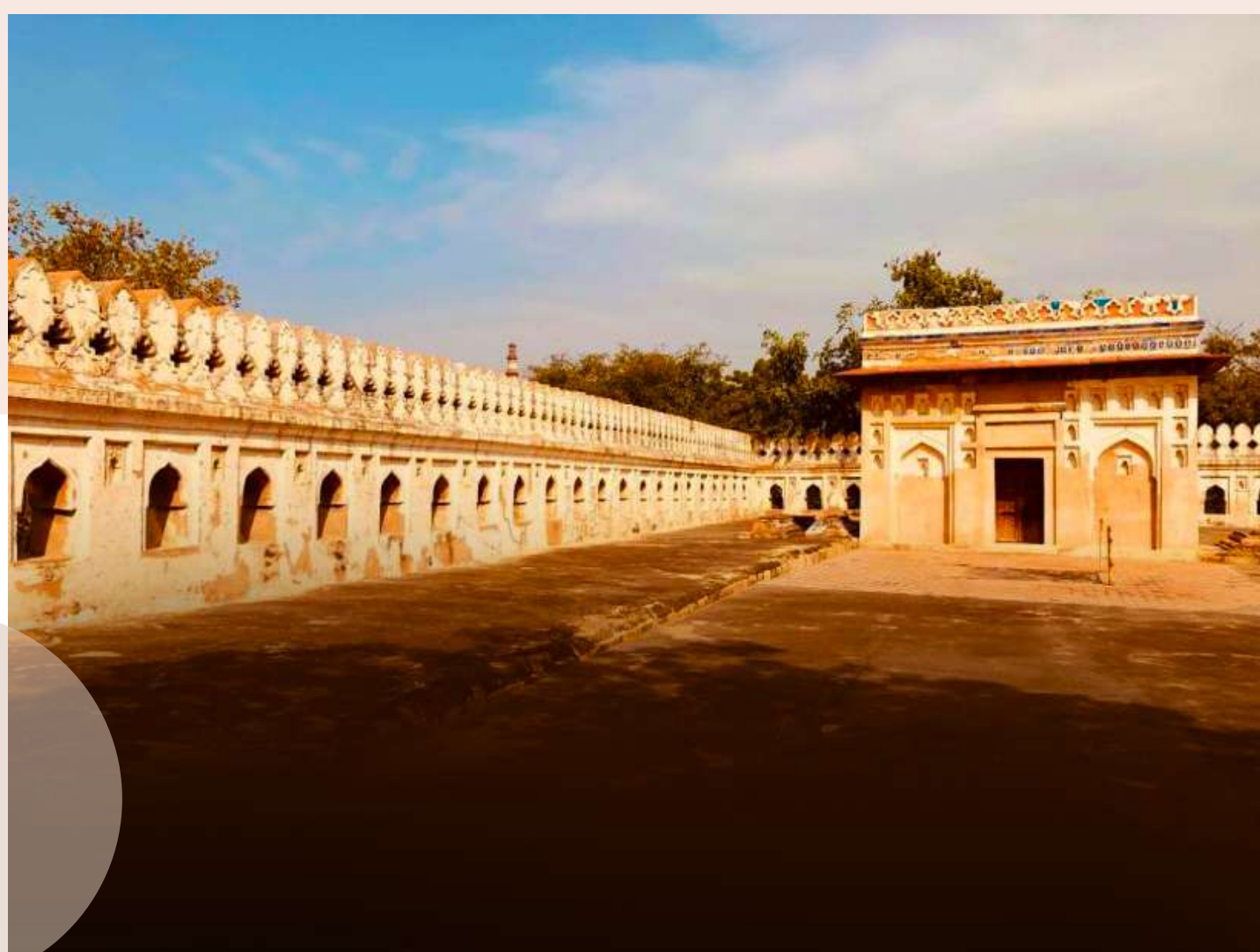




CRUMBLING WALLS, LIVING STORIES

Explore Delhi's heritage at Mehrauli Archaeological Park through the eyes of our Tammie, Tarun Khullar, as he shares his firsthand experience and stories that lie within this huge historical space.



Delhi is a beautiful amalgamation of history and modernity. As winter blankets Delhi in misty enchantment and paints its mornings with subtle beauty, I find myself drawn to the Mehrauli Archaeological Park also known as Jamali Kamali Park. Sharing its boundaries with the glorious Qutab Minar, this is a sprawling complex boasting remnants of various dynasties that once ruled over Delhi. However, it was during the subsequent centuries under the rule of the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire that Mehrauli flourished, witnessing the construction of numerous architectural marvels that we see today in and around the site. It is adorned with remains from every era narrating Delhi's rich history - from pre-Islamic to the late Mughal, ending at the colonial era.

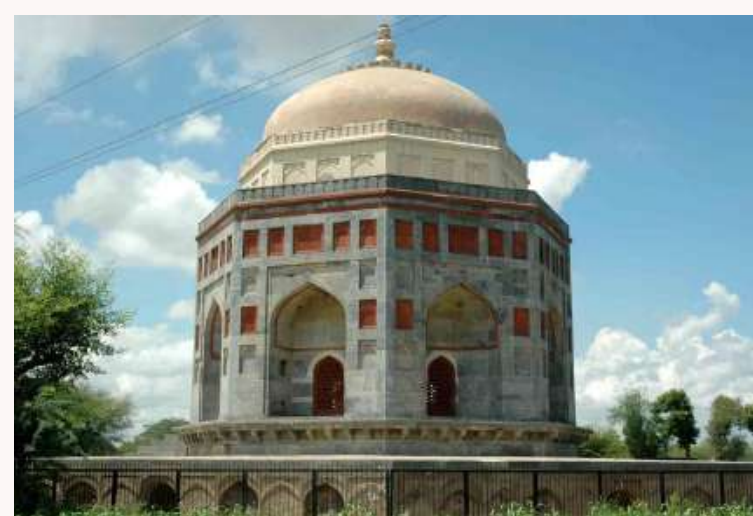


Armed with curiosity and a keen sense of adventure, I embarked on a journey through time, eager to unravel the mysteries that lay within its sprawling 200 acres. The sun, playing hide and seek amidst the cool breezes, created an overall feeling of warmth and joy, making it the perfect season to delve into the city's vibrant history.

As I stepped into the park, I was amazed to see the transformed version of this treasure trove of history. The mosque and tomb of Maulana Jamali greeted me with a sense of ancient wisdom. The entire locality wears a new look with a facelift of monuments, conservation work on the water body, and so on.

Talking about the beautiful heritage monuments, the Mosque and Tomb of Maulana Jamali are considered significant landmarks that encapsulate the spiritual and artistic legacy of the 16th- century Sufi saint and poet. Maulana Jamali's tomb is revered by followers of Sufism, and the architecture reflects the Indo-Islamic style, featuring exquisite calligraphy and geometric patterns. Pilgrims and visitors are drawn to the tranquil ambiance, seeking spiritual solace. Once described as 'stepping into a jewel box', the beautifully decorated Jamali-Kamali's tomb, adjacent to the mosque, still remains a hidden gem as it is not open to visitors. I managed to get a glimpse of the tomb from the closed gate.

Built in the Lodhi era, Rajon ki Baoli stood as a silent witness to the city's changing landscapes. Dating back to the 16th century, this 4-tier stepwell is an engineering marvel that was once used by the masons and travellers to rest. The stepwell's intricate design served as a functional water source and provided a respite from the scorching heat. The geometric patterns and precision in its construction showcase the ingenuity of ancient water management systems in India.



The tomb of Quli Khan, standing tall amidst the mist, exuded an aura of resilience against the passage of centuries. The tomb of Quli Khan, a noble under Emperor Akbar, is an architectural gem that melds Persian and Indian styles. The monument was bought by Thomas Metcalfe and was converted into a monsoon retreat called 'Dilkhusha'. The octagonal structure featured intricate wall paintings that lost their lustre over a period of time. The fading frescos have been restored into beautiful artwork by the artists from Bhopal and Gwalior. Now, it is a delight to watch the walls of the central building adorned with pleasing blue artwork.

Each of these landmarks contributes to the rich history of India, inviting us to explore the diverse facets of its cultural heritage. The park's historical significance is not only confined to its ancient structures but extends to its well-manicured lawns and hedges.

Here, amidst the whispers of the past, an unknown circular monument has been repurposed into a cafeteria following its preservation. Named The Cafe Stone, the cafeteria boasts its minimalistic decor and a breath-taking view of the minaret and the tomb of Quli Khan. The café offers a cozy retreat, inviting visitors to savour the rich blend of history and modernity.



The Mehrauli Archaeological Parks has now been transformed into a peaceful heaven, boasting restored and conserved heritage structures, for history and architecture enthusiasts. A leisurely stroll through the paved paths of this park lets us explore some important chapters of history in a better and organised way. The walk can be easily combined with a visit to the Qutub Minar next door without increasing the tour cost. The Qutub Minar dominates the skyline of Mehrauli and is one of the most prominent structures in the city. Depending upon the interest, one can easily spend 2 hours here. The Mehrauli Archaeological Park is open to visitors throughout the year. While local guides are available onsite, I recommend opting for a storyteller who will make the entire experience engaging and take you to hidden corners you might otherwise miss!

In the heart of winter, Mehrauli Archaeological Park invites us to embrace the chill and to discover the stories that lie within its ancient stones.

Contact your Tamarind Global Representative to book a Mehrauli Archaeological Park experience!

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UNIQUE WELLNESS OFFERINGS MONSOON PACKAGE

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As a responsible hospitality group, Tamara Leisure Experiences has forayed a holistic approach to sustainability. A focus on the future of wellness and conscious lifestyles is one part of our comprehensive commitment towards making a lasting positive impact on people and the planet.

Our luxury NABH certified hospital, Amal Tamara, is operated by Ayurvedic doctors. Located on the peaceful backwaters of Alleppey, Kerala, the hospitality offers a serene and high-end journey towards long-term healing. At Amal Tamara, we seek to combine curative treatments and modern resources such as technology to inform modified lifestyles that ensure mental and physical health long after our guests or yatis have returned home.



As scorching summer days surrender to the arrival of the Karkkidaka monsoon season, a deep sense of relief washes over us. Amidst the allure of the rain lies a delicate balance between rejuvenation and vulnerability. While we become more susceptible to illnesses during the monsoon season, Ayurvedic practitioners recognise it as a time when our bodies are most receptive to the healing touch of Ayurvedic therapies. With each gentle breeze, we feel the promise of renewal caress our skin as our body undergoes a subtle transformation.

Nestled by the waters of Vembanad Lake, Amal Tamara stands as a gateway to the realm of holistic well-being. This serene experience offers relief from the overwhelming responsibilities that often accompany the pursuit of wellness. Recognising that the monsoon season is the perfect time for wellness transformation, the expert Ayurvedic physicians at this NABH-certified hospital have meticulously created the Monsoon Package, which features a wealth of rejuvenating treatments curated to harness the best that this season has to offer, revitalising the body and igniting boundless energy within.



Having already taken care of the What, Where, and When, the team of physicians, caregivers, and chefs at Amal Tamara allow guests to feel free to simply embrace the changes they desire. With a focus on creating a holistic experience, they provide rooms with stunning views and privacy, nourishing meals, Ayurvedic treatments, and cultural enrichment. Additionally, the team designs personalised day-to-day wellness and dietary programmes based on detailed diagnoses of each guest's unique conditions and body type, aiming to help them achieve their desired health goals.



Upon arrival, we are greeted by the truly serene oasis that is the Alleppey backwaters, setting the tone for our stay. Amal Tamara's Monsoon Package features Karkkidaka Chikitsa – a comprehensive approach to healing, focused on balancing the doshas and cleansing your body, and geared towards preventative therapies. In addition to this, the resort presents a myriad of opportunities to engage in movement practices, savour Ayurvedic diets, and immerse oneself in soothing, ancient sacred recitations, for those inclined. Each experience is carefully tailored to enhance our wellness journey.

In the days that follow, we find ourselves immersed in the healing embrace of Ayurvedic treatments, with experts guiding us on a transformative journey. Through treatments such as Panchakarma and rejuvenating herbal medications like Rasayanam, our senses come alive as each treatment unfolds, working in harmony to cleanse, nourish, and revitalise every cell. Amal Tamara's skilled practitioners guide us at every step, their hands infusing each movement with intention and care.



The herbal fumigation treatments contribute to a powerful detoxification process, and impurities are gently washed away, replaced by a renewed sense of clarity and vitality. It is as if the rain itself carries the secrets of rejuvenation, cleansing every pore.



As an Amal Yatri, a forever-member of the Amal Tamara family, the journey of wellness transcends beyond a single stay at Amal Tamara. This dedicated team continues to provide steadfast guidance even after our programmes conclude. Through a series of five monthly follow-up consultations, these invaluable checkpoints help establish consistency on the path to well-being and provide support for challenges, struggles, or setbacks.



Amal Tamara's Monsoon Package invites you to embark on a wellness journey where every moment becomes an opportunity for rejuvenation and renewal, enriching life in ways that extend far beyond the time spent within the sanctuary of the resort.

NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

Fortune Park, East Delhi, New Delhi



Where? New Delhi

What is Unique? Discover Fortune Park East Delhi, a modern retreat nestled in the vibrant heart of East Delhi. Its standout feature is the perfect blend of contemporary style and warm hospitality. Just 25 km from the airport and close to metro stations, it ensures stress-free travel. The hotel's prime location links effortlessly to business and leisure spots like Noida and Pragati Maidan, making it an ideal hub for today's business travellers. With 70 well-designed rooms offering serene city views, it's peaceful amid the city's hustle.

Why? Picking Fortune Park East Delhi is a smart move for comfort and convenience. For events, two versatile banquet spaces with modern amenities promise success. The hotel's commitment to well-being is evident in its upcoming rooftop swimming pool, spa, and gym facilities, offering guests a rejuvenating escape. Adding to its allure is a diverse range of dining experiences. From the all-day indulgence at Zodiac to the sophisticated Neptune Bar and the soon-to-open rooftop gem, Nakshatra, the culinary journey promises to be nothing short of delightful. Le Cafe, with its tempting array of freshly baked goodies, completes the ensemble, making it a standout culinary destination. It's not just a stay; it's an experience of unmatched hospitality and top-notch service. Fortune Park East Delhi is where every moment is crafted.

Park Inn by Radisson, Ayodhya



Where? Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

What is Unique? Explore Ayodhya's sacred sites, including the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple and Hanuman Garhi Temple with Park Inn by Radisson, Ayodhya. Immerse yourself in the city's rich history and spirituality. Nestled in the heart of Ayodhya, Park Inn by Radisson offers a distinctive blend of modern comfort and cultural allure. Boasting 80 stylish rooms, the hotel provides a tranquil escape with contemporary elegance. The city's largest conference hall, Fiesta venue, sets the stage for grand occasions, from corporate gatherings to dream weddings.

Why? Guests can retreat to spacious rooms adorned with stone accents, wood paneling, and expansive windows. The modern design, coupled with amenities like complimentary Wi-Fi, ensures both comfort and connectivity during the stay. The hotel boasts a diverse culinary experience. From international favourites served at the RBG restaurant to indulging in barbecue delights by the pool at Rooftop Barbecue Restaurant, the on-site dining options cater to a range of tastes. Park Inn by Radisson Ayodhya is the perfect venue for a fairytale wedding, with the Fiesta venue offering space for up to 1,200 guests. Modern audiovisual equipment, elegant surroundings, and dedicated assistance at every step ensure a memorable and seamless celebration. Visitors to Ayodhya can seamlessly blend comfort, style, and cultural immersion at Park Inn by Radisson Ayodhya, making it the ideal choice for a memorable stay.

Regenta Resort, Sakleshpur



Where? Sakleshpur, Karnataka

What is Unique? Tucked away in the lush embrace of Sakleshpur, Regenta Resort, Sakleshpur beckons you to a world where nature's symphony plays in harmony with comforts. A breath of fresh air amidst the Western Ghats, this heaven captures the essence of Karnataka's biodiverse wonder. Regenta Resorts isn't just a stay; it's an ode to discovery. Delight in a Kids Water Theme Park, dance in the discotheque, or be mesmerized by a computerized musical fountain. Whether it's a refreshing dip in the swimming pool, a stroll along cascading waterfalls, or moments of tranquility in the garden, there's an experience for every mood.

Why? Wander through 41 distinct cottages, crafted from laterite, wood, and steel, each telling a unique story against the backdrop of the Bisle Reserve Forest—one of the world's biodiversity hotspots. Rustic Lux provides the charm of a container home, Raindrop's laterite-bricked abode captures the spirit of the countryside, and Serenity offers a modern wooden retreat among tall trees. Each promises a unique blend of rustic charm and contemporary luxury. Fuel your day at the 24-hour multi-cuisine restaurant, Lime Light, offering a menu tailored to your desires—vegan, gluten-free, Jain, or indulgent non-vegetarian feasts. For events, our banquet and conference halls stand ready, accommodating up to 600 guests with ease, conference hall with a capacity of 100 delegates and a board room. Their event team members make your special event a memorable one with great effort and dedication.

Tulip Inn Shravasti



Where? Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh

What is Unique? Nestled in the ancient echoes of Shravasti, Tulip Inn offers a blend of modern charm and cultural resonance. The hotel stands strategically, just 18 km away from Balrampur railway station, offering easy accessibility to the historic wonders of Shravasti. In consideration of guests' busy schedules, Tulip Inn offers flexi check-in and check-out timings, adapting to their timelines. Bid farewell with a freshly packed breakfast as guests leave for early flights, reflecting Tulip Inn's commitment to thoughtful hospitality. Guests can indulge in breakfast tailored to their taste. Tulip Inn's chefs take pride in their creations, ensuring a delightful start to the day.

Why? The 71 rooms and suites reflect contemporary comfort, surrounded by the spirit and hospitality of this revered town. Experience fine dining at Tulipe, the multi-cuisine restaurant. It offers an intimate and sophisticated ambiance, promising a delightful blend of flavours. Tulip Inn, Shravasti prides itself on its versatile banquet halls. Ranging from an intimate 400 sq. ft. to an opulent 20,000 sq. ft., these spaces seamlessly transition from corporate gatherings to grand wedding celebrations. A perfect blend of sophistication and flexibility ensures a memorable canvas for every occasion, making events seamlessly executed and truly special. Whether you are here for a pilgrimage or a celebration, Tulip Inn, Shravasti, beckons with tranquility and modern comforts, ensuring their stay is as memorable as the town itself. discover shravasti, where ancient echoes meet modern charm.

Gorbandh Palace, Jaisalmer – IHCL SeleQtions



Where? Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

What is Unique? Nestled in the heart of the captivating Thar Desert, Gorbandh Palace, Jaisalmer - IHCL SeleQtions, uniquely captures the essence of ancient allure. The ornate 'Jharokhas' and decorative 'Chhatris' of its facade mirror the gleaming desert hues, while the interiors boast intricate Rajasthani stonework, opulent frescoes, and elaborate paintings. This spartan blend of modern comfort with old-world heritage creates a palatial experience that pays homage to Jaisalmer's storied past. The lobby, adorned with patterned sandstone arches and delicate chandeliers, sets the tone for opulence within. The property's unique charm lies in its seamless blend of modern comfort with old-world Rajasthani heritage.

Why? Beyond the exquisite aesthetics, the hotel offers 83 well-appointed accommodations, each providing breath-taking views of the desert city. The all-day diner-bazaar offers a multi-cuisine fare that exudes a refined yet relaxed atmosphere, creating an inviting space for dining at leisure. Relish authentic Italian cuisine that takes you to the sun-kissed Riviera of the Mediterranean at the poolside pizzeria, with limestone banabas and a bar specializing in Naples-style pizza at Seray. The Spera, a well-heaven rooted in ancient Indian healing wisdom, promises holistic rejuvenation. In choosing Gorbandh Palace, you embrace Jaisalmer's storied aesthetic, experiencing legendary service amidst an artful rendition of Rajasthani grandeur interwoven with contemporary comforts. This hotel invites you to celebrate the city's rich heritage while enjoying the best of Rajasthan's luxury.

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