TAMARIND NEWS

After eight years of its inception, Tamarind has grown and diversified into an entity that encompasses a broader spectrum of activities. Tamarind Global, the parent company, has been instrumental in the growth of its subsidiaries, Tamarind Tours, Tamarind Events, Tamarind Hotel management spaces, Tamarind has foraged into Events, Mice, Weddings and an Online presence. The tag of GLOBAL represents the arena that Tamarind covers, with activities in destinations all over the globe. We thank you for your support over the last few years, and are confident that our relationship will continue to strengthen with this new phase of Tamarind's growth!

With the object of defining our evolved avatar in a visual sense, a rebranding exercise has been undertaken, resulting in a brand new corporate identity and logo. Our brand identity is now represented by a simple sphere enclosed in parentheses. The look is clean, simple and corporate. The actual sphere depicts completeness in its simplest form, while being a symbol of the globe that we operate in.

FEATURED EVENT DESTINATION - CIRAGAN PALACE KEMPINSKI ISTANBUL

Istanbul straddles Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait in Turkey. The Old City reflects cultural influences of the many empires that have ruled here, and its architectural landmarks, like the Hagia Sophia, have served as a marvelling army over the centuries. The Greeks, Persians, Romans and Venetians took turns ruling before the Ottomans stormed into town and decided to stay – physical reminders of their various tenures are found littered across the city. The city is richly endowed with a cultural heritage that is reflected in its museums, which house treasures from ancient Egypt, Roman-era Mesopotamia was for centuries the site of battles, races, and Egyptian obelisks remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring dome and Christian mosaics. The magnificently decorated Imperial mosques to be seen here are architectural triumphs that together form one of the world's great studies.

In a previous life, the grandeur Çıraçan, which is situated on the European shores of the Bosporous, was a residence for Ottoman sultans. The numerous royals and heads of state staying at the Çıraçan Palace are continuing a long tradition: in a previous life, this grandeur property on the European side of the Bosphorus was a residence for sultans. The royal family is most pronounced in the Palace Lounge, whose vaulted ceilings, elegant antiques and textiles evoke the opulence of the Ottoman Empire. Guests can continue their royal indulgence in Nihal Park, formerly a hunting forest for the sultans. On site dining options include Tuğ'ra, whose classic Turkish cuisine is considered among Istanbul's finest (the tarraca is a favorite spot for romantic meals). All restaurants and many rooms have sweeping views of the Turkish metropolis and stretch out across the Straits toward Asia.

DESTINATION NEWS

FREE WIFI AT TAJ MAHAL

Free WiFi is being set up and operated at the Taj Mahal next week, provided by Bharti Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad is scheduled to launch the facility on 16 June. BSNL Chairman and Managing Director, Anupam Shrivastava said the network installation is complete and service will be free for the first 30 minutes.

BUSES LAUNCHED FROM NORTH-EAST TO BANGLADESH

The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina along with Chief Minister of West Bengal flagged off the International Bus Service between Bangladesh and India at Dhaka during Prime Minister's visit to Bangladesh. The first bus service will connect Kolkata to Agartala via Dhaka and the second will connect Dhaka, Shillong and Guwahati. The agenda is to promote greater people-to-people ties and connectivity.

HOTEL NEWS

WORLD'S LARGEST INDIAN HOTEL TO OPEN IN MAKKAH

The world's largest Holiday Inn hotel will soon be established in the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia as Inter-Continental Hotels Group (IHG) signed an agreement with Al Majd Al Arabiah Al Tayseer on 5 June. Spread across five towers, it comprises 1,154 rooms which will open in phases. The hotel, which is consisting of 1,200 rooms, are expected to open its guests by this year end. Located at a distance of 900 m, from the Makkah Abraaj Al Tayseer will offer guests privileged view of the Al Masjid al Haram (The Grand Mosque).

PALLADIUM HOTEL IN MUMBAI TO BE REBRANDED AS AT REGIS IN Q2 2015

The existing Palladium Hotel in Mumbai is currently undergoing a rebranding and will be relaunched as the AT Regis Mumbai in Q2 2015. The AT Regis is a new luxury hotel brand in India, and the brand is India's "land Jim Perna, global brand leader for St Regis. "Starwood is maintaining strong growth momentum in the region and the arrival of St Regis in Mumbai reinforces our commitment to growing our luxury portfolio in this important market." With the hotel's strategic location, sophisticated service and refined design, we look forward to offering guests an unparalleled experience true to both the destination and the St. Regis legacy."

FORTUNE PARK EXPANDS IN CHENNAI

The new Fortune Park Grand Chennai is being positioned as an "upscale, contemporary business hotel" located on GST Road, close to the Mahindra World City area. The new property will offer 97 rooms, including nine suites, plus a business center, gym, and a 24-hour coffee shop. The property will also have a banquet hall. There are four F&Bs on offer, a pan-Indian Dhaba restaurant, a pan-Asian Pan Pacific, a pan-Chinese Dragon Fly, and a multi-cuisine Chef's Table.

CARNATION HOTELS TO ENTER TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

Carnation Hotels, a Chennai based hotel brand, has signed an agreement to manage a new budget hotel in the city of Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, located on the city's Rockfort Road. The Red Fox hotel Tiruchirappalli will offer 70 rooms, and will now undergo a complete refurbishment by the Lemon Tree team, before reopening in October 2016. "Trichy has always been a landmark city in the history of Tamil Nadu," said Rathan Rowsam, chairman of Carnation Hotels. "It attracts a lot of leisure and business travelers.

AIRLINE NEWS

BRITISH AIRWAYS DOUBLES BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE FOR STUDENTS

British Airways has announced double baggage allowance for students travelling from India. Students can now take all of their cherished possessions as they travel to study in the UK, Europe, US or Canada. The offer includes an extra allowance of luggage weighing up to 30 kg, in addition to the current standard allowance of one piece of luggage for the UK and Europe, or two pieces of luggage for destinations in the USA and Canada. The offer is valid for students from India travelling with British Airways between 1 June 2015 and March 31, 2016.

AIR-INDIA OPENS MONSOON OFFER

Air India will launch its monsoon offer for its domestic network from 10–12 July, 2015 from INR 1777 onward for travel period between 1 July and 30 September, 2015. As per the offer, travelers can fly anywhere within India at this rate can be booked online or offline.

AIR-INDIA TO FLY DELHI - COLOMBO DIRECT DAILY FROM 15 JUN

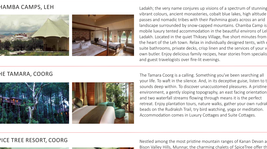
Air India will start daily direct flights between New Delhi and Colombo from 15 June. The New Delhi-Colombo-Delhi flight will operate at 11:55 hrs on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The New Delhi-Colombo will depart at 12:30 hrs and arrive at 15:55 hrs on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. The Colombo-Delhi flight departs at 0820 hrs and arrive at 12:05 hrs daily. Air India will be offering attractive all-inclusive return fares starting from Rs 19,999/-

SPICEJET ADDS MORE FLIGHTS FOR SUMMER SEASON

Indian LCC SpiceJet adds services to Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai and Dharamshala. SpiceJet has announced plans to mount additional flights to four Indian destinations for the summer season. The Delhi-based low-cost carrier will increase the frequency of its service to Dharamshala, in the state of Himachal Pradesh, from seven to 13 weekly flights, while the route to Amritsar, Punjab, will double from seven to 14 weekly flights. The carrier will also increase its Chennai-Bengaluru service from 14 weekly flights to daily frequency to 30 flights per week, and the airline's Delhi-Bengaluru route will rise from 21 to 25 weekly flights. The Amritsar, Dehradun and Dharamshala flights will be operated by SpiceJet's Bombardier Q400 aircraft, while the Bengaluru route will use a Boeing 737.

TAMARIND PROMOTION OF THE MONTH

JW MARRIOTT WALNUT GROVE RESORT & SPA



Embark on a luxury retreat in the heart of India's Himalayan Mountains. The new JW Marriott Mussoorie Walnut Grove Resort & Spa welcomes you with 115 deluxe hotel rooms and suites, each boasting flat-screen televisions, high-speed Internet access and attached baths. Spacious bathrooms include high and bath amenities and bathtubs and separate walk-in showers. Relax in the Walnut Grove Spa, located on site at one of our several onsite restaurants. Planning a family holiday? Our hotel also features Mussoorie's largest entertainment center. The Zen complex combining allows, gaming rooms, billiard room and more. Our 4,000 square feet of modern venue space is ideal for weddings, corporate events, and meetings. Located in the Himalayan foothills, Mussoorie, India, enables you to fully appreciate the stunning natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Two weeks since the JW Marriott Mussoorie Walnut Grove Resort & Spa

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TOP FIVE PICKS

SECLUDED ROMANTIC RESORTS IN INDIA

GLENBURN TEA ESTATE, DARJEELING

Glenburn is a heavenly little plantation retreat that lies on a hillock above the banks of the River Rangeet, high in the Himalayas, overlooked by the mighty Kanchenjunga mountain range. Guests are accommodated in one of the two bungalows, each comprising four suites and common areas, gardens, verandahs and terraces accessible to all our guests. The cuisine comprises a wide range of options: from interesting local fare and traditional Indian dishes, to exotic South-East Asian and Continental. Activities include nature walks, day trips to Darjeeling and Kalimpong or simply relax in the resort.

BAREFOOT RESORT, HAVELOCK ISLAND (ANDAMANS)

The Barefoot at Havelock resort consists of 25 elegantly designed cottages, villas and villa complexes with spacious interiors, modern amenities and ensuite bathrooms. Constructed using indigenous materials, the resort blends seamlessly into the lush and only ecologically friendly resort in the Andaman Islands. Set exclusively amidst pristine tropical forests, you will unearth the treasures of nature, discover the beauty you seek and be charmed forever. Rich in colour and abundant in marine life, the warm waters surrounding Havelock coupled with its splendid clarity are a wonderful and divine mix.

CHAMBA CAMPS, LEH

Ladakh, the very name conjures up visions of a spectrum of stunning, vibrant colours, ancient monasteries, cobalt blue lakes, high altitude deserts and the majestic Himalayan mountains. Chamba Camp is a landscape surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Chamba Camp is a mobile luxury tented accommodation in the beautiful environs of Leh. Ladakh isolated in the Himalayan range, Chamba Camp is located in the heart of the Leh town. Relax in individually designed tents, with ensuite bathrooms, private decks, and your own tea and services of your very own butler. Enjoy delicious family recipes, hear stories from specialists and guest travelling over the Silk Road.

THE TAMARA, COORG

The Tamara Coorg is a calling. Something you've been searching all your life for, to wake in the silence, lost, in its decadent grace, listen to the sounds deep within. To discover unaccustomed pleasures. A pristine environment, a pretty cringe topography, a neat flying orientation and two waterfall streams flowing through means it is the perfect place for a holiday. Tamara Coorg is a place where you can spot Malabar hornbills on the Rudrakshi Trail, by bird watching, yoga or meditation, accommodation comes in Luxury Cottages and Suite Cottages.

SPICE TREE RESORT, COORG

Nestled among the most pristine mountain ranges of Karnan Desan and Kaveri Hills, Munnar, the charming Cardamom Hill and Tea Plantations are the perfect tranquility for a genuine 'mountain retreat' with incredible views of the Western Ghats. Spice Tree Munnar is a place of peace and of individual quality and charm. The resort has been 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 such that each suite offers a wonderful view of the scenic mountains, forest, and the valley around.

GLOBAL CUISINE

BLACK COD WITH MISO

This sweet and silky fish dish, which has been served at restaurants all over the world, is fairly simple to make, though it's somewhat time-consuming. Serious foodies recommend marinating the black cod in a good dose of the sake-miso marinade for 2 to 5 days.

Easy Way: Let the fish marinate overnight in a storage sake and miso in case it.

INGREDIENTS
3 tablespoons miso
3 tablespoons sake
1/2 cup white miso paste
1/2 cup mirin
Sea Bi 6-7 ounce slices
Black cod fillets, about 1 1/2 inches thick
Vegetable oil, for grilling
Pickled ginger, for serving

In a small saucepan, bring the mirin and sake to a boil. Whisk in the miso until dissolved. Add the sugar and cook over medium-low heat, whisking, just until dissolved. Transfer the marinade to a large baking dish. Add the black cod fillets, turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 400°. Heat a grill pan and oil it. Scrape the marinade off the fish. Add the fish and cook over high heat until browned, about 2 minutes. Flip the fish once, keeping the marinade in the pan and roast for 10 minutes, until flaky. Transfer to plates and serve with pickled ginger.

THE MOST AMAZING EVENTS IN THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL PICK OF THE MONTH-PALIO DI SIENNA

The Palio di Siena (known locally simply as Il Palio) is a horse-race that is held twice each year, on July 2 and August 16, in Siena, Italy. The Palio is a year-long strategic battle culminating in two annual events. Each and every Sienese is involved in the Palio in some way; the result of what may seem like just a horse race' is in fact deep or far-reaching for those who live here. It has been a way of life for centuries.

Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colours, represent ten of the seventeen contrade, or city wards. The Palio held on August 16 is called the Palio di Provenza, or Palio of Provence, because it was dedicated to the Madonna di Provenza, whose miraculous image was saved from the Turks Contrada. The Palio held on August 16 is named Palio dell'Assunta, in honour of the Assumption of Mary. The horse itself, in which the jockeys ride bareback, circles the Piazza del Campo, on which a thick layer of dirt has been laid, three times and usually lasts no more than 90 seconds. It is common for a few of the jockeys to be thrown off their horses while making the treacherous turns in the piazza, and indeed, it is usual to see unmounted horses finishing the race without their jockeys.

INDIAN PICK OF THE MONTH-NABAKALEBAR PURI RATH YATRA

The Puri Rath Yatra festival is based around the worship of Lord Jagannath, a reincarnation of Lord Vishnu and Krishna. It commemorates his annual visit to his birthplace, Gundicha Temple, and aunt's home along with his elder brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra. This year, after 19 years, the Jagannath Temple idols will be replaced by new ones in a ritual known as Nabakalebar (meaning "new body"). The Rath Yatra commences on July 18 and ends on July 30. Devotional songs and prayers from the Vedas are chanted continuously outside the area where the new idols are being carved from neem wood. Once they're completed, the new idols are placed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple and placed facing the old idols. When the ritual is complete, the new idols are seated on their thrones. The old idols are taken to Roli Bakavita and buried there in a sacred ceremony called Bhu Samadhi. The ceremony is performed by the Daitapatis, who are the only people who can touch the idols. The state government orders a full blackout of lights in Puri on the night the ceremony is performed. Afterwards, the temple rituals recommence as normal. Flowers and new garments are given to the deities, food is offered, and puja (worship) are performed. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, this year devotees won't be allowed inside the temple to see the new idols during the Nabapaudava Darshan. They must wait for them to be taken out in the Rath Yatra procession.

INDIAN WEDDING TRADITIONS

THE HALDI, OR TURMERIC APPLICATION CEREMONY

The Haldi ceremony is like an ancient Indian spa ritual. Except instead of a massage, the ceremony involves, you guessed it, hundreds of friends and relatives singing and dancing around you!

In this ceremony family members 'beautify' the bride and groom by applying a paste of turmeric (Haldi) on their face, hands and feet. Turmeric is known to improve one's complexion and is applied seven times on the body with fresh mango leaves, from bottom to top and then top to bottom. During the ceremony, kangana or sacred thread, is tied on the right wrists of the bride and groom.

How to prepare this Indian Bridal Glow Mask

Sandal wood powder
Turmeric powder
Milk, Rosewater of almond oil to make a paste of the powders.

Procedure:
Mix Powders with appropriate quantity of oil, rosewater or milk to form a paste. Apply to the face and body, and keep for few minutes. Remove the paste by washing with water. Do not remove the mixture get dry. This will help in exfoliation process and also helps in removal of facial hair. Wash the face and enjoy fabulous baby soft skin.

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