan, stands as a majestic testament to India's rich heritage. Our hotel offers a blend of royal charm and modern amenities, ensuring an unforgettable experience for families. For our young guests, we provide a plethora of activities including heritage walks, kite flying, traditional puppet shows, and pottery sessions, immersing them in the vibrant culture of Rajasthan. Additionally, our dedicated Kids' Club ensures that children are entertained and engaged throughout their stay, while parents indulge in the regal luxury and tranquillity of our palace.

## Special features and amenities for families

Our summer offer is curated to provide a holistic experience for families, balancing children's entertainment with parents' relaxation. Families can enjoy complimentary access to our Kids' Club, where children can participate in supervised activities, allowing parents to unwind and rejuvenate. Additionally, our package includes exclusive pool under the sky and discounts on culinary experiences, ensuring that parents have ample opportunities to relax and indulge, while our younger guests embark on exciting adventures within the palace grounds.

Shilpa Sharma, Sales Head, Chomu P

#### **USP** of the hotel

What sets Chomu Palace apart is our unwavering commitment to providing an authentic and immersive experience for families. Our summer offer goes beyond mere accommodation, offering a glimpse into the rich history and culture of Rajasthan through curated activities and experiences. Moreover, our personalized service and attention to detail ensure that every family leaves with cherished memories that last a lifetime.

## Advice for families to create lasting memories together

To families planning a luxury summer getaway, I would advise embracing the cultural richness of Rajasthan by participating in our heritage walks and cultural performances. Additionally, don't miss the opportunity to savour the delectable flavours of Rajasthan through our culinary offerings. Most

importantly, take the time to simply relax and soak in the regal ambiance of Chomu Palace while creating unforgettable memories with your loved ones.

# Commitment to providing exceptional experiences for families

At Chomu Palace, we view families not just as guests, but as cherished members of our extended royal family. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring that every aspect of your stay exceeds expectations, from personalized service to tailor-made experiences for guests of all ages. We take immense pride in curating unforgettable moments that leave a lasting impression on families, fostering a legacy of royal hospitality that has endured for generations.

#### **Summer Offer**

For more information about our summer offer and to book your stay at Chomu Palace, please visit our official website at www.chomupalacehotel.com. Alternatively, you can contact our reservations team directly at info@chomupalacehotel.com

#### HOSPITALITY

#### Unique offerings for kids and **families**

Kandima Maldives is a game-changing resort that offers an affordable lifestyle destination. Smart, playful, rooted, and responsible, this 3-kilometer resort embodies the contemporary Maldivian soul. It focuses on genuine hospitality with a human touch and innovative solutions using the latest technology. Part of the Pulse Hotels & Resorts hospitality group, Kandima caters to guests of all ages: families, couples, groups of friends, and honeymooners. Whether you're seeking relaxation, aquatic and island adventures, well-being, fitness, or family time, this 270-room beach resort has something for everyone. With one of the longest outdoor pools in the Maldives, a football ground, tennis and volleyball court, Aquaholics water sports and dive center, KULAart studio, and more, there are plenty of activities to keep everyone occupied.

#### Special features and amenities

- Jet, Set & Save: 50% off Return Domestic Transfers (Valid for stays four nights or more from 11 April—30 September 2024).
- Feast Your Eyes (& taste buds): Indulge in our allyou-can-eat buffet with live cooking stations that'll have your mouth watering. Plus, we're keeping you refreshed with unlimited drinks during meal times.
- O Dine Around All Inclusive: Enjoy dinner at Flavour and Zest or our à la carte restaurants Smoked, Sea Dragon, or Azure from the Chef's menu. Plus, revel in unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages under this plan (T&C Apply).
- Little VIPs: Kids under 06 stay and eat free, adding value to your family adventure. There are also complimentary daily scheduled activities for the little ones at Kandiland.

Endless Adventures:

Enjoy 15%

discounts

Kandima Maldives Mr. Althaf Mohamed Ali, Chief Operating Officer, Pulse Hotels & Resorts (The company that owns and manages Kandima Maldives)

excursions and water sports plus complimentary daily snorkelling adventures to our house reef: no guides needed, just pure discovery.

- Spa Bliss: Indulge in self-care with a 10% discount at Eskape Spa, ensuring complete relaxation.
- O Stay Fit, Stay Happy: From complimentary yoga to fitness programs and fun at our kids club, we've got activities to keep everyone entertained.
- O Picture-perfect Memories: Get a 20-minute photo shoot on us for stays of 4 nights or more.

#### **USP of the hotel**

This summer, families seeking anything but ordinary vacation experiences need to look no further than our cool and stylish island paradise. With an array of enticing offerings, including sumptuous allyou-can-eat buffets, exclusive dine-around packages, and uber-fun activities for little ones at Kandiland,

> we ensure every moment is filled with joy and relaxation. From thrilling adventures like snorkelling to relaxing spa treatments and romantic perks for honeymooners, our hotel caters to every guest's desires. With a vibrant atmosphere, daily activities for all ages, and lively evening entertainment, we guarantee a memorable stay that exceeds

#### Advice for families to create lasting memories together

When it comes to planning a luxury summer getaway with your children at Kandima

Maldives, we understand the importance of creating unforgettable experiences for the whole family. Here are some tips and advice to ensure you make the most of your stay andcreate lasting memories together:

- Explore kid-friendly activities like water sports and arts workshops.
- Opt for family-friendly accommodations for comfort and privacy.
- Engage in cultural experiences and island visits.
- Enjoy water adventures such as snorkelling and dolphin-watching.
- Indulge in family dining at our restaurants.
- Find moments to relax together by the beach

### **Commitment to providing** exceptional experiences for

Kandima is a ticket to excitement, where families are guaranteed, an extraordinary escape filled with fun and adventure in the sunny side of life, Maldives. With smart, stylish, and spacious accommodations ranging from Beach Villas to Aqua Villas, every accommodation is a hub of excitement and comfort. From thrilling water sports like jet skiing to over ten dining outlets, we turn meals into a vibrant festival of tastes. While we're champions of fun, we never compromise on safety. Guests can rest easy knowing that our on-site medical experts are always on standby. We craft unforgettable memories with activities like family yoga sessions and starlit movie nights, all can be taken back home by having them captured in our SNAP studio. Kandima promises an ultimate family getaway, where every moment without a doubt is a celebration of joy and togetherness. Experience farm-fresh, island-style dining at Kandima's culinary heart, Fresh Labs, where we've been championing local produce since 2017. By ditching imports for homegrown goodness, we support local agriculture while ensuring eco-friendly, top-notch meals.

Dive into marine conservation with our coral adoption program, where you can track the growth of your adopted coral frame online. Art lovers rejoice with our KULA Initiative, splashing color across the local art scene since 2017, with every stay contributing to our non-profit fund, supporting local artists and fostering creativity. At Kandima, sustainability, community, and creativity are at the heart of everything we do.







# Unique offerings for kids and **families**

Foodies will delight in our signature culinary offerings, including Mövenpick Ice Cream and Chocolate Hour. Mövenpick Resort Al Marjan Island is a top choice for families seeking a complete vacation experience that blends luxury with a laidback atmosphere. Conveniently located with easy access for Indian travellers, it's an ideal destination for those looking for a quick getaway.

With our Starfish Adventure Kids Club catering to children of various age groups, families can rest assured that their little ones are entertained and engaged throughout their stay. From a floating waterpark to a range of water sports activities, our resort offers plenty of options for fun in the sun. Our private beach is perfect for lazy days by the sea. Children aged 10 and above have a dedicated space at Xscape Teen Zone equipped with state-of-the-art gaming stations, providing entertainment tailored to their interests. The Xplore Arcade zone is a thrilling hub for families and kids, offering billiards, air hockey, classic pinball machines, and arcade game stations with endless fun for all, including a variety of challenges and activities in this ultimate gaming haven.

Experience unique dining at Neo Sky Bar, Ras Al Khaimah's highest rooftop bar. Award-winning services and entertainment options ensure that every guest, from children to adults, feels special and wellcared for. Plus, we are a pet-friendly hotel, so furry family members are welcome to join in the fun too.

# Special features and amenities for families

We have crafted our summer offer with everyone in mind, ensuring both kids and adults have a blast.



Kids can let their imaginations run wild at the floating aquapark, gaming zone, and Starfish Adventure Kids Club. Meanwhile, parents can indulge in a sumptuous brunch at Boon's or soak up the bohochic atmosphere at Ula. Summer calls for a lap in swimming pools and there are three pools: a main pool, a children's pool, and an adult-only pool on the property. Families can try out our brand-new Mini Golf series or dive into modern game zones. Adrenaline junkies will love our selection of activities at the water sports centre. When it's time to unwind, guests can chill out on the shores of the Arabian Gulf or treat themselves to a relaxing massage at Citrine Spa. To cap off the day, they can head up to Neo Sky Bar and enjoy a 360-degree view of the island.

### **USP of the hotel**

What truly sets us apart are the extraordinary experiences we offer. Whether you crave thrilling adventures on land and sea or seek rejuvenating spa treatments, there's something here for everyone to savour. From the moment you arrive, our dedicated team ensures your journey is seamless and unforgettable. There are six specialty bars and restaurants, luxurious accommodations with breathtaking sea views from every balcony, and a plethora of world-class amenities and activities—this is the essence of our resort. We provide families with an all-encompassing experience that caters to every desire.Embark on a gastronomic journey with our culinary offerings, where each dish is meticulously crafted to delight your taste buds. Our attentive staff



goes above and beyond to anticipate and fulfil your needs throughout your stay. Whether you're a couple seeking romance, friends craving excitement, or a family in search of quality time, Mövenpick Resort Al Marjan Island has something uniquely tailored for each of you. Discover the essence of luxury and leisure with us.

# Advice for families to create lasting memories together

Start your day with a delightful breakfast buffet at The Market, or indulge in the convenience of breakfast on your room balcony, or even experience the luxury of an in-room floating breakfast in your private villa. On Saturdays, elevate your weekend with a lavish brunch at Boons, where you can relish an array of tantalizing dishes amidst live music and the refreshing beachside ambiance. While you savour your meal, let the kids dive into a world of creativity and excitement at the kids' club. With the little ones happily engaged and teenagers immersed in the thrilling gaming zone, it's the perfect opportunity for adults to unwind by the pool, indulge in a spa retreat, or partake in exciting activities like paddleboarding and kayaking.

Beyond the resort, families can embark on unforgettable adventures exploring the historical and natural wonders of Ras Al Khaimah, or dive into exhilarating activities like zip-lining and scuba diving. Make the most of every moment with us, creating cherished memories that last a lifetime.

# **Summer Offer**

Readers can head to our website or reach out to our reservations team. For real-time updates and exclusive deals, you can follow us on Instagram.



# Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Krabi, Thailand



# Unique offerings for kids and **families**

Phulay Bay, as the first Ritz-Carlton Reserve worldwide, is indeed a haven of bespoke luxury. Its unique location gives it an edge, including private beach access and proximity to Dragon Crest Mountain, limestone mountains rising from the Andaman Sea, rainforests, and waterfalls that make up this beautiful part of southern Thailand. From the moment guests step into the 20-meter-high Thai Lanna style architecture arrival pavilion, Sala Srichan, they are in for exceptional Reserve experiences. Our Personal Explorer ensures smooth pre-arrival communication and orchestrates a memorable stay based on guests' preferences and interests. After a nocheck-in wait time, a Ton Hong (Thai expression of Royal butler) is appointed for guests, who takes care of everything, including spa and dinner reservations, transportation, and discovery of the property. I take care of them as a personal host, creating the sensation of insider treatment.

# Special features and amenities



# for families

Our summer offer for families is designed to provide the ultimate vacation experience, combining exciting activities for children with opportunities for parents to relax and unwind. The kids are encouraged to engage with their surroundings through Phulay Bay Kids as we focus on nature, exploration, responsibility, and culture, introducing children to new experiences and sparking their curiosity. Parents can avail of exclusive treatments at the spa and enjoy sunset cruises and gourmet dining experiences under the Dining Beyond concept.

# USP of the hotel

What sets our hotel apart is our unwavering commitment to personalised service and attention to detail. Phulay Bay offers a range of unique amenities and both on-property and nearby activities. Expansive family-friendly pool areas, a children's pool, meditation classes with local monks, a helicopter tour or a boat ride to witness the region's dramatic scenery, and an in-villa personal yoga session, there's something for every member of the family to enjoy.



# **Advice for families to create** lasting memories together

For families planning a luxury summer getaway with their children, my advice would be to embrace every moment together and make the most of our resort's unique offerings. Take advantage of our familyfriendly experiences, as well as daily activities for kids, explore the nearby islands, and indulge in delicious meals prepared by our talented chefs.

# **Commitment to providing** exceptional experiences for **families**



At Phulay Bay, providing exceptional experiences for families is at the heart of everything we do. We always go the extra mile to enhance the family experience. We provide complimentary breakfast for kids, ensuring they have a nutritious start to their day while allowing parents to relax and enjoy their meal worry-free. Furthermore, our Thai handcrafting arts sessions for kids provide them with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the local culture, creating unique souvenirs and memories to cherish. Additionally, kids can join our snorkelling at Hong Island national park, where they can explore the vibrant marine life of the Andaman Sea.

These added touches enhance the family experience at our resort, making it a truly memorable and enjoyable stay for guests of all ages.

### Summer Offer

Please visit our website or contact our reservations team to learn more about our summer offer and book a stay. We look forward to welcoming families to Phulay Bay.



# The Residence **Mauritius**

# Unique offerings for kids and families

Situated on the east coast of Mauritius along a mile-long beach of immaculate white sand, fringed by the azure Indian Ocean and tropical gardens, The Residence Mauritius is an idyllic retreat for unreserved relaxation with family.

Dine on exotic Creole cuisine that captures the incredible potpourri of island flavours. Discover new secrets to soulful relaxation within our serene spa sanctuary, and an endless playground of attractions and activities to be found in the island's unique mix of cultures and stunning landscapes. The Residence Mauritius offers complete family experientials that will engage each member of the family, be it adults or kids.

A special highlight here is the ultra-indulgent spacious suites which are ideal for families. We also have a special kids pool, a distinct large free form lagoon-style pool overlooking the Indian Ocean for splashing fun days under the island sun. There is also a glorious never-ending beachfront for beach play, from complimentary non-motorised watersports of paddle boating, kayaking, windsurfing to glass-bottom boats in crystal clear ocean waters.

As Mauritius is a veritable Eden, nature immersion and activities abound for the young in discovering the natural habitats of a fascinating variety of fauna and some endemic only to Mauritius like the Pink Pigeon and the lush settings of tropical greenery with family hikes/excursion into the national parks and forest reserves and by magical waterfalls.

Kids can indulge in fun and engaging daily activities at the The Planters Kids Club which is fully supervised by a dedicated childcare tea where children are offered a window into the local culture with Sega dancing classes or Mauritian games including simple cooking sessions of Mauritian delights. There is a dedicated activity programme daily for kids and teens too. Infusing play and learning, with various enriching activities on offer, The Planters Kids Club is open daily for children aged between 3 and 12 years. Kids can have Lunch and dinner at the club itself. Ensuring a complete family experiential, the club also allows parents to get involved in the play with activities such as Glass Bottom Parents where they can go and discover fishes and wild corals or have a relaxing time by opting for some spa time which offers specially designed treatments for children.

Whether it's being out and about on island outings or being cocooned in the comforts of the hotel, the range of all-inclusive family holidays with everything from exciting excursions and activities to fantastic food awaits at The Residence Mauritius.

# **Special features and amenities** for families

Catering to families, we have an offer where 1 child (from 0 to 12.99 years) can stay on a nonchargeable basis when sharing room with parents. During non-peak season, we have a family offer in which guests can avail one complimentary room on Bed & Breakfast basis for up to 2 children (Age 3 to 12.99 years inclusive), when 2 adults are paying for 1 room or suite.

# **USP of the hotel**

Our offerings are designed to allow a complete experience for the family. Rather than just offering



Jean-Francois Chong, General Manager, The

products that are targeting families, we strive to create a holiday experience that enables bonding, discovery and relaxation with your family. We have variety of interesting activities which will bond parents and children and have an ever lasting memories. Dine with a local is an initiative where our local host will take the guest on a journey for a culinary Mauritian experience. Begin the journey at the Mauritius market to pick the fresh and finest ingredients. Soaked up the sights, sounds and smells as you wander through the streets on a busy and bustling morning. Explore the marketplace to get insights of this beautiful island's remarkably diverse cuisine. Savour in a home-cooked Mauritius dinner at our host home at the end of the day. Adventure loving families can go for Mauritius' Wild South Eden wherein you can discover the most beautiful and wildest landscapes as you explore the Southern part of Mauritius.

# **Advice for families to create** lasting memories together

Discover and delight in enriching journeys of culture and nature at of our idyllic destination. Find harmony and balance on a wellness retreat here with your family. Immerse in the beauty and serenity of nature on a diving expedition or simply savour the aromatic flavours of a culinary excursion. Each of our experiences has been specially curated to inspire and indulge you with your family. Celebrate life's many moments here with us.

# **Commitment to providing** exceptional experiences for

Our aim is to bring enrichening experiences to families, that will not only be just another summer getaway with your parents or kids, but one that allows discovery of new experiences, bonding time, fun and adventure. Our endeavour is always to ensure that we enrich the guest's experience drawing back to our brand promise - Moments Enriched.

**Summer Offer**Any available offer can be booked via our brand website https://www.cenizaro.com/theresidence/ mauritius or preferred agency.

# **Vedic Village Spa** Resort, Kolkata

# Unique offerings for kids and families

Vedic Village Spa Resort is brimming with enthusiasm as it anticipates a robust start to the financial year. Vedic Village Spa Resort renowned for its exquisite offerings and picturesque surroundings, is gearing up for a stellar beginning to the year. The resort is poised to welcome a substantial number of guests during the initial months. Built horizontally in the authentic architecture of Bengal villages, the world- class luxury resort blends in completely with the uniqueness of the landscape. It combines tremendous natural beauty and outdoor fun with unbeatable indoor luxury. A boutique getaway sprawling over 150 acres of fertile farmland greenery, sparkling lakes, coconut groves and a wealth of flora; it is a haven for migratory birds, butterflies, squirrels and exotic species of plants. Vedic Village Spa Resort ensures that the promise of luxury is upheld while the planet is protected with sensitivity. The hotel operations are conducted in a manner to have a positive impact on the planet and the community while delivering authentic indigenous experiences.A new adventure sports - A 3-level rope course activity: an adventure or recreational activity that involves navigating through a series of elevated challenges or obstacles suspended in the air with different height of different age group- 4ft / 14ft / 24ft. These challenges activity are constructed using ropes, cables, and various elements designed to test participants' balance, strength, and agility. The "3 levels" indicate that there are different stages or sections of increasing difficulty that participants must progress through for different age groups.

# Special features and amenities for **families**

An enticing summer offer for families at our resort, ensuring a balance between children's entertainment and parents' relaxation. Family-Friendly Accommodation, Kids' Play room, Adventure Zone-Rope course and paintball, Vedic Arena (football / cricket turf), Lotus swimming pool, Family-Friendly Dining Options, Family Entertainment, Outdoor Adventures and Vedic tour, we have Summer Offer Package on accommodation, meals, kids play zone, Adventure pass, Wellness credits, Family Day out.

# **USP of the hotel**

Amidst this bustling arena, our resort emerges not just as an accommodation option but as a custodian of cherished family moments, offering an unparalleled summer experience. What sets us apart from others targeting families isn't just a list of amenities; it's a philosophy woven into every aspect of our offerings. Beyond Accommodation: Creating Immersive

Experiences-We curate immersive experiences designed to captivate every member of the family. From thrilling outdoor adventures like 3L rope course and boating to creative workshops and cultural immersion activities. Organizing age-appropriate activities for children, our team is dedicated to making every moment memorable. Culinary Delights: A Feast for the Senses- Food has the remarkable ability to bring people together and create lasting memories. At our resort, dining isn't just a necessity; it's an experience in itself. Our culinary team takes pride in crafting diverse menus that cater to varying tastes and dietary preferences. From gourmet delights to comforting classics, every meal is a culinary journey that adds flavor to your family vacation.

We are more than a destination; we are a gateway to unforgettable family adventures, where every moment is crafted with care and every memory is cherished for a lifetime. Join us this summer and discover the magic of family bonding amidst the beauty of our resort.

# Advice for families to create lasting memories together

Planning a luxury summer getaway with children requires careful consideration to ensure that every member of the family has a memorable and enjoyable experience. Here are some tips and advice that our resort would offer to families:

- 1. Start Planning Early: Luxury summer getaways often require advanced planning, especially when traveling with children. Start researching and booking accommodations, flights, and activities well in advance to secure the best options and avoid last-minute stress.
- 2. Choose Family-Friendly Accommodations: Look for resorts that specialize in catering to families. Opt for spacious suites or villas that provide ample room for relaxation and play. Ensure that the resort offers kid-friendly amenities such as pools, playgrounds, and
- 3. Consider All-Inclusive Packages: All-inclusive packages can simplify your vacation planning and budgeting by including meals, activities, and amenities in one upfront price. This eliminates the need to constantly monitor expenses and allows you to fully enjoy your time together as a family.
- 4. Research Child-Friendly Activities: Look for resorts that offer a wide range of activities tailored to children of different ages and interests. From supervised kids' clubs and water sports to nature hikes and arts and crafts workshops, choose a resort that provides plenty of options to keep your children entertained throughout your stay.
- 5. Prioritize Safety and Security: When traveling with children, safety should always be a top priority. Choose a resort with stringent safety measures in place,



especially around swimming pools and other potentially hazardous areas. Ensure that the resort offers lifeguards, childproofing options, and secure play areas.

- 6. Communicate with the Resort: Prior to your arrival, communicate any special requirements or preferences to the resort staff, such as dietary restrictions, special occasions, or specific activities your family would like to participate in. This ensures that the resort can tailor your experience to meet your needs and expectations.
- 7. Embrace Relaxation: While it's tempting to pack your itinerary with non-stop activities, remember to schedule downtime for relaxation and bonding as a family. Allow plenty of time for leisurely meals, lounging by the pool, and enjoying the natural beauty of your surroundings.
- 8. Capture the Memories: Take plenty of photos and videos to document your luxury summer getaway with your children.

# **Summer Offer at Chomu Palace** Summer Offer

To know more about our summer offer and booking their stay at our resort can find all the information they need on our official website https://thevedicvillage.com/ our website serves as a comprehensive hub where guests can explore details about our accommodations, amenities, activities, and special offers. Additionally, they can directly contact our reservations team via email reservations@ thevedicvillage.com or phone 033 66229900 / 9830025900 for personalized assistance and inquiries. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff members are dedicated to helping guests plan their perfect family getaway and can provide recommendations based on their preferences and requirements. Furthermore, readers can follow us on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube page to stay updated on the latest news, promotions, and events happening at our resort.

Overall, whether readers prefer to explore online, reach out to our reservations team or Helpline directly, we are dedicated to providing them with the information and support they need to make their summer getaway at our resort truly unforgettable.

# A Fusion of Tradition and Innovation:

# The Tech-Wed at Chomu **Palace**

Nestled amidst the breathtaking landscape of Chomu Palace, a bastion of heritage steeped in the tapestry of time, lies a realm where couples embark on a journey that seamlessly intertwines tradition with cutting-edge innovation.

n this enchanted space, the infusion of technology has propelled the wedding experience to unprecedented heights, creating a spectacle that harmonizes the elegance of yesteryears with the wonders of the digital era. At the heart of this transformation lies social media integration, a conduit that transcends geographical boundaries and allows couples to share the enchantment of their heritage wedding with a global audience. Through the lens of live streaming services and the soaring perspectives captured by drones, distant loved ones are granted a front-row seat to the festivities, fostering a sense of inclusivity and connectivity that knows no bounds.

The majestic halls and sprawling courtyards of Chomu Palace serve as a canvas for artistic expression, transformed into ethereal settings adorned with the enchanting allure of LED displays and projection mapping technologies. These mesmerizing visuals pay homage to India's rich cultural heritage, weaving narratives that captivate guests and elevate the ambiance to realms of unparalleled splendor.





In the spirit of sustainability, e-invitations adorned with intricate designs inspired by the palace's regal splendor serve as heralds of the celebration, reducing environmental impact while setting the tone for a wedding steeped in elegance and grace.

In essence, the Tech-Wed at Chomu Palace transcends the boundaries of traditional matrimonial ceremonies. It stands as a testament to the enduring allure of heritage venues and the transformative power of technology—a celebration of love that honors the past while embracing the boundless possibilities of the future. Through this harmonious union, India's rich cultural heritage continues to shine brightly, illuminating the path for generations to come.

# **SAVOUR THE SEASON Indulge in Mango-Inspired Delights**

As summer arrives, everyone looks forward to savouring the king of fruits in every possible form. The luscious mango season is here and Conrad Pune is set to encapsulate this spirit by offering various combinations of mango-inspired delights.

curated selection of desserts, from delectable cakes to macaroons and chocolates. The culinary artisans at Conrad Pune have made sure to masterfully craft the menu that showcases versatility. Start your gastronomic adventure with Conrad Pune signature Mango Lassi, a refreshing blend of ripe mangoes, yogurt, and a hint of cardamom that perfectly balances sweetness with tanginess. Sip leisurely as you feel the cool embrace of this timeless classic, transporting you to sun-kissed orchards laden with ripe fruit. For those craving a more indulgent experience, Conrad Pune's Mango Cheesecake promises to satisfy even the most discerning sweet tooth. Picture a velvety smooth cheesecake infused with the tropical goodness of fresh mango puree, resting atop a buttery graham cracker crust. Each forkful is a symphony of flavours, harmonising creamy richness with the bright, fruity notes of mango.

But the mango magic doesn't end there. Dive into a world of decadence with Conrad Pune's Mango chilli and rosemary entremet, typically comprising a sponge cake base, mousse filling and layers of inserted set elements reimagined with a modern twist. Mango and passion bonbons, Mango basil petite gateaux, Fresh mango tart, Mango charlotte pastry, Vanilla coconut and mango entremet and Fresh mango gateaux are some other curated dishes Infused with the essence of ripe mangoes. At Conrad Pune, we believe in celebrating the beauty of each season, and what better way to embrace the warmth of summer than with nature's golden bounty - the mango.

Head to Conrad Pune to savour the season and indulge in the incomparable joy of mango-infused bliss. Experience the essence of summer in every bite at Conrad Pune, where culinary innovation meets tropical splendour.













# Revolutionize the culinary scene with the elemental power of fire

Fireside, a new restaurant concept dedicated to the art of open-flame cooking, is set to revolutionize the culinary scene in Bangalore. Open its doors this April, in the heart of Kalyan Nagar, Fireside promises to offer an unparalleled exploration of flavors through meticulous wood-fired techniques.

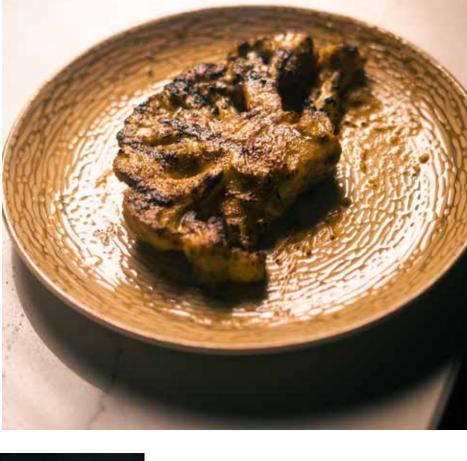
ireside goes beyond the theatrics of open flames, focusing on the precise manipulation of wood as the primary fuel source. A diverse selection undergoes meticulous curation each day, transforming into glowing embers that form the cornerstone of the cooking method. This approach elevates the inherent flavors of ingredients, showcasing the transformative power of fire in a way that celebrates their natural





The restaurant's open-space kitchen offers diners a privileged vantage point to witness the culinary artistry. This transparency underscores Fireside's commitment to showcasing the simplicity and beauty of open-flame cooking, allowing guests to appreciate the skill and dedication behind each dish.

On the occasion of the opening, Priyanka Alve, Founder of Fireside said "We embrace the sacred art of cooking over fire, making it the heart and soul of our culinary experience. From slow-cooked meats to woodfired oven-baked breads and char infused vegetables every dish is crafted with reverence for the primal ritual of fire, ensuring a dining journey where every



bite ignites the senses and kindles the spirit." Fireside is the brainchild of Priyank who transitioned from the world of technology to embrace her culinary passion. Alongside her co-founders and chefs, Rajat Alve, Vineeth Kumar, and Pramodh HN. Alve has assembled a team driven by an unwavering commitment to fire-based culinary exploration. Their deep fascination with this ancient technique ensures that every dish embodies the essence of open-flame mastery.

The menu at Fireside transcends geographical boundaries, offering a symphony of globally-inspired dishes united by their transformation through fire. From in-house fermented Kombucha, Oven Baked Sea Bass with Seafood Paella, Birria Taco, Jackfruit Pepper fry Risotto to Smoked Lamb leg or Pork Ribs, each plate is a testament to the versatility and power of this elemental cooking method.

The ambiance at Fireside is designed to engage all senses. The inviting atmosphere is punctuated by the rhythmic crackle of flames and the enticing aroma of wood smoke. Rustic elegance defines the décor, setting the stage for an unforgettable culinary journey, whether for an intimate gathering or a lively social experience.

Fireside elevates dining to an art form, fostering a sense of connection and shared experience. The passionate chefs and attentive staff are dedicated to crafting lasting memories for each guest, ensuring every moment resonates, from the mesmerizing dance of flames to the final, satisfying bite.

Fireside promises to ignite your passion for exceptional dining, offering an experience that transcends the traditional restaurant model to explore the transformative power of fire-based cuisine.

# Savour the Art of Collaboration

A tantalising culinary sequel unfolds from April 2, 2024 in the dramatic lagoontop setting of Baraabaru at Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa.

he partnership between Indian-born, New York-based Chef Hari Nayak and Baraabaru's Head Chef Kishan Singh continues with a second menu, marking the next chapter in a collaborative journey that began in October 2023. This new menu not only showcases the rich cultural and culinary heritage of the Indian subcontinent and the Maldives but also ventures into new territories and passions.

The Nayak-Singh Baraabaru partnership is more than a marriage of ingredients and creativity; it's an alignment of philosophies and passions. Visionary Chef Hari Nayak's journey from the coastal city of Udipi, India, to the world's most prestigious restaurants is reflected in his modern yet authentic interpretation of Indian gastronomy. Chef Kishan Singh is celebrated for his dedication to natural flavours and meticulous focus on fresh, authentic dishes, complementing Chef Nayak's

global perspective with deep-rooted local wisdom.

The new season Baraabaru menu expands its gaze beyond the Southern coastal recipes that defined Chef Hari's India's childhood and the first menu, embracing a pan-Indian approach with a modern twist. "We're thrilled by the overwhelming reception from our guests who have recently dined at Baraabaru," comments Didier Jardin, General Manager at Four Seasons Resort Maldives at





experience even further with this new menu selection that features popular favourites as well as a selection



of new dishes."

Signature starters include the Kokum Cured Tuna, which marries the tangy essence of Bhel Puri with creamy avocado in a refreshing cold salad. The Tandoori Grilled King Oyster Mushroom is a subtly spiced delicacy; its meaty texture the perfect canvas for the smokiness of the tandoor. The Kosha Mangsho, a Bengali-style slow-cooked mutton, is prepared with black masala, offering nuanced layers of intense yet comforting flavour. The Burrata Butter Chicken combines the charred smokiness of tandoorbaked chicken tikka with the velvet texture of melted burrata and a richly roasted tomato makhini sauce. The Lamb Shank Biryani is a majestic assembly of slow-cooked lamb with aromatic saffron-infused Keralan rice, sweet caramelised onions and the buttery crunch of toasted cashews.

Chef Hari Nayak's favourite dish, the Ghee Roasted Baby Eggplant, pairs the creaminess of ghee-enriched eggplant with the warmth of red chilli and the tang of tamarind. Served with a feather-light Neer Dosa, this dish expresses the revered chef's hallmark blend of classic flavours with modern flair. Chef Kishan Singh's chosen dish is the Goan Peri Peri Prawn served with garlic pachadi and curry leaf oil.

As guests dine beneath Kuda Huraa's endless skies, the joy of creating together.





# **Elevate your Summer Experience**

Featuring a refreshing array of classic treats and innovative recipes inspired by the season, our summer menu promises to please your palate and transport you to a realm of luxury and leisure.

# **Alphonso Mango Coconut & Sago Pudding**

Dive into the refreshing flavors of the season with our Vegan Mango Coconut - a delightful blend of fresh mangoes and creamy coconut, served with sago pudding and garnished with pistachio slivers and gold varq.

### Ingredients

- 1 ltr Coconut Milk

- 100 gms Sago
- 150 gms Sugar
- 1 pod Vanilla Bean
- 500 gms Fresh Alphonso
- 1 leaf gold varq
- 50 gms pistachio peeled.

# Method

- 1. Soak sago in water for 30 mins
- 2. Boil coconut milk in a pan
- 3. Add sugar and vanilla bean!

- 4. Remove sago from the water.
- 5. Put soaked sago in boiling milk.
- 6. Cook for 10 mins.
- 7. Pour the sago pudding warm in serving containers and keep for chilling.
- 8. Take fresh mango, half of it make a smooth puree in a blender, while another half cut into cubes.
- 9. Once the sago pudding is set, pour mango puree on top and garnish with cut mangos.
  - 10. Further garnish with pistachio slivers and gold



# **Magic Yoghurt and Berries Bites**

Indulge in the Magic Yoghurt & Berries, a tantalizing combination of Greek yogurt and fresh berries popsicles, topped with caramelized hazelnuts and berry compote. It's a treat that will leave you feeling refreshed and rejuvenated on a hot summer day.

Recipes - For 4 Portion

#### Ingredients

# Greek yoghurt and berries popsicles

- Greek yogurt 300 ml
- Blueberries 90 gms
- Raspberries 90 gms
- Honey 90 ml
- Milk 200 ml

#### Healthy seeds and nut bar

- Shredded Almond 90 gms
- Hazel nut meal 90 gms
- Pistachio 90 gms
- Cashew butter 60 gms
- Honey 75 ml

- Rolled oats 120 gms
- Hazelnut toasted 90 gms
- Chia seeds 100 gms
- Chopped or sliced dried figs 120 gms

### Garnish

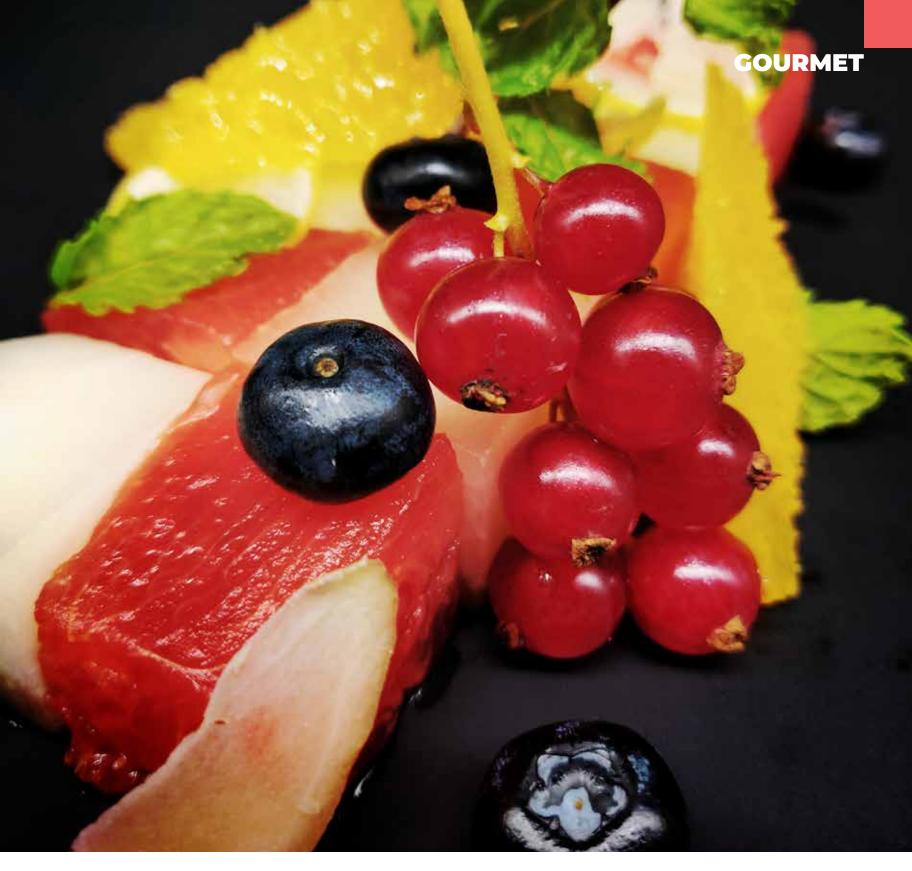
Berry compote - 5 gms Hazelnut - 2 to 3 nos.

#### Method

- 1.Blend or roughly mash fresh berries and keep it aside. Mix yogurt, berries and milk and honey.
- 2. Gently fold the mixture together, Pour the mixture in popsicle molds..
  - 3. Freeze popsicles until solid, probably 2-3 hours.
  - 4. In large bowl stir cashew butter and honey.

- 5. Add rolled oats, hazelnut meal, Chia seeds, and chopped hazelnuts, almond, pistachio and chopped dried figs, stir until combined - mixture will be thick and sticky.
- 6. Transfer mixture to lined pan and place in freezer to chill for 30 minutes.
- 7. Once bars have hardened, gently lift from pan and cut in to desired shape.
- 8. Put healthy bar in plate, topped with Greek yoghurt Popsicle, caramelized nuts and berry

Serve either for breakfast or for a healthy chilled meal options in summer.



# **Citrus Marinated Melons** with Blue Berry & Mint

Lastly, savor the zesty Citrus Marinated Melons with Blueberry and Mint, a vibrant medley of citrus fruits and juicy melons, garnished with fresh blueberries and mint leaves. It's the perfect balance of tangy and sweet flavors to tantalize your taste buds. Blueberry being rich in nutrients puts your immune system in action. It's a great antioxidant too

Honey being high on fructose help in getting rid of alcohol fast from the body but doesn't help in reducing the symptoms.

Orange being rich in Vitamin C helps in maintaining glutathione levels. Glutathione helps in breaking down the toxic by-products of alcohol metabolism.

Ginger helps in treating nausea

Citrus Marinated melons with blue berry and mint

# Ingredients

- Water melon 300 gm
- Sarda melon 300 gm
- Orange juice 150 ml
- Ginger 15 gm
- Blue berry 100 gm
- Mint 20 gm
- Orange for segments 24 nos
- Lemon 1 nos
- Honey 20 ml

### Method

- 1. Mix orange juice with crushed ginger, lemon slices and honey
- 2. Cut watermelon and sarda melon in dices and marinate with orange juice and leave it
- 3. Arrange marinated melons, orange segments, mint sprig, blue berries and lemon slices

A perfect refreshing breakfast platter is ready.

# **A Culinary Journey Through Time: Ancient** Roman **Pastas**



Pasta, a beloved dish cherished worldwide, has transcended cultural boundaries and evolved into countless variations. From the rare truffle-infused delicacies of Michelin-starred restaurants to local adaptations featuring Indian spices, pasta has captured the hearts and palates of food enthusiasts everywhere.

hef ViveQ Pawar of Roxie in Bengaluru is poised to take pasta lovers on an extraordinary journey with the launch of the Ancient Roman Pastafestival.

Drawing inspiration from his extensive research and membership in the Accademia Italiana Della Cucina, Chef ViveQ Pawar has meticulously crafted a menu that pays homage to the origins and evolution of pasta. The festival showcases a selection of ancient Roman pasta dishes, each steeped in history and bursting with flavour.

The center piece of the menu is the Pasta AllaGricia, a dish born out of necessity during the days when Roman shepherds roamed the countryside with their flocks. Featuring dried pasta, Guanciale, and Pecorino Romano (Sheep milk cheese) seasoned with pepper, this humble yet iconic dish laid the foundation for the pasta we know and love today. Other highlights include the Pasta Amatriciana, enriched with tomatoes and chilies introduced during the expansion of the Roman Empire, and the Gnocchi Alla Romana, a comforting delicacy made with semolina flour and baked to perfection.

The 'Ancient Roman Pasta' festival offers patrons a chance to savour the flavours of a bygone era while celebrating the rich culinary heritage of Rome, with hand-crafted pasta, traditional recipes, and authentic preparation techniques. From the savoury Carbonara to the indulgent Raviolo and the refreshing Pasta Alla Limone, each dish is a testament to the ingenuity and creativity of ancient Roman cooks.

With hand-picked ingredients sourced from Rome and Catalonia, guests are invited to indulge in the 11 kinds of pasta.

Cacio E Pepe Pasta- What might seem like a simple recipe is often the most daring one - this darling of Roman cuisine transports you to the heart

of the Empire. With every bite, a warm, al-dente spaghetti hugs your senses with its luscious sauce of Pecorino Romano cheese and a generous sprinkle of freshly ground black pepper.

Pasta Alla Checca- This dish is a story of lovers - Rome and Italy - with Rome's yearning for simplicity and Italy's penchant for earthy. This Roman legend was crafted as a tantalising blend of heirloom cherry tomatoes, pecorino romano, hand-picked basil, fior di latte cheese and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil for tastebuds seeking something summery yet simple.

Pasta AllaGricia - The spiritual grandfather of all great pastas - this Roman classic is a silky, cheesy pasta that oozes flavour with every bite. With its crispy guanciale crumbs over pasta, embraced by the nutty complexity of pecorino romano, andfinished with a sprinkle of black pepper, this recipe is as authentic as Cucina Roma gets.

Pasta Amatriciana - Some days are meant for fires and adventures, for spice and everything nice. Such days are reserved for this culinary legend of Ancient Rome crafted with a sauce made with hand-crushed tomatoes picked from Naples, pecorino Romano, guanciale and a generous dusting of red pepper flakes. Flavourful and vibrant - a true masterpiece of alchemy and Roman legacy.

Pasta Alla Limone - Like a masterful painting from the old greats, this pasta showcases the craftsmanship of the Italian soul shining through Roman grandeur. Perfectly cooked pasta strandsare enveloped in a light, lemon-kissed sauce

Romesco Sauce Pasta- As the Roman Empire rolled into Spain in the bygone years, Catalonia was their first home. Legend says that this sojourn gave birth to Romesco sauce. To craft this pasta, roasted red peppers, handpicked tomatoes, almonds and garlic are mixed to create a delectable and rich

sauce, and tossed intoartisanally-made pasta for a culinary melody meant for the ages.

Carbonara- Fancied and adored, the iconic carbonara pasta is as elegant as it is decadent. Imagine the exquisite melody of spaghetti with a velvety sauce of egg yolks, pecorino romano cheese, black pepper and guanciale - this rendition is creamy, smokey and so flavourful that you keep wanting more.

Forest Mushrooms In Sage Blanket - This delectable melange of hand-picked wild elm oyster, wood ear and chanterelle mushrooms blends in cashew cream, black pepper and thyme, and then gets wrapped in a Roxie signature pasta sheet delicately designed and laminated with micro flowers, sage and basil for those cosy, comforting, umami-filled meals.

Raviolo - When the ordinary does not suffice, you go back in time to indulge in the culinary excellence of the Romans. Pastas, Italian as they are, became an integral part of Cucina Roma with herby ricotta, a thin veil of pasta, sauteed spinach filling, butter sauce and oozing magical egg yolk, drizzled with aromatic brown butter and sage sauce.

Gnocchi alla Romana- Gnocchi alla Romana is the ultimate comfort food - fried gnocchi encased in a velvety pesto sauce, enriched with cream, and adorned with tender roasted tomatoes was the amalgamation of culinary excellence and delicate craftsmanship. In a harmonious marriage with the nutty notes of Parmigiano Reggiano, it filled the soul with satisfaction and joy.

Spaghetti All'Ubriaco - Luscious, and ruby-red, this pasta is unlike any other ever crafted. Crafted in a red wine reduction bath, this full-bodied pasta boasts roasted onions and garlic, infused with the robust essence of sage and a hearty bouillon. Outrageously delicious, this masterpiece is elevated by delicate parmesan slivers in every bite.

# **Experience the Essence** of the Season

As the vibrant energy of summer envelops us, The Swinton House in Jaipur welcomes you to embark on a culinary adventure like no other with our exclusive Summer Special Recipes. Nestled in the heart of the Pink City, Swinton House esteemed establishment beckons with promises of gastronomic delight that perfectly encapsulate the essence of the season. From invigorating dishes to meticulously crafted cocktails, immerse yourself in a symphony of flavors that will awaken your senses and leave an indelible mark on your palate.

nder the visionary guidance of Chef Prince Beniwal, Swinton House culinary virtuoso, The Swinton House proudly presents a menu that reflects

his passion for excellence. Drawing inspiration from both Modern International and Pan Asian cuisines, Chef Beniwal has curated a selection of dishes that harmonize innovation with tradition, promising

a dining experience that is as memorable as it is delectable. Whether you're dining at The Yard or The Albion, expect nothing short of culinary brilliance that celebrates the vibrant spirit of summer

# Avocado **Papdi Chaat**

# Ingredients:

# For the Papdi (Crispy Flatbreads):

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ajwain (carom seeds)
- 2 tablespoons ghee (clarified butter)
- Water, as needed for dough
- Oil, for deep frying

### For the Avocado Mixture:

- 2 ripe avocados
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon roasted cumin powder
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili powder (adjust to taste)
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 tomato, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 green chili, finely chopped (optional)

### For Serving:

- Yogurt (beaten with a little salt)
- Tamarind chutney
- Mint chutney
- Sev (crunchy chickpea flour noodles)
- Fresh coriander leaves, chopped
- Chaat masala

# **Instructions:**

# Prepare the Papdi:

- Make the Dough: In a mixing bowl, combine all-purpose flour, ajwain, ghee, and a pinch of salt. Gradually add water and knead to form a stiff dough. Cover and let it rest for 20 minutes.
- Roll and Cut: Divide the dough into small balls. Roll each ball into a thin round and use a cookie cutter to cut small discs.
  - Fry the Papdi: Heat oil in a deep frying pan.



Fry the discs until golden and crisp. Drain on paper towels and let cool.

# Prepare the Avocado Mixture:

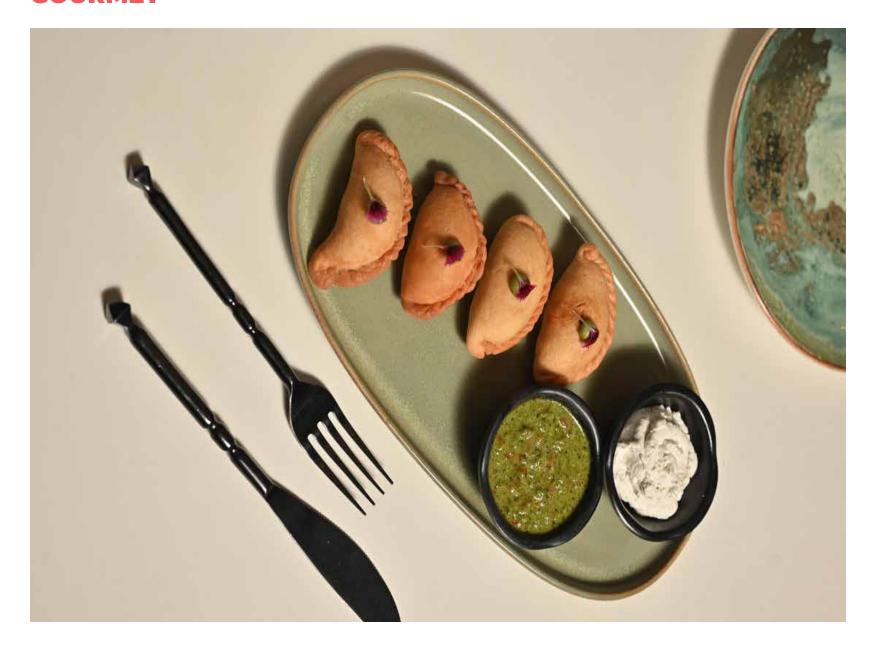
- Mash the Avocado: Halve the avocados, remove the pit, and scoop out the flesh. Mash the avocado and immediately add lime juice to prevent
- Season: Add salt, roasted cumin powder, red chili powder, chopped onion,

tomato, and green chili to the mashed avocado. Mix well.

#### Assemble the Chaat:

- Layer the Ingredients: Place the papdis on a serving plate. Spoon a generous amount of the avocado mixture onto each papdi.
- Add Toppings: Drizzle with beaten yogurt, tamarind chutney, and mint chutney. Sprinkle sev, chopped coriander, and chaat masala on top.

Serve immediately to enjoy the crunch of the papdi with the creamy avocado and flavorful toppings. This Avocado Papdi Chaat combines the best of both worlds, making it a perfect summer dish for your luxurious restaurant's menu.



# **Savoury Chicken**

# Ingredients:

### For the Chicken Filling:

- 500 grams boneless chicken, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ginger paste
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon red chili powder (adjust to taste)
- 1 teaspoon cumin powder
- Salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons fresh coriander, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
- Juice of half a lemon

# For the Dough:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons ghee or melted butter
- Water, as needed

### For Frying:

• Oil, for deep frying

# For Serving:

- Cilantro Chili Salsa (homemade or store-
- Sour cream

### Instructions:

### Prepare the Chicken Filling:

- Cook the Chicken: Heat olive oil in a pan and sauté onions, garlic, and ginger until the onions turn translucent. Add the chicken and cook until it begins to brown.
- Add Spices: Stir in turmeric, garam masala, red chili powder, cumin powder, and salt. Cook until the chicken is tender and infused with the spices.
- Finish the Filling: Remove from heat. Mix in chopped coriander, mint, and lemon juice. Allow to cool.

# Make the Dough:

• Prepare the Dough: Combine flour and salt in a bowl. Add ghee, mixing until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Gradually pour in water and knead to a soft dough. Let it rest, covered, for

30 minutes.

# Assemble the Pockets:

- Roll Out Dough: Divide dough into small balls, rolling each into a 4-inch circle.
- Fill and Seal: Place a spoonful of the chicken filling on one side of each circle,

fold over, and seal the edges with a fork.

### Cook the Chicken Pockets:

- Fry Pockets: Deep-fry in hot oil until golden
  - Drain: Remove and let drain on paper towels.

# Serve:

• Present with Sides: Serve the Savory Chicken Pockets hot with a side of vibrant

Cilantro Chili Salsa for a refreshing kick and a dollop of cooling sour cream. The Cilantro Chili Salsa, with its bright flavors, and the rich sour cream make perfectaccompaniments that add layers of flavor and texture to the dish, creating a harmonious balance with the spicy and savory chicken pockets



The Moaning Milf cocktail presents a refreshing and fruity blend, ideal for summer menus or as a vibrant addition to a sophisticated dining experience. Mixologist Dishant, the maestro behind the innovative beverage menu at The Swinton House, brings a creative and refined approach to the art of mixology. With a keen sense of flavor and a flair for combining traditional and modern techniques, Dishant curates an exquisite array of drinks that not only

complement the luxurious ambiance of The Swinton House but also stand out as individual masterpieces of culinary craft.

# Ingredients:

- 2 oz Vodka
- 3 oz Fresh watermelon
- 1 oz Strawberry oleosaccharum (strawberry sugar
- 2 dashes of bitters (Angostura or a fruit-flavored

bitter would work well)

- Carbonated water to
  - Ice cubes
- Fresh watermelon and strawberry slices for garnish

# Instructions: Chill the Glass:

- Place the wine glass in the freezer for a few minutes to chill it.
- A cold glass will keep your cocktail refreshing for

Prepare the Strawberry Oleo-Saccharum:

• If you don't have this prepared, you can make it by muddling

fresh strawberries with sugar and letting the mixture sit until the sugar dissolves and forms a syrup with the oils of the strawberry.

• Strain to remove the fruit pieces.

### Mix the Cocktail:

 In a shaker, combine vodka, fresh watermelon juice, strawberry

oleo-saccharum, and hitters

• Fill the shaker with ice and shake well until the mixture is chilled.

# Assemble the Drink:

- Take the chilled wine glass and fill it with ice cubes.
- Strain the mixture from the shaker into the wine glass over the ice.
- Top up with carbonated water.

### Garnish:

- Add a thin slice of watermelon and a strawberry on the rim of the glass or float a small slice of watermelon inside the glass for a visual appeal.
- Optionally, you can add a sprig of mint for an additional pop of color and a fresh aroma.

Immediately: Present the Moaning Milf cocktail immediately to ensure the best combination of effervescence and coolness.

# Guava **Grooves**

Guava Grooves mocktail is a tantalizing non-alcoholic drink that combines the tropical flavor of guava with a spicy kick from jalapeño and the herbalfreshness of basil.

Here's a recipe that balances the sweetness of guava and cranberry with the tartness of lime, creating a complex and refreshing drink.

### Ingredients:

- 4 oz Guava juice
- 1/2 oz Lime juice (freshly squeezed)
- 1/2 oz Cranberry juice
- 2-3 Fresh basil leaves
- 2-3 Slices of jalapeño (seeds removed for less heat)
- Basil sprig and jalapeño slice for garnish

# Instructions:

Muddle the Flavors: In a cocktail shaker, gently muddle the basil leaves and jalapeño slices to release their flavors. Be careful not to over-muddle, as that could make the jalapeño too overpowering.

Combine the Juices -Add the guava juice, lime juice, and cranberry juice to

Shake the Mocktail: - Fill the shaker with ice and shake well until the outside of the shaker feels cold.

Prepare the Glass: -Fill a highball glass with ice cubes.

# Strain the Mocktail:

- Strain the mixture into the prepared highball glass over the ice.
- Garnish with a sprig of basil and a slice of jalapeño on the rim of the glass for an attractive presentation and an additional burst of flavor and aroma.

Serve Immediately: - Serve the Guava Grooves mocktail immediately to enjoy the full spectrum of its refreshing flavors





# **Embark on a** Culinary Voyage to Italy

Prepare to embark on a mesmerising culinary odyssey through the heart of Italy as Shangri-La Eros New Delhi proudly unveils an exquisite new menu at its award-winning Italian restaurant, Sorrento.



estled within the opulent surroundings of the hotel, Sorrento has long been hailed as a beacon of authentic Italian cuisine. With this eagerly anticipated menu launch, guests are invited to immerse themselves in an unparalleled experience that promises to tantalise the senses and create lasting memories. From the iconic flavours of world-famous specialities, such as pizza and pasta, to the indulgent allure of Mediterranean seafood, Sorrento embodies the very essence of the art of Italian dining.



The adventure begins with an alluring selection of fine Italian cheese and the finest dry-cured meats, showcasing exquisite offerings like Provolone with Apple and Shallot Mostarda, Pecorino Romano with Black Truffle Honey and the timeless elegance of Prosciutto Di Parma.

Continuing the voyage of culinary delight, guests will find themselves enchanted by an array of Burrata creations, where heirloom tomatoes and organic basil merge in perfect harmony, while Focaccia Burrata and Black Truffle Burrata captivates with its irresistible charm, beckoning guests to succumb to its indulgent allure. The seafood selection unveils innovative dishes such as Sea Scallops adorned with textures of Cauliflower and Zucchini Salsa, inviting diners to savour the essence of the Mediterranean. Patrons will be indulged withartisanal pasta curations meticulously crafted and made fresh at the skilled hands of pasta makers, including the Spaghetti Pomodoro with Burrata, Green Gnocchi, Ravioli Ricotta, Mushroom Tortellini, and the comforting embrace



of Rigatoni Alla Norma.

The plated mains offer signature dishes like the flavourful Stuffed Portobello, Prawns Gratin, Duo of Lamb, Butter Confit Duck, Red Snapper with each bite a testament to the gourmet mastery of Sorrento's chefs. From the fiery embrace of Woodfired Oven Pizzas made with Biga Dough, featuring the chef's signature Pizza Di Patate, Pizza Funghi, Salami Pepperoni enhanced with San Marzano Tomatoes and fresh Mozzarella, to the grand finale of decadent desserts, including the 'Tableside' Sorrento's Classic Tiramisu, Baba Au Rum(Flambé on

Table) and the refreshing delight of Raspberry Sorbet, every dish is a symphony of flavours designed to ignite the senses and leave an indelible mark on the palate.

Moreover, Sorrento introduces a unique dining experience with the addition ofsharing family-style meals such as Whole Roasted Lamb Leg, carved tableside, and the Grilled Seafood Platter, inviting guests to create cherished memories while indulging in the finest Italian fare.

"We are thrilled to introduce our new menu at Sorrento, offering our guests an immersive journey through the flavours of Italy. Each dish has been thoughtfully crafted to showcase the rich culinary heritage of Italy and we are confident that our guests will be delighted by the exquisite flavours and textures presented," says Gagandeep Sawhney, Executive Chef, Shangri-La Eros New Delhi.

Guests are cordially invited to immerse themselves in the culinary excellence of Sorrento's new menu at Shangri-La Eros New Delhi, where they can luxuriate in the vibrant flavours of Italy in the bustling atmosphere of Delhi.





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With a world of possibilities at our fingertips, the task of choosing the perfect destination can feel daunting. After careful consideration, we settle on a remote wilderness area known for its pristine landscapes, abundant wildlife, and scenic hiking trails. Nestled amidst towering mountains and lush forests, it promises the ideal setting for our family adventure—a place where we can unplug from the distractions of modern life and reconnect with the rhythms of nature.

# **Packing Light, Packing Right:**

As seasoned backpackers will attest, the key to a successful journey lies in packing light and packing right. With kids in tow, this becomes even more

or families seeking to embrace the spirit of exploration and adventure, backpacking offers a unique opportunity to venture off the beaten path, forging unforgettable memories amidst the wonders of nature. Join us on a journey as we embark on a backpacking adventure with kids, navigating rugged trails, sleeping beneath starlit skies, and discovering the boundless joys of the great outdoors.

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Summer

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# **Preparing for the Journey**

### The Call of the Wild:

As the summer sun casts its warm embrace upon the earth, whispers of adventure stir in the hearts of our family. Inspired by tales of rugged explorers and intrepid travelers, we feel the irresistible pull of the wilderness calling us to embark on a journey of discovery. With a sense of excitement and anticipation, we begin to prepare for our backpacking adventure, eager to leave behind the comforts of home in exchange for the freedom of the open road.





crucial, as every ounce of weight can feel like a burden on little shoulders. We carefully select lightweight gear and essentials, opting for compact tents, sleeping bags, and cooking equipment that can easily be stowed in our backpacks. Clothing is kept to a minimum, with versatile layers that can adapt to changing weather conditions, while snacks and provisions are chosen with care to ensure energy and sustenance on the trail.

# Hitting the Trail

# The Journey Begins:

With our backpacks loaded and spirits soaring, we set out on the trail, eager to begin our adventure in earnest. The first steps are always the hardest, as we adjust to the weight of our packs and the rhythm of our footsteps. Yet with each passing mile, we find ourselves falling into a steady cadence, our senses awakened by the sights, sounds, and scents of the wilderness that surrounds us.

# **Discoveries Along the Way:**

As we trek deeper into the wilderness, every twist and turn of the trail reveals new wonders to behold. We marvel at the sight of towering trees reaching for the sky, listen intently to the songs of birds echoing through the forest, and pause to admire the delicate beauty of wildflowers that carpet the forest floor. Along the way, we encounter fellow travelers—a friendly nod here, a shared word of encouragement there—each encounter a reminder of the camaraderie



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that binds us as members of the outdoor community.

# **Challenges and Triumphs:**

No journey is without its challenges, and our backpacking adventure is no exception. We encounter steep climbs, rugged terrain, and unexpected obstacles along the way, each presenting its own set of challenges to overcome. Yet with determination and perseverance, we press on, drawing strength from the support of our family and the beauty of the wilderness that surrounds us. With each summit conquered and each obstacle overcome, we experience a sense of triumph that fills us with pride and fuels our determination to continue onward.

# **Campfire Tales and Starlit Skies**

# Setting Up Camp:

As the sun begins to dip below the horizon, we find ourselves seeking out the perfect spot to set up camp for the night. With practiced hands, we pitch our tents, gather firewood, and prepare a hearty meal to fuel our weary bodies. As darkness falls and the stars begin to emerge overhead, we gather around the campfire, sharing stories, laughter, and the simple joys of being together in the wilderness.

# **Underneath the Stars:**

There's something truly magical about sleeping beneath the stars, surrounded by the gentle sounds of nature and the comforting embrace of loved ones. As we settle into our sleeping bags and gaze up at the canopy of stars overhead, we feel a sense of awe and wonder wash over us. Far from the distractions of modern life, we find ourselves immersed in the beauty and serenity of the natural world, our hearts and minds filled with gratitude for the opportunity to experience such moments of pure bliss.





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# **Bonding Moments:**

In the glow of the campfire, we share stories and memories, forging bonds that will last a lifetime. With each shared experience, we grow closer as a family, learning to trust one another, support one another, and cherish the moments we share together. Whether it's roasting marshmallows over the flames, singing songs beneath the stars, or simply sitting in companionable silence, these are the moments that define our journey and make it truly unforgettable.

### **Reflections and Revelations**

# A Journey of Self-Discovery:

As our backpacking adventure draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the experiences we've shared and the lessons we've learned along the way. In the solitude of the wilderness, we've discovered strengths we never knew we possessed, confronted fears we never thought we could overcome, and forged bonds that transcend the boundaries of blood and kinship. Through the challenges and triumphs of our journey, we've come to realize the true value of family, friendship, and the simple joys of being alive.

# **Gratitude and Appreciation:**

As we bid farewell to the wilderness and make our way back to civilization, we carry with us a profound sense of gratitude for the experiences we've shared and the memories we've created together. In a world that often moves at a dizzying pace, our backpacking adventure has offered us a rare opportunity to slow down, unplug, and reconnect with the things that truly matter. Whether it's the beauty of nature, the warmth of family, or the simple pleasures of a shared meal around the campfire, we return home with hearts full of gratitude and a renewed appreciation for the worlders of the world around us.

# **The Adventure Continues:**

As we unpack our backpacks and settle back into the routines of daily life, we carry with us the memories of our backpacking adventure, a source of inspiration and joy that will sustain us in the days and weeks to come. Yet even as we return to the familiar comforts of home, our hearts remain forever tethered to the wilderness, beckoning us to embark on new adventures and explore new horizons together as a family. For in the end, it's not the destination that matters most, but the journey itself—the moments of laughter, love, and discovery that define who we are and who we aspire to become.

This narrative aims to capture the essence of a backpacking adventure with kids, from the excitement of preparation to the challenges and triumphs of the journey itself. Through careful planning, perseverance, and a spirit of adventure, families can embark on unforgettable adventures together, forging bonds that will last a lifetime.

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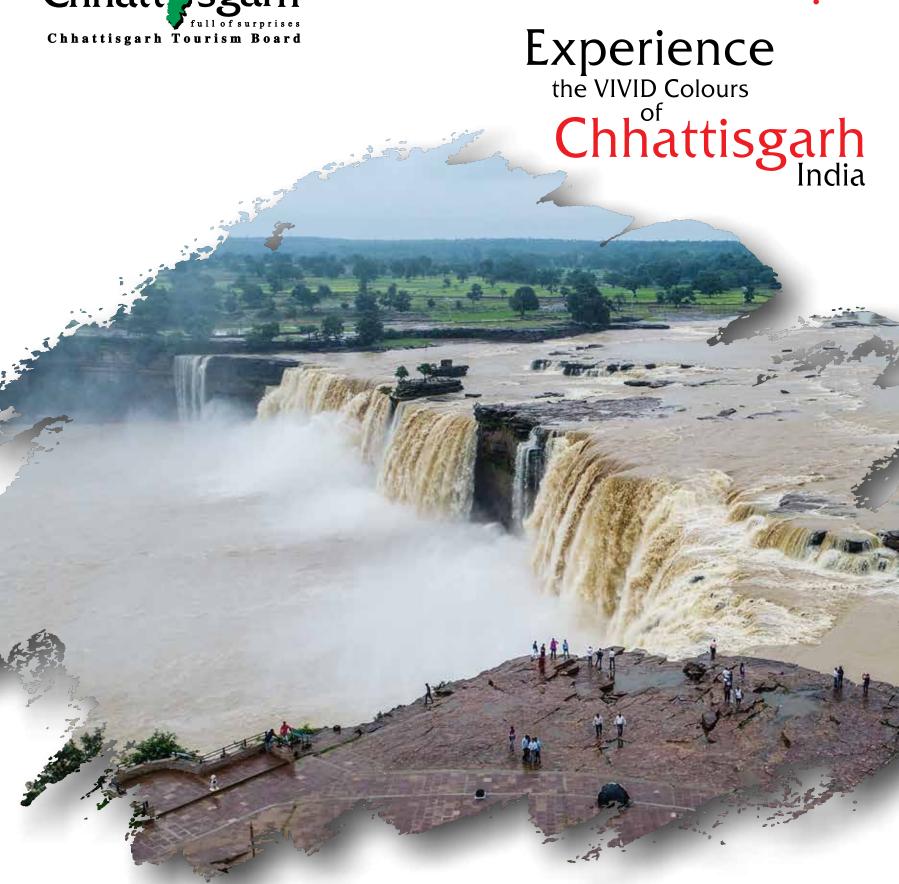
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# Monthly Horoscope May 2024



# Acharya Murari Pandey

# **Aries**

**Aries Monthly Career Horoscope:** The month will be favorable for your career. The lord of the tenth house, Saturn stays in the eleventh house for the entire month to strengthen your condition. There will be opportunities for you and the senior officers will be satisfied with the progress of activities and the chances of good promotion are very prominent. There will be a rise of dominance in the workplace.

Aries Monthly Family Horoscope: The month will be favorable for the family. The lord of the tenth house, Saturn sits in the eleventh house and Jupiter, Venus, & Sun will stay in the first house. The Lord of the second house Venus will be present in the first house and will result in harmony among the family members. But, you can become a little bit arrogant in your nature and you may end up saying such things that can offend the different family members. But Devguru Jupiter, Jupiter helps to save you from different troubles and will guide you with the identification of right & wrong things and thus you need to be a little bit understanding.

Aries Monthly Love Horoscope: If we look at the love life, at the start of the month, the lord of the fifth house Sun will stay along with Venus and Jupiter and also aspects the seventh house. It will also be the best time for love affairs and to be successful in marrying your love partner. It means that there will be a high chance of a love marriage.

Aries Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will be a bit weaker. The lord of your horoscope, Mars will stay in the twelfth house along with Rahu and it will result in the rise of different health-related troubles. Also, the Angarak Dasha of the Mars Rahu can ensure the rise of troubles. Also, the presence of Mercury along with it, will result in the rise of skin troubles, eye problems, and different kinds of rashes or allergies. This also causes troubles like irregular blood pressure and other pressure-related concerns. Drive safely there are chances of accidents this month and staying cautious can save you from trouble.

Taurus Monthly Career Horoscope: From a career point of view, they will be very favorable for the natives. Saturn, the lord of the tenth house will stay in the tenth house for the entire month, and thus the natives need to do hard work for the outcomes. All the attention should be towards the improvement of performance in the job and the hard work will be strong. The natives will face different kinds of situations firmly. At different timelines, the natives might feel the pressure of work, but you'll keep the challenges aside and work only for things that will give positive results. There can be an increase in salary in the second half of the month. The month will also bring happiness to the life of natives.

**Taurus** 

**Taurus Monthly Love Horoscope**: If we talk about the love life of natives, the planets like Mars, Mercury, and Rahu will have an influence on the fifth house, and the Ketu sitting in the fifth house will result in a fight within the love life. There will be a war of words between partners and there will be a strong possibility of clashes of ego.

**Taurus Monthly Family Horoscope**: The month will remain moderate in regard to your family life and the chances of going abroad or out of the city for work are real. Thus, it results in providing less time to the family members, and thus social engagement increases. Due to this, the natives will have less time for the family.

**Taurus Monthly Health Horoscope**: The month will be full of ups & downs. At the start of the month, the horoscope lord Venus will be positioned in the twelfth house along with the Sun and Jupiter. Thus, people with diabetic situations or problems need to be careful during this period. The natives keep a close eye on their eating habits, or else there can be concerns especially related to stomach ailments due to excessive fat food, and eating excessive amounts of outside food.

# Gemini

Gemini Monthly Career Horoscope: The month will be full of ups & downs. At the start of the month itself, there is the conjunction of planets like Rahu, Mars, & Mercury in the tenth house. There are chances of your mind getting spoiled with the environment surrounding your workplace and you might start a fight around you. The chances of fighting with people around you are very high as the miscommunication levels will be high. There is a strong possibility of negative effects on your job, so be careful with it. There can also be fights in the family affecting the work at the start of the month, so take special care of it. Gemini Monthly Love Horoscope: The month will be full of romance. It will be time to fulfill your dreams. The loving planet, Venus being the lord of the fifth house, will be in the eleventh house and the desires will be strengthened. Your desires will get wings and also spread love with the beloved in the family. There can be a clash of ego among the life partners due to the influence of Jupiter and the Sun, but the grace of the planets will ensure a love marriage in your life. Gemini Monthly Family Horoscope: The month will be troublesome for the family of the natives. At the start of the month, Ketu will stay in the fourth house and Rahu, Mars, & Mercury will be positioned in the tenth house and it will result in unrest in the family life. There will be a lack of harmony among members within the family and they will stick to their personal views without giving importance to mutual harmony, which can create disturbance in the family peace. The natives will have to try to get out of situations and the relations with siblings will remain good, and they'll continue to support you in every situation. Gemini Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will be fine and the influence of Rahu, Mars, & Mercury, and Ketu on the fourth & tenth house will create a rise in chest infection or some kind of burning sensation. Also, try to avoid any kind of infection in the weather. You can get sick during this time due to changes in weather. If you're struggling with some kind of major trouble, then during this time the diagnosis is possible through the surgery. The natives need to believe that one can get out of diseases and also get success during this time to get rid of these

# Cancer

Cancer Monthly Career Horoscope: There is a strong possibility of a favorable time for the natives. The exalted sun will be present in the tenth house, along with Jupiter and Venus, and it results in an increase of employment opportunities. If you have been struggling with unemployment till now, then the chances of getting a job this month are real, so keep trying for the best opportunities. The month will be favorable for people involved in doing the job. There are strong chances of achieving a higher position in your workplace. People involved in government jobs have the chance of getting more favorable results. The stalled money can return back to natives and the position of people in their job role will prevail.

Cancer Monthly Love Horoscope: If we talk about the love life of people, then Mars, the lord of the fifth house will sit in the ninth house. The placing of Mars in the ninth house will make your love life stronger and the chances of long journeys with your beloved will rise. The natives will spend good time with their partner and thus give time to each other. You'll realize the importance of relationships and appreciate the right kind of investment in married life.

Cancer Monthly Family Horoscope: This month will be moderate. Venus, the lord of the fourth house sits in the tenth house and also sits in the seventh house, at the start of the month. Other than that, the Sun and Jupiter will sit in the tenth house and will aspect the fourth house. Also from this, the aspect of Jupiter will be on the second house and it will be time to make profits from the ancestral business. It will result in an increase in family income and also ensure a rise in happiness within the family. There will be ample time for mutual love, ritual, and respect for the different family members.

Cancer Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will be full of ups and downs. In your zodiac sign, Saturn sits in the eighth house and Mars & Rahu will create Angarak Dosha in the ninth house. It will result in health fluctuations and thus the zodiacs need to be careful about it.

# Leo

**Leo Monthly Career Horoscope:** The month will be favorable for the natives. At the start of the month, Venus, the lord of the tenth house will sit in the ninth house along with the exalted Sun & Jupiter. The benefit of this will be that people will get the desired transfers. If you desire to change the job, then the chances of getting a new job will be real. In the case of the transferable job there will be a strong possibility of transfers.

Leo Monthly Love Horoscope: In the case of the love life of natives, Jupiter, the lord of the fifth house will sit in the ninth house and aspect the fifth house. It will result in harmony between you and your beloved partner. You will give importance to each other for the best results in your love life. Both of you will understand feelings of each other and thus behave in a religious way. The successful visit of both partners to a temple or religious place together will ensure taking the relationship in the right direction. You try to turn love into marriage and can be successful.

**Leo Monthly Family Horoscope:** In this month, there is the possibility of ups & downs in the family. From the start of the month, Mercury the lord of the second house will sit in the eighth house in the afflicted state between Mars & Rahu. There can also be chances of mutual fights between the family members, especially the family members. The presence of Ketu in the second house will ensure avoiding speaking any kind of words with two meanings to it. There are chances of misunderstanding with the words and it can spoil the family environment.

**Leo Monthly Health Horoscope:** The month is going to be full of ups and downs. Your zodiac lord will be placed in a strong position and your health will remain stable. But, the presence of Rahu and Mars's Angarak Dosha with Mercury results in digestive troubles, stomach infections, different kinds of physical troubles, some kind of surgery, or losses. Drive safely to your destinations as there are chances of accidents and also avoid driving a vehicle by asking for a loan from someone, as there will be the possibility of facing an accident.

# Virgo

Virgo Monthly Career Horoscope: This month will be average. The lord of the tenth house, Mercury, is present in its debilitated sign in the seventh house with Rahu and Mars. This placement will make you work hard at your job. You will have to put in extra effort to get success. Your opposition will try to harm you so you need to use your wits.

Virgo Monthly Love Horoscope: This month will be average for you. Jupiter's aspect on your fifth house will enhance your love. your trust will gradually grow on your partner this month. This will bring you closer to your beloved and enhance your bond. The lord of the fifth house, Saturn, is present in the sixth house and is aspecting the twelfth house. Due to this, your beloved can go somewhere because of work and you will miss them deeply.

Virgo Monthly Family Horoscope: Family life will be moderate this month but you need to keep your behavior in check. You could lose your temper easily and this will trouble your family members and ruin the family environment. The lord of the fourth house, Jupiter, is present in the ninth house. Due to this, you could plan to take a family trip to some pilgrimage. With Jupiter's impact on you, you will make good family decisions.

Virgo Monthly Health Horoscope: This month doesn't seem to be favorable for you in terms of health. Mercury is present in its debilitated sign Pisces, with Rahu and Mars, which might deteriorate your health. So, you are advised to take extra care of your health this month. For this, you can include morning walks in your daily routine. Diseases related to skin and blood can cause you botheration. Try to remain as active as possible as lethargy will only worsen the situation.

# Libra

**Libra Monthly Career:** The month will bring moderate and fruitful results. Saturn will be positioned in the fifth house, which is the seventh house from the eighth house. If you desire for change in your job position, then the opportunity will occur this month for suitable changes in the job profile. By adopting it one can be successful in changing their job role. There are prominent chances of getting a new job this month for unemployed people and thus keep trying for the best job.

**Libra Monthly Love Horoscope**: If we discuss love life, Saturn will sit in the fifth house and will be testing your love. There will be tests time and again about the truth & honesty of your love. It can also happen that your beloved will test your loyalty, but if you are true to your love, then the chances of success are very near. The chances of marriage are prominent due to the creation of an auspicious time if you've proposed marriage to your beloved person. Your loved ones can be bothered with different kinds of physical troubles and thus advise them to take care of themselves.

**Libra Monthly Family Horoscope**: The month will be moderate for family life. The lord of the fourth house, Saturn will sit in the fifth house, and it will ensure the creation of Rajayoga. There will be a sharp increase in the overall domestic incomes of the family members. The health of members also rises, there will be an increase in wealth, and there will be better harmony among the family members. The family environment will be favorable for the members to achieve their success.

**Libra Monthly Health Horoscope**: The month will be full of ups and downs. The planet Venus sits in the seventh house with the Sun and Saturn sits in the fifth house and aspects on the other side, that can have adverse health troubles on individuals. Also, the combination of Mars, Rahu, and Mercury in the sixth house will deteriorate the health of the natives. From here one needs to pay the right amount of attention to prevent blood impurity, problems, acne & pimples, and other health troubles. It will be crucial to contact the medical experts timely.

# **Scorpio**

**Scorpio Monthly Career Horoscope:** The month will be full of ups and downs. If you're involved in some kind of job, then you will get suitable results this month. For people involved in government jobs, the time will be very suitable, and also good results are expected from people involved in work across the general sector.

**Scorpio Monthly Love Horoscope**: The entire month is going to remain weak. The presence of planets like Rahu, Mars, and Mercury will be on the fifth house. It will make you expressive and your sharing nature with the beloved with rise. It will result in the rise of communication among partners.

**Scorpio Monthly Family Horoscope**: The month brings different kinds of family troubles into your life and the month is going to keep you busy. Your seriousness towards work will be high and put in extra effort keeping in mind the effort challenges faced at work. This will ensure the rise of position and stature in the work area.

**Scorpio Monthly Health Horoscope**: The month will be full of ups and downs. Planets like Mars, Rahu, and Mercury sit in the fifth house and thus there will be a rise of stomach-related concerns and thus be careful about stomach diseases. Contact medical experts or doctors timely to proceed with the treatment of stomach troubles, otherwise, the troubles can rise with you. Don't delay, if you already have any serious health concerns or such diseases, and consult with reputed doctors on an immediate basis.

**Sagittarius** 

Sagittarius Monthly Career Horoscope: The month will be full of ups and downs. Mercury, the lord of the tenth house will sit in the fourth house and sit in the debilitated sign Pisces. Also, planets like Rahu and Mars are forming suitable alliances with Mercury, which can result in different kinds of arguments with someone. A verbal mishap can make the workplace unfavorable and it will result in some kinds of troubles in the job. Your mind will also work less due to the presence of Ketu in the tenth house.

**Sagittarius Monthly Love Horoscope**: The start of the month will be favorable for the natives. There will be the rise of romanticism in the love relationship with the presence of Venus in the fifth house and the relationship will be filled with love. Also, the exalted Sun will result in the rise of pride in the partner's mind and this will result in a clash of egos between the partners. The time is favorable, if you're trying to avoid it.

Sagittarius Monthly Family Horoscope: If we talk about people in love relationships, the start of the month will be favorable for the natives. There will be the rise of romanticism in the love relationship with the presence of Venus in the fifth house and the relationship will be filled with love. Also, the exalted Sun will result in the rise of pride in the partner's mind and this will result in a clash of egos between the partners. The time is favorable, if you're trying to avoid it.

Sagittarius Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will remain somewhat weak. The lord of horoscope, Jupiter, and the house of diseases, i.e. the sixth house will stay for the entire month and it will result in weak health. On 03 May, Jupiter comes to a retrograde state and it weakens the overall health of individuals. There can be stomach-related troubles due to it and there are also chances of troubles like chest irritation, infections, or tightness.

Capricorn

**Capricorn Monthly Career Horoscope**: The month will be very favorable. The lord of the tenth house, Venus sits in the fourth house, and it aspects to the tenth house with full vision, and due to it, your efforts at the workplace will be with full of heart. There will be Sun's effects always with you and thus refrain from saying anything out of ego, or else other persons will take the words negatively.

Capricorn Monthly Love Horoscope: The month will turn out bitter for the natives. The Devguru Jupiter sits in the fifth house and Venus will be located in the fourth house. It will flourish and blossom your married life. Jupiter's blessing will ensure the rise of truth in your love and also understand your responsibilities. Natives will give importance to your love & married relationship and consider your beloved as a vital part of your life, and thus move ahead in life with their support.

Capricorn Monthly Family Horoscope: The month will be suitable

Capricorn Monthly Family Horoscope: The month will be suitable for family life. The zodiac lord Saturn will stay in the second house and it will result in the rise of household incomes in the family. Other than that, there will always be the support of family members and elderly people. Under the guidance of the zodiac lord, the family will experience a lot of progress.

Capricorn Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will be favorable for the natives and there won't be any major visible troubles of any kind. Because of Rahu, Mars, and Mercury's position in the third house, you may have to face throat or back trouble. There might also be the trouble of sore throat. For a small child, there may be trouble with enlarged tonsils, so take proper care during this time. There can be ear pain according to the weather and thus be careful about the small troubles.

# **Aquarius**

Aquarius Monthly Career Horoscope: This month will be filled with lots of ups and downs. Take some necessary precautions for the workplace and Mars, the lord of the tenth house being present with Rahu, will create Mars Rahu Angarak Dosha. They will be located in the second house of the horoscope. The natives need to keep hold of their talks as some bitter words can spoil your entire position in the work area. Avoid this situation, as much as possible, or else the native might face different kinds of problems.

**Aquarius Monthly Love Horoscope**: If we talk about a love relationship, the start of the month will be difficult. The lord of the fifth house, Mercury will be with Rahu & Mars in the second house, leading to different ups and downs in the relationship with the beloved partner. Your loved person can say some bitter things that may result in heartaches and will also make you distraught. The natives start wondering if they did the right thing by loving the person. This can deteriorate the entire situation and it is advisable to stay away from any debate.

**Aquarius Monthly Family Horoscope**: The month will be filled with ups and downs, if we talk about family life. At the start of the month, the combination of Mars, Mercury, & Rahu in the second house will result in different kinds of arguments among the family members. There can be bitterness in your speech that can spoil your friendship. The best situation will be to have proper control over the speech and avoid any kind of bitter exchanges or bad words with your friends, only then the chances of success in the relationship improve.

Aquarius Monthly Health Horoscope: The month will deliver mixed results. At the start of the month, the lord of the zodiac keeps the health stable by positioning in the own zodiac, and leading a disciplined life will keep the health troubles in control. But, the location of Mercury in the second house will result in different kinds of eye troubles, toothache, and hair troubles. The problems should be taken seriously as they can result in different kinds of suffering.

# **Pisces**

**Pisces Monthly Career Horoscope**: The month will provide fruitful outcomes. The working professionals will get good rewards for their good work. Get the full cooperation of colleagues and get assistance in all the activities, so that the position at the workplace is favorable and the effects of the posting will be good. Many of your works will be completed successfully with Jupiter on the seventh house, ninth house, and eleventh house. The seniors at the workplace also keep a positive eye on you, due to which your job role will continue.

**Pisces Monthly Love Horoscope:** The month is going to be good for my love life and here too, would like to say a similar thing that it will be a challenge to keep the behavior under proper control. Enjoy a good love life if the natives are able to keep their behavior under control, or else the soft feelings of your heart can get crushed under fierceness, which can lead to the sinking of your love before it reaches the climax point.

**Pisces Monthly Family Horoscope**: The month will be moderate for the natives. Sun will be in the exalted position in the second house and in the first half of the month along with planet Venus. It will keep the family atmosphere positive and the family members will set aside their mutual egos to maintain a harmonious atmosphere within the family members.

**Pisces Monthly Health Horoscope**: You need to be careful this month, from the point of view of health. The lord of your sign, Jupiter will sit in the third house and will result in laziness among individuals. You can miss out on success in life if you don't keep laziness under control and there are also chances of different physical troubles.



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