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TAMARIND EVENTS & NEWS

YPO TRIP TO TOKYO AND KYOTO

The Tamarind Events Team organised a YPO retreat to Japan, covering Tokyo and Kyoto, encompassing the quintessential Japan experience- cherry blossoms, sumo wrestling, geishas, sushi and more!

SANGEET FUNCTION IN LONDON

The Tamarind Events Team created an elaborately styled Mela Event for a wedding sangeet in London. With decor crafted and shipped in from all over India, the theme showcased the arts, crafts and dances of several Indian states. Old Billingsgate was a dream venue, overlooking the Thames and facing the iconic London Shard.

TAMARIND GLOBAL AT GITB

Tamarind Global participated in GITB, 9th Great Indian Travel Bazaar, April 17-19, 2016, JECC, Jaipur, Rajasthan. The focus was on inbound tourism into India, where 270 foreign tour operators from across 50 countries met under one roof.

TAMARIND GLOBAL AT ATM

Tamarind Global participated in Arabian Travel Market 2016, the leading, international travel and tourism event unlocking business potential within the Middle East for inbound and outbound tourism professionals.

FEATURED EVENT DESTINATION - WALDORF ASTORIA DUBAI PALM JUMEIRAH

A haven within the vibrant city of Dubai, the Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah boasts a private soft-sanded beach, six distinct restaurants and lounges and elegant sea-facing guest rooms and suites. Experience exceptional views of the azure Arabian Gulf and the world-famous Dubai skyline from the balconies of the deluxe rooms. From luxurious sea view rooms to palatial suites, accommodations are designed in a subtle beach palette of ivory, sand and soft turquoise. Contemporary European style furnishings and bespoke lighting reflect the resort's understated elegance.

Be spoiled for choice with six iconic restaurants and bars at the Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah hotel, offering the finest cuisine, unparalleled service and a variety of sumptuous settings. A historical piece of New York heritage is now in Dubai- Peacock Alley overlooks the hotel's beautiful central gardens and serves the finest teas, coffees and light meals. The term "Peacock Alley" was coined to portray the daily promenade of notables through the original colonnade connecting The Waldorf and The Astoria hotels in New York City.

The stunning hotel provides an idyllic destination for the wedding of your dreams. Revel in meticulous attention to detail, inspired catering services and seamless organization by our expert staff, all within a setting of glamorous beach resort luxury. The beautiful white sands of the private beach and the azure waters of the Arabian Gulf beyond provide an ideal backdrop for intimate outdoor weddings and the impressive grand ballroom provides a spectacular venue for grand occasions, unforgettable wedding ceremonies and magnificent receptions tailored to your specifications.

DESTINATION NEWS

Telangana to give exclusive package for NRIs to boost tourism

In a move aimed at boosting the tourism industry, Telangana government will come up with an exclusive package for NRIs to attract their friends and acquaintances in foreign countries to visit the youngest state. Tourism Secretary B Venkatesham said the package is expected to be launched in the second or third week of May-month. ”This package will be exclusively available for NRIs (from Telangana) to send it their friends and known acquaintances in that country.

Music Festivals strike a resounding chord in tourist arrivals

Music festivals are increasing over the years in India as people love to explore various destinations. India has witnessed a considerable growth in this segment through the growing demand of live shows among the voracious people who are always in the looking out for new experiences. Music festivals are promoted in different forms in India such as the Supersonic and Sunburn festivals in Goa. Besides this the music concerts attracts a lot of International DJ's in coming over to India each year to spur tourism. Music festivals are also playing a great role in promoting tourism in India and the international festivals foresee India as their next destination for organizing festivals.

Promote Iceland organized three city roadshow in India

Promote Iceland recently conducted a three city roadshow in India namely Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai to increase tourist footfalls from India. Iceland received over 1000 tourists from India last year. Promote Iceland's strategy is to target the premium travellers from India as the destination is not for 'budget' travellers. Iceland is blessed with beautiful landscapes, roaring volcanoes, monolithic glaciers, icy mountains and deep fjords. The multi-city roadshows was conducted by Blue Square Consultants with an attendance of over 250 travel agents from India. The delegation included representation from companies like Gray Line, Iceland Air, Iceland Europe Travel, Tripical, Gudmundur Jonasson Travel, Iceland Travel and Terra Nova Iceland.

Local customs inspire Indians to experience 'cultural tours'

Any travel, short or long; business or leisure; solo or group; will always bring a perspective of the destination's culture to the traveller be it en route to the place or there, the food or the way of life. The term 'Cultural Tourism', however tends to bring to one's mind a larger picture of the heritage of the place including the architecture, language, religion, art, etc. While one can, by default, observe and discern all of the above during one's travel, destinations and tourism boards, in particular are taking steps to specifically define 'cultural tours' when travellers approach them for local experiences.

Dandeli named India's favourite wildlife destination

Dandeli, Karnataka was conferred as India's favorite wildlife destination during HolidayIQ's Better Holiday Awards. S.A Hussain, Chairman, KSTDC received the prestigious award on behalf of the state. Holiday IQ announced their first-ever better holiday awards to recognise the best in Indian travel and tourism Industry. The award ceremony was held at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road in New Delhi.

HOTEL NEWS

Indian hotels unite to conserve water

Bharat Malkani, president of HRAWI, has urged hoteliers to take a series of steps to conserve water, such as only serving and refilling guests' glasses upon request and using dry brooms to sweep floors, rather than hoses. “Water is a very precious resource and conserving it has become the need of the hour,” said Malkani. “Every drop of water saved could make a difference and especially so when all the hoteliers and restaurateurs join hands it could mean a significant one. “Using less water helps us to become more flexible during times of water shortage; and conserving water is simple and inexpensive”. Other water conversation measures suggested by the HRAWI include reusing untouched crockery and cutlery, requesting that guests turn off the taps when they are not in use, and covering swimming pools to limit evaporation.

Lemon Tree Hotels launches its 1st Resort in Delhi NCR

Lemon Tree Hotels (LTH), the fastest growing Indian hospitality chain, lately inaugurated its first resort in Delhi NCR at Tarudhan Valley, Manesar. Branded as Lemon Tree Hotel, Tarudhan Valley, this one-of-its-kind property is nestled in the Aravalis, encompassing picturesque greens and serene water bodies. Mere 40-minutes drive from the Ambience Mall and 25-minutes from IFFCO Chowk respectively, this beautiful and sprawling retreat spread around 72 acres, envelopes a 9-Hole Golf Course designed by Graham Cooke, one of the most respected golf course architects in North America, and Canada's legendary amateur player.

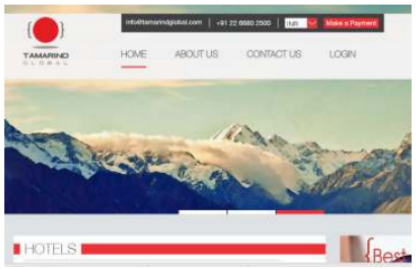
AccorHotels opens Grand Mercure in Mysuru

Set to the north of the Mysore Palace, the hotel has 146 rooms and suites, two restaurants, a bar and deli. Other facilities including a gym, spa, outdoor pool, kids' play area and conference and banqueting space. The hotel has been launched in partnership with the Brigade Group. “Mysuru has been an established tourist destination where art and culture contributed significantly to the cultural growth of the city,” said MR Jaishankar, Brigade Group's chairman & managing director.

Sarovar signs two hotels in North India

The company, which currently operates 72 hotels across India, has now agreed to manage the 81-room Muse Sarovar Portico New Delhi Kapashera and a 43-room Sarovar Portico hotel in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. Both properties are expected to be operational by July 2016. “We are focusing on our expansion plans and the signing of these two properties boost the company's strategic efforts to expand our brands even further across the region,” said Ajay K. Bakaya, Sarovar's executive director. “With business as well as leisure travel continuing to rise in this region, we aim to grow our presence to meet the demand over the coming years in different markets including Dehradun, Raipur, and Amritsar.

Indian hotel industry anticipates exponential growth in 2016



The hospitality scene in India in general, has seen the emergence of many international brands entering the country, brands expanding into Tier 2 and 3 cities, existing brands re-branding their portfolios, mergers, acquisitions, asset management trends etc. These sudden shifts and changes have been accompanied by increased importance for business travel and MICE as well. Another noteworthy trend on the hospitality trend has got to be the way hotel inventory is being distributed. There are a number of mobile booking apps, OTAs and last minute distribution channels that are revolutionizing the way rooms are getting sold.

AIRLINE NEWS

Air India begins its first ever flight between Mumbai-Bhavnagar

With an aim to bolster regional connectivity as a part of its 'Connect India' program, Air India has started its first ever flight on Mumbai-Bhavnagar sector from April 21, by its wholly owned subsidiary Alliance Air. The flight is a huge relief to frequent flyers between Bhavnagar and Mumbai and operate four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. AI flight AI-9651, a 70 seater ATR 72-600 aircraft will took-off from Mumbai at 1715 hrs and landed at Bhavnagar at 1830 hours.

Lufthansa airline strengthens ties with India

Lufthansa (LH), the world airline of Germany, further boosted its long-term ties with India, with the success of the Startup Expo on April 23, in collaboration with The Indus Entrepreneurs. LH has been involved with the event for a long time, and Wolfgang Will, Director of South Asia LH, said that “startup is the future.” He said the expo, which attracted thousands of young boys and girls, pays tribute to the entrepreneurial energy in India. A series of local shows were held in different parts of the country before the expo even on Saturday in Gurgaon, which was addressed by Will; Amitabha Kant, who heads the policy making Niti Ayog now and has been in tourism for many years; and Deep Kalra, founder of Make My Trip.

Indian private jet operator boosts regional connectivity

The Business Standard reported the Club One Air's chief executive, Bhupesh Joshi, as saying that he want to offer services to and from 200 Indian airports by 2020. “Our regional connectivity efforts have been rising over past few years. Presently, our jets can travel to over 100 airports in India which is much higher compared to scheduled airlines which can travel to around 70 airports,” Joshi said. “The potential of regional connectivity is immense and keeping in mind we have synced our growth plan accordingly and will induct 10 more jets by 2020 to meet the demand of regional connectivity with time. The company already has strong connectivity in Rajasthan, operating to 17 airstrips all across the state, and also has a presence in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

Air Canada ramps up Indian operations with second Delhi route

On 20 October 2016, the airline will launch three weekly flights between Vancouver and Delhi, using its new Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft. This will mark the first time this route has been operated non-stop. Flights will depart Vancouver every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2140 and arrive in Delhi at 0120 two days later, having crossed the International Date Line. The return service will then leave the Indian capital every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 0630, arriving back in Vancouver at 0655 the same day.

GETAWAY RESORT OF THE MONTH

SPICE TREE MUNNAR

Nature holds a healing potential, which has been known for centuries, be it taking time to smell the flowers, meditating in a peaceful mountain, stretching down on a grass covered field, strolling by a meandering stream, or hiking in a resplendent tropical rain forest.

Kerala's 'holiday menu' now has a rare premium boutique luxury resort at Munnar, called SpiceTree. It has the gift of the ultimate blend of nature, infra-structural excellence, service and operations. It is managed by experts on a passionate mission to facilitate happy memories that linger, for every client.

SpiceTree Munnar provides a healing mountain retreat that can reduce and transform any tense mind and body to that of genuine bliss. Spending time at SpiceTree will introduce you to the elements of nature, which could open up a gateway to look within yourself. Whether you are spending time with family, friends or other loved ones, the atmosphere at SpiceTree can re- kindle hibernating relationships, build fresh ones or just deepen any friendship.

Spicetree offers 14 luxurious suites and 2 individual pool villas, which are designed for the convenience of families and people who are in need of a little more luxury and space. The unique location, design, and architecture of Spicetree is in such a way that each suite offers a wonderful view of the scenic mountains, forest, and the valley around.

Activities are aplenty for the guests to indulge in and complete the Spicetree experience. Among the most favourite are the unique rejuvenation sessions at the spa at SpiceTree ('The Bliss'). Other experiences include Yoga and Meditation sessions, Tea Tasting, Ethnic Cooking classes, Treks, Soft Treks, Book Bar, Plantation Walks, Swimming Pool, Bison Valley Village Tour, Nature Expeditions, Photography Expeditions, Dolmen Visit, and Tea and Cardamom Field Visits. The multi-cuisine restaurant with its expert team of chefs will surprise you with each and every dish that is served to you.

The SpiceTree swimming pool is the first and the only solar heated out-door pool in Kerala, with a stunning Bison Valley view.

SpiceTree considers responsible tourism as the norm to follow always. The base to this is the strong belief that we have to be grateful of the gifts that nature has given us all.

Contact us for special packages on info@tamarindglobal.com

TAMARIND PROMOTION OF THE MONTH

THE LEELA MUMBAI

Lauded as the finest 5 star hotel in Mumbai, The Leela Mumbai is an island of green in the heart of Mumbai's commercial district. The luxury hotel offers comfortable accommodations among eleven acres of ornate gardens and cascading waterfalls. Contemporary comfort and functionality blend with extravagant opulence inspired by India's rich history.

Dining is world class and the level of personal service remarkable. The 5 star Mumbai hotel is an excellent venue for business meetings and conferences being just five minute's drive from Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport. The Leela hotel in Mumbai offers guests an hour of Yoga by our poolside with our trained instructors, a service with the compliments of the hotel. The palatial style of the public rooms is reflected in the nearly 400 suites and parlours.

There is natural elegance in the decor and the choice of furniture, fabrics and surfaces. The views can be stunning. Luxury, of course, can be taken as read at The Leela.

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TOP FIVE PICKS

TOP-5 MODERATE TREKS IN HIMALAYAS FOR THIS SUMMER

Gomukh Tapovan Trek, Garhwal Himalaya

Gaumukh is one of the holiest places for Hindu pilgrims- this trek takes one to Gomukh (cows mouth), the mythological source of the River Ganges, which is at the snout of the Gangotri glacier. You can arrive in Rishikesh and proceed from there. Dive to Gangotri via Uttarkashi by car. The trek begins in Gangotri. On day one you proceed to Bhojwassa via Chirvasa (3600mt) along a well trodden and well laid path following a gentle incline along the picturesque Gangotri valley. Next day trek to Trek to Gomukh (3890mt). Trek to Tapovan, one of the finest high altitude alpine meadows in the area, crossing over the Gaumukh glacier.

Markha Valley Trek, Ladakh Himalaya

The Markha Valley trek lies in Ladakh – The land of passes. The Markha Valley trek is certainly one of the most diverse trek in the Western Himalayas and the barren landscape of Leh Ladakh and its unique Buddhist culture makes it even more special. It ventures into the two high Himalayas Mountain Passes over 15000 feet. Markha Valley trek trails wind past willow groves, alongside patches of wild roses and through canyons decorated with multi coloured Tibetan prayer flags rising and falling in the breeze. The Markha Valley Trek goes inside Hemis National park and gives an opportunity to meet the nomadic families as they herd their yaks.

Kuari Pass Trek, Garhwal Himalaya

Following a route trekked by Lord Curzon in 1905 and by Shipton and Tilman 30 years later, this excellent adventure trekking holiday traverses the western edge of the Nanda Devi Sanctuary. This is a very scenic 9-day trekking holiday, in an area of the India Himalaya seldom visited by other trekkers. Generally the trek route follows ancient trade routes and pilgrimage trails that offer very good walking conditions. The usual day's walk will be around 5 to 6 hours. Whilst there are several ridges and passes to cross during the trek, and some steep ascent and descent this not a tough trekking trip and should be within the capabilities of any regular hill walker or back-country hiker.

Dzongri – Goecha La Trek, Sikkim Himalaya

Goechala is situated in the state of Sikkim which is a perfect destination for adventure lovers, taking you up-close for a spectacular view of the mighty Kanchenjunga amidst a majestic panorama of the other lesser Himalayan giants within its range of mountains. The route passes through tropical and coniferous woodland and the moist dell are home to a copious array of flora and fauna. This is an extension of the Dzongri trek - and trekking beyond the meadows Dzongri is raw adventure at its best where the visitor is taken into the realm of towering mountain peaks directly above and camp is set amidst the view of rumbling avalanches and high mountain glaciers.

Valley of Flowers Trek, Garhwal Himalaya

The beautiful valley situated at an altitude of 3300 mts to 3650 mts is the paradise of nature lovers. Starting from about 6 kms from Bhuindhar village it covers an area of about 87 square kms. The valley is exceptionally rich of the flowers wealth and has the largest collection of wild flowers species. The river Pushpawati flows through the verdant valley. The valley blooms with exotic flower from June, July till early September. There are about 520 species of flowering plants and the area was declared as a National Park in 1982. The animal like Himalayan black bears, musk deer's, brown bears, Bharal and rich variety of birds and butter flies are found in this national Park.

GLOBAL CUISINE

Falafel

Falafel is a traditionally Arab food. The word falafel may descend from the Arabic word falāfil, a plural of the word filfil, meaning "pepper." These fried vegetarian fritters are often served along with hummus, and tahini sauce (known as a "falafel plate.")
And if you top it with veggies in a pita, it becomes a filling and nourishing meal!

INGREDIENTS

1 pound (about 2 cups) dry chickpeas
1 small onion, roughly chopped
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
3-5 cloves garlic
1 1/2 tbsp flour
1 3/4 tsp salt
2 tsp cumin
1 tsp ground coriander
1/4 tsp black pepper
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
Pinch of ground cardamom
Vegetable oil for frying

METHOD

Pour the chickpeas into a large bowl and cover them by about 3 inches of cold water. Let them soak overnight. They will double in size as they soak.

Drain and rinse the chickpeas well. Pour them into your food processor along with the chopped onion, garlic cloves, parsley, salt, cumin, ground coriander, black pepper, cayenne pepper, and cardamom. Pulse all ingredients together until a rough, coarse meal forms. Scrape the sides of the processor periodically and push the mixture down the sides. Process till the mixture is somewhere between the texture of couscous and a paste.

Once the mixture reaches the desired consistency, pour it out into a bowl , and mix in the flour. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.

Fill a skillet with vegetable oil to a depth of 1 ½ inches and heat over medium flame. Meanwhile, form falafel mixture into round balls or slider-shaped patties using wet hands The balls will stick together loosely at first, but will bind nicely once they begin to fry. Fry the balls for 5-6 minutes in batches. Remove and drain on paper towels.

Serve the falafels fresh and hot; they go best with a plate of hummus and topped with creamy tahini sauce. You can also stuff them into a pita.

THE MOST AMAZING EVENTS IN THE WORLD!

INTERNATIONAL PICKS OF THE MONTH

EL COLACHO

Brave babies undergo an aerial baptism by leaping lucifers in this boisterous festival that could only be found in Spain.Known locally as “El Colacho” but internationally as “the baby jumping festival,” this Spanish ritual involves men dressed as the devil in red and yellow jumpsuits paired with modern running shoes, jumping over babies born during the twelve month period leading up to the event. The festival traditionally takes place on the Sunday after Corpus Christi but festival dates can sometimes change at the whim of the town. While the baby jumping starts at 6 p.m., there is a collection of daytime activities that usually are in one of three places: the church, the town square or the main looping circular promenade around town. The primary activity is what’s called the “run” when El Colacho, a drummer, and a sober group of undertakers saunters through town as the devil tries to whip those on the parade route.
When: June, 2016 Where: Castrillo de Murcia, Spain

ELECTRIC DAISY CARNIVAL

With enough lights to outshine the Vegas Strip and enough amplified bass to register on the Richter scale, the Electric Daisy Carnival is a dance festival heavyweight. Since 1997, the Electric Daisy Carnival has electrified millions of music fans with an energetic three-day dance party, instigating the rave from dusk until dawn. You’ll encounter a menagerie of performers at EDC, from dancers and stilt-walkers to clowns and freaks. As a participant you are encouraged to wear your own costumeto help you let loose and get in the mood. There are interactive art installations to dazzle you, and fair ground rides including Ferris wheels, slides, carousels and swings. Like most traditional electronic dance music performances, most of the action happens in the dead of night. The last headliner will probably wrap up around sunrise, so be prepared for an all-nighter
When : June 17-19, 2016 Where: Las Vegas,USA

PRIMAVERA SOUND

Spain's having a big urban party, and all the world's music geeks, along with nearly every genre of music you can think of, are invited. It's Barcelona in the spring—it's gorgeous, warm, and sunny. The beach is there. You will likely hear singers vocalizing in different languages—at the very least Spanish, Catalan, English, and Portuguese. Genres run from folk and jazz to metal, experimental and electronic, with pop, hip-hop and indie thrown in the middle somewhere. It's a behemoth of a festival, running into the wee hours—and that's just the music. This spring's festival boasts headliners including Arcade Fire, Queens of the Stone Age, Nine Inch Nails, the National, Pixies, Kendrick Lamar, Disclosure, Caetano Veloso, Neutral Milk Hotel, and Volcano. It also features the reunion of the U.K. gauzy rock band Slowdive, playing its first gig in more than a decade.
When: 2-4 June, 2016 Where: Barcelona, Spain

STONEHENGE SUMMER SOLSTICE

Druids, hippies, New Age prophets and mystery seekers gather at Stonehenge to worship the sun during the northern hemisphere's shortest night of the year. The mythological stone sculptures of Wiltshire County, England attract thousands to watch the sunrise at Stonehenge on June 21st. The great Stonehenge is one of mankind's ancient architectural mysteries. Neopagans and dashingly-dressed druids conduct ancient rites in spontaneous circles. Drummers fill the air with tribal beats. It's one of the few times of the year that visitors are actually allowed to touch the stones and many feel a spiritual connection and grounding force with the mere physical contact with these religious rocks.It's an emotional gathering for many of the 20,000 spiritual pilgrims. Come sunrise, rain or shine, many are moved to tears.
When: 18-21 June 2016 Where: Wiltshire, England

INDIAN WEDDING TRADITIONS

WHAT ARE THE SAAT PHERAS?

Mangal Phere (Circling the Sacred Fire): The bride and groom walk around the sacred fire seven times keeping in mind the four aspirations in life: Dharma (duty to each other, family and God), Artha (prosperity), Karma (energy and passion) and Moksha (salvation).

The bride, representing divine energy, leads the groom in the first three rounds, while the groom leads in the last four rounds, signifying balance and completeness. In some cultures, the bride and groom walk around the fire four times, with the bride leading in the first three rounds, and the groom leading in the final round.

The bride's brother places rice grains in her hands after she completes each round to signify his pledge to always support and protect her in times of need. Once the couple has completed the four rounds, there's a race to see who will sit down first. It is said that whoever sits down first will rule the house.

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