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TAMARIND EVENTS & NEWS

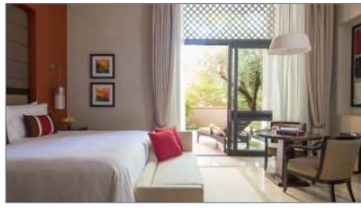
Wedding in Ritz Carlton, Bali

Tamarind Weddings planned and executed a 750 pax wedding at the Ritz Carlton in Nusa Dua, Bali. What a great location for such a special event! Our team pulled off an amazing job...

YPO Event in Mumbai

Tamarind Events produced an event for the YPO in Mumbai, at the Taj Mahal hotel, with a novel theme that included a quiz hosted by Cyrus Broacha.

FEATURED EVENT DESTINATION - FOUR SEASONS RESORT MARRAKECH



At Four Seasons, you enjoy a unique vantage point from which to explore the sights, sounds and experiences of Marrakech. A luxe, contemporary medina, Four Seasons offers a refreshing counterpoint to other luxury resort accommodations in Marrakech. This 16-hectare (40-acre) walled garden sanctuary is threaded with arcades and fountain courtyards, with low-rise five star accommodations nestled among olive and palm trees.

Each of the 141 Marrakech luxury hotel guest rooms – including 27 spacious suites – has a private balcony with contemplative views of the grounds, the historic Menara Gardens next door or the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. With all rooms offering private terrace, step out and enjoy the most beautiful views of Marrakech: from the resort lavish gardens, the stunning Atlas Mountains or the iconic Menara Gardens. Romance takes center stage, with the world-renowned Atlas Mountains as your backdrop. Whether you're working off excess stress on the elliptical or treating yourself to an orange honey body wrap, Le Spa at Four Seasons Resort Marrakech will relax both your body and mind and prepare you for your big event. Tamarind Global will assist you in creating celebrations that are carefree and magical from beginning to end, with finely decorated and flexible spaces, special tasting menus, and more. Tell us your dream, and we'll do everything we can to make it a reality. A traditional ceremony in the Adgal Ballroom, the casual sophistication of a reception held in an outdoor garden – It's your choice. We help you choose the space, then give you the freedom to customize them as you see fit.

DESTINATION NEWS

Rs 1500 crore projects for religious tourism okayed

NEW DELHI: The government has cleared projects worth over Rs 1,500 crore under three schemes - Ramayana circuit, Krishna circuit and Buddhist circuit - as part of its focus on religious tourism. The projects helmed by the tourism ministry are spread primarily over UP, and Bihar and will develop infrastructure including road and rail linkages, signages, tourist facilitation centres, toilets, changing rooms near ghats, CCTV cameras, Wi-Fi facilities besides re-creating the life and times of the era. Among the first projects to be started will be one on creating an audio visual experience in Ayodhya depicting the life and teachings of Lord Rama. The project also envisages a gallery theme that will have life size sculptures of Valmiki and Tulsidas. The Buddhist circuit will have a light and sound theme park at Shravasti, UP. Lord Buddha is known to have spent 24 rainy seasons in the city's Jetavan monastery built by his disciple Sudatta Anathapindika. For the Krishna circuit spread over several cities including Mathura and Vrindavan, the ministry plans to create yatri sheds, food kiosks, sound and light show and illumination of the Parikrama path.

Twitter campaign to promote Kerala goes viral

Creative ways to lure travellers to God's Own Country that has two ports of call and unique tourism products has been a challenge for the planners and stakeholders of the tourism industry. The strong presence of Keralites in social media was explored on Tuesday to let the world know about Kerala and to increase the footfalls during the ongoing Visit Kerala Year. The innovative campaign in the virtual world was formally kicked off at 11 a.m. with former diplomat and local MP Shashi Tharoor tweeting, "A natural port beautifully located in a quaint fishing village # Vizhinjam" to hash tag #Daivathinteswan thumnadu (in Malayalam). Soon the fans of God's Own Country around the world enthusiastically tweeted to the hash tag accompanied by images of the tourist attractions of the State in large numbers. Within three hours, the campaign became trending in Twitter and was in the fourth position. Actor Prithviraj and Navya Nair were those who tweeted. By 5 p.m., around 5,000 fresh tweets and more than 10,000 photographs of tourist attractions were shared.

Mumbai to Delhi in less than 13 hours on Talgo trains

A Mumbai to Delhi train journey with in 13 hours could come true in the first week of August. As part of the final phase of trials, the nine-coach Talgo - the Spanish-manufactured high speed train will undertake three trips between Mumbai and Delhi between August 1 and 5.
The Western Railway (WR) sources said that the train will depart from New Delhi at 7.55 pm on August 1, and will maintain a speed of 130 kmph during the entire journey. "The Talgo officials have said that at this speed, the distance of 1,384 kms will be covered in 14 hours and 5 minutes. Currently, the Rajdhani Express touches 130 kmph and takes nearly 16 hours to cover the same distance," a WR source said. The nine-coach Talgo train consists of two executive class compartments, four chair cars, a cafeteria, a power car, and a tail-end coach for equipment. A few days ago, the train completed the Mathura-Palwal test run at 180 kmph.

Tourism Ministry to Host Investors Summit in New Delhi from September 21 to 23, 2016

Union Tourism Secretary informed that First of its kind event, The 'Incredible India Tourism Investors Summit' will be organized in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd September 2016. This three day event will showcase the investment opportunities in tourism sector. The main objective of the Incredible India Tourism Investors' Summit is to position the Indian Tourism sector for attracting large investments and presenting to the Investors tangible investment-ready projects in the different States/Union Territories of India. This summit will provide a global platform for interaction with investors, policy makers and Indian industry leaders, and other stakeholders. The Confederation of Indian Industry and Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd are principal partners of this summit. Four Knowledge Partners i.e. Ernst & Young, KPMG, Yes Bank and Invest India will assist States and UTs for identifying projects, Suggesting Tourism Policy updates and presenting these to the potential investors during the summit.

Aurangabad to host country's first SAARC Tourism Summit

In a bid to explore opportunities in tourism promotion, the ministry of external affairs has decided to hold the country's first SAARC Tourism

Summit in Aurangabad, the tourism capital of Maharashtra in the second week of October. The announcement of the two-day summit, also being aimed at tapping FDI under Make in India and Make in Maharashtra schemes was made by Smt. Valsa Nair Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture, Government of Maharashtra at the Sensitization Session on Aurangabad Tourism Development Program organized by the State Government, Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) and the Confederation of Indian Industry in Aurangabad on Monday 4th July, 2016.

SriLankan Airlines hosts TAAI's North India Chapter

SriLankan Airlines recently hosted the visiting delegates of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) in Colombo when the latter attended the annual conference of its North India chapter. The grand evening, which witnessed a number of dance performances and unique cultural activities, was graced by a host of distinguished guests, including H. E. Y. K. Sinha – High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Arindam Bagchi – Deputy High Commissioner, Esha Srivastava – First Secretary (Press, Information & Culture), Siva Ramachandran, Chief Commercial Officer of SriLankan Airlines, Saminda Perera, General Manager Marketing of SriLankan Airlines, Dimuthu Tennakoon, General Manager Commercial Operations of SriLankan Airlines, Lalith De Silva, Regional Manager Indian Sub-Continent of SriLankan Airlines, Rajan Sehgal –Chairman TAAI and Members of TAAI Northern India chapter. Sri Lanka's potential as a strong leisure and MICE destination among Indian travellers was widely discussed among the dignitaries. The delegates expressed their enthusiasm to promote Sri Lanka for heritage, pilgrimages and destination weddings.

Travel restrictions eased in Ladakh

The relaxation of the Protected Area Permit regions, which restricts travel in certain areas, means that foreign tourists can now access areas including the Nubra Valley – a scenic area that lies more than 3,000 metres above sea-level. “At the intervention of Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, Union Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to relax the Protected Area Permit for foreigners visiting various parts of Ladakh and as a consequence foreign tourists will be now able to visit various parts of Nubra Valley,” an official spokesperson was quoted saying by the Deccan Herald. The Chief Minister added that she was committed to improving tourism infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir, and opening up new tourist destinations in the state. As well as popular destinations such as Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonamarg, the Ms Mehbooba said that places including Yusmarg, Doodpathri, Khilanmarg, Kokernag and Tosamaidan have the potential to attract more visitors.

Maharashtra Tourism launches monsoon season deals

Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) has launched a campaign enticing tourists to experience the monsoon beauty of Maharashtra. The tourism board is offering a series of special offers to promote famous monsoon destinations like Lonavla, Bhandardara, Malshej, Nashik and Shirdi during the rainy season, which runs from August to September. The cost-effective packages include round trips like Mumbai-Lonavla Mumbai (2N 3D), Mumbai-Bhandardara-Mumbai (1N 2D), Mumbai Nashik-Shirdi-Bhandardara-Mumbai (2N 3D) and a one-day tour of Mumbai-Malshej-Mumbai along with transportation, overnight stays at hotel, breakfast and dinner. For travellers' convenience, the tours are provided with pick up and drop options from key places like Thane and Dadar in Mumbai.

HOTEL NEWS

India's Leela recognised by Travel + Leisure survey

India's The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts has been ranked the world's fifth best hotel brand and its flagship hotel – The Leela Palace New Delhi – voted one of the top three city hotels in Asia by readers in Travel + Leisure's USA 2016 World's Best Awards Survey, one of the most prestigious honors in the travel and hospitality industry. India's premium luxury hospitality group, which offers a portfolio of nine majestic properties across India, has been voted fifth in the 'Top 15 Hotel Brands in the World category and The Leela Palace New Delhi ranked third in the 'Top 10 City Hotels in Asia' category. The awards are a result of a worldwide Readers Poll conducted by Travel + Leisure USA, in which traveler's hand-pick and rate the world's most exceptional hotels on key parameters – quality, location, service, restaurants, and value.

Indana Palace reaches The Pink City, Jaipur

Get ready to welcome a perfect fusion of historical elegance and modern luxury. After hosting discerning guests from around the world at Indana Palace Jodhpur, Indana's brand of royal hospitality with a modern twist will be coming to Jaipur in October 2016. Guests will be hosted in 118 lavish 350–800 sq ft deluxe rooms and suites. Celebrate business and pleasure with top-notch venues and amenities including a 8000 sq.ft banquet hall, an over 40,000 sq.ft. Landscaped lawn, fully equipped state-of the -art business centre and conference. Enjoy a host of F&B options boasting of local and international flavours. Exclusive leisure amenities namely Spa, Health club, Swimming pool and much more.

Ginger opens second hotel in Noida

Ginger Hotels launched its second hotel in Noida; Ginger Hotel Noida, East. Located in the heart of the city, Ginger Hotel Noida, East has 96 smartly designed rooms. It offers free high-speed wireless Internet, multi cuisine restaurant with 24/7 coffee shop, fitness centre, reliable security features and state-of-the-art meeting facilities. “This is an extremely proud moment for us as we launch our second hotel in Noida - a city that is continuously evolving as a business district and IT hotspot. Ginger is the largest chain of branded budget hotels in India with a resilient promise of safety, cleanliness, wonderful sleep experience, refreshing shower experience, a sumptuous breakfast and seamless internet connectivity. We assure travelers of a delightful experience with us,” said Rahul Pandit, MD & CEO, Ginger Hotels.

Hard Rock, Goa now affiliated with RCI

RCI announced an agreement to affiliate Legends Club at the Hard Rock Hotel Goa, to the RCI network.The Hard Rock Hotel is located near the Calangute beach in North Goa, the 135-room Legends Club at the Hard Rock Hotel Goa is the first music memorabilia themed resort in India. " With the addition of the Hard Rock Hotel Goa, the total number of RCI affiliated resorts in Goa now stands at 14. The first music-inspired hotel in India offers you the opportunity to experience the 'complete entertainment' resort." said Pali Badwal, Managing Director, RCI India. "Legends Club offers a unique stay experience at the Hard Rock Hotel Goa," said Prataap Wadhwa, Director, CHI.

Unique destination wedding experiences attract discerning travellers: GM, Radisson Ludhiana

Speaking at the B2B trade show - Indian Wedding Travel Mart (IWTM), at Pullman New Delhi Aerocity, recently Arindam Chakraborty, General Manager, Radisson Blu Hotel MBD Ludhiana highlighted that a big chunk of destination wedding business is going outbound. Thus, the domestic wedding players need to appeal to them with fresh and unique offerings and experiences. Nowadays travelers are discerning and in order to attract them we implement personalized and out of the box services, he added. "Ours is a new destination and is under the image of a MICE hotel. We are trying to break that image and are constantly attracting the potential wedding business too. We mostly combine both properties for weddings and are more inclined towards the one which brings in room nights as well, said Tristan Beau De Lomenie, General Manager Delegate, Pullman & Novotel New Delhi Aerocity.

AIRLINE NEWS

Air India sets-up flight information, ticketing and excess baggage counters at New-Delhi metro station

With an aim to facilitate comfortable and hassle-free travel, Air India has set-up two specialized check-in counters at the New-Delhi metro station of airport express line. The counters that will provide enhanced facility to the passengers were inaugurated by Air India CMD, Ashwani Lohani and became functional starting July 27th from 1600 hours. The newly introduced counters shall allow the Air India passengers flying on international and domestic routes to book tickets, get desired flight information and also check-in the extra luggage. The flight check-in facility shall close three hours before the departure of the scheduled flight.

India sees fastest domestic air passenger growth in 2015: IATA

India witnessed the fastest domestic air passenger growth at 18.8 per cent in 2015, way ahead of neighboring China and the United States, according to IATA. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said airlines worldwide carried 3.6 billion passengers and 52.2 million tonnes of cargo worth $6 trillion last year. Among the world's largest domestic aviation markets, IATA said India had the fastest domestic passenger growth in 2015.

Air India to connect Ahmedabad with Newark from August 15

Air India will launch its services between Ahmedabad and Newark in New York from the Independence Day. The airline will deploy its warhorse 787 Dreamliner (AI 171) on the route, which will have one stop-over at the London airport. "The introduction of this flight will bridge the demand of 6 lakh Indians in Ahmedabad, who have been looking for seamless connections to Newark and London for an over a decade," AI's western region director Mukesh Bhatia said.

IndiGo plans first international flight; Chandigarh-Dubai

Commencing on 26 September 2016, the airline will operate daily flights on the new route Chandigarh-Dubai. The service will mark the first international connection for Chandigarh International Airport, and comes a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the airport's new terminal. "We are very excited about the new launch from Chandigarh to Dubai. Chandigarh has been a promising market for us at IndiGo. We are excited to provide an international connection from Chandigarh which has been a long standing request from the people of city," IndiGo's president, Aditya Ghosh.

GETAWAY RESORT OF THE MONTH

MEGHULAI SERAI

Taj Safaris has expanded their footprint, from the tiger heartland in Central India to the "Heart of the Jungle" in Nepal. The legendary Taj Safaris continues the wildlife journey with its newest Jungle lodge in the iconic Chitwan National Park, Nepal.

Perched on the edge of the Rapti river and the world famous Chitwan National Park, the Megulai Serai Lodge, with its riverside villas and river view rooms, invite you to a serene getaway where the days are curated to thrill you with wildlife encounters and the nights are full of carefully planned surprises. The resort is a short 20 minute flight from Kathmandu to Bharatpur airport, followed by a 45 minute drive to the lodge.

Experience the legendary Taj Safaris hospitality with bush dinners around the crackling bonfire, sundowners in the wilderness, romantic bath turn downs, relaxing massages after a day spent in the great outdoor with a dedicated nature guide who interprets the wild ways of this enchanting land.

Enjoy jeep and walking safaris, as well as canoe rides and elephant back rides through the park. Meet the magnificent One horned rhinocerous, the unusual looking Ghariyals (crocodiles) endemic to the Indian subcontinent and a host of other creatures – tigers, leopards, sloth bears and rich bird life.

Explore the heart of the Jungle when you stay at the Presidential Suite, Rapti Mahal with spectacular views of the Rapti River, Private viewing deck and plunge pool or the 16 Luxury Rapti Villas drenched in pastel hues, create a calming sanctuary in the heart of the jungle. Each villa features spacious living areas with great views of the Rapti River and the National Park. With private plunge pools in every suite and luxurious 5 fixture bathrooms adorned with traditional Nepalese stone spouts , you are tempted to while away your afternoon listening to the rhythm of the flowing river. Those looking for more contemporary stay options can opt for the impeccable Meghauli rooms with quirky rhino motifs that open up to balconies overlooking the Himalayas and the Terai grasslands below.contemporary rooms.

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TAMARIND PROMOTION OF THE MONTH

HYATT REGENCY CHANDIGARH

Hyatt Regency Chandigarh enjoys a prime location within the heart of the tri-city of Chandigarh, and is easily accessible to the two additional key areas of the city:Mohali, known for the world-famous Punjab Cricket Association Stadium and the beautiful residential area of Panchkula at the foot of the Himalayan hills.This luxury Hotel features 211 generously sized guest rooms including 24 suites and one Presidential suite. All rooms feature French architect Le Corbusier's design elements including contemporary furniture, inspired artwork and colourful carpets whilst respecting the local Punjabi culture of the area. Two dedicated Regency Club (5th & 6th) floors offer an array of additional privileges and facilities. Hyatt Regency Chandigarh offers a wide range of dining experiences, taking guests and local residents through a culinary journey. Stage, the hotel bar offers energising experiences with International live up-tempo Jazz music in the evening. Hyatt Regency Chandigarh introduces over 36,000 square feet of flexible meeting and events facilities to the market, including an 8,711 square feet pillar less meeting room.As an ideal venue for weddings in Chandigarh, the Hotel has the largest facility with an exclusive entrance to the ballroom paired with thoughtful design to cater to the cultural needs of a traditional Indian wedding.

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TOP FIVE PICKS

TOP-5 LOCATIONS TO CELEBRATE KRISHNA-JANMASHTAMI

Banke Bihari Temple - Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh

This festival is celebrated in a unique way in Shri Bankey Bihari Temple that Mangla Aarti is performed on this day. Throughout the day of Janmashtami, there is a regular darshan in the temple. After Shayan Aarti Bihariji goes to sleep as usual. A Shrimad Bhagvatam discourse session, based on Shri Krisnna Janma katha (tenth Skandha) is organized outside the temple. Mangla aarti is performed at 330AM. It is worthwhile to remember that the mangla aarti (early morning aarti) is not performed in the temple on regular basis. This is only on Janmashtami day, once in a year, that Bihariji is awake at this unearthly hour and mangla aarti is performed.

Krishna Janma Bhoomi Temple - Mathura, Uttar Pradesh

The temple is the place where lord is said to have been born thousands of years ago. Krishna was born at midnight so the celebrations lead up to that time after which various poojas and rituals take place in the temples. The main event however is held at the actual location of Krishna's birth which is now converted into a big Krishna Janma Bhoomi Mandir. The idol is kept in a room called Garbha Griha, it is given a ritualistic bath with milk and curd, dressed up in traditional clothes and placed in the cradle. The cradle is then rocked while the devotees chant prayers and sing hymns. It is a popular belief that any wish made while the cradle is rocked, comes true on the day of Janmashtami.

Iskon Temple - New Delhi

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is a well known Vaishnav temple of Lord Krishna and Radharani in the form of Radha

Parthasarathi. ISKCON Delhi is reputed to celebrate one of the largest Janmashtami celebrations of its kind since last 20 years. The festivities last's for 12 days beginning with a Srimad Bhagavat Katha for a week, followed by a shoba yatra (procession outside the temple). Preparations start months in advance to herald the appearance of Lord Krishna. Hundreds of devotees work tirelessly to ensure that the thousands of devotees and visitors who flock to the temple have comfortable darshan of Sri Sri Radha Parthasarathii on Janmashtami day and the midnight when the appearance of the Lord is celebrated.

Jagannath Temple - Puri, Odisha

Jagannath is one of the forms of Lord Krishna and Puri dham celebrates the festival with great devotion. The temple of Puri Jagannath is decorated with lights and the deities are dressed up in new clothes and jewelry. One can feel the energy and positive vibrations flow throughout the temple and the city, with people singing hymns and prayers in the name of Lord Jagannath. At midnight – food offerings given to the deities are given to the devotees present in the temple as Prasad (You too can get this Prasad at your home now!). The festival in Jagannath Puri is witness to a huge crowd, with devotees queuing just to get inside the temple and catch a glimpse of Lord Jagannath, Devi Subadhara and Lord Balbhadra.

Dwarkadheesh Temple - Dwarka, Gujarat

The celebration of Janmashtami in the main Dwarkadhish temple is very famous in India. Devotees from all over India throng the city of Dwarka during Janamashtami. The celebration on Janmashtami follows the daily routine or 'Nitya Kram' of Lord Krishna. Rituals are performed by Aboti brahmins, who are special brahmins performing these rituals for the past many centuries now. Janmashtami Pooja festival day begins with mangla arti performed in the morning. Mangla arti is always performed at 7 in the morning. Beginning with 'Banta Bhog' (of milk and milk products) offered to Lord Krishna, followed by cleansing of his face with water, brushing of the idol's teeth. Then the first darshan of the day is allowed to the devotees.

GLOBAL CUISINE

Simple Roast Chicken

Making Roast chicken is not always as easy as it looks, but with a good recipe, you can work wonders! Here's a chef's tip...the trick is, is leave the chicken in the refrigerator, uncovered (on a plate and not touching anything else in the fridge), for 1-2 days after buying it, so that the skin gets a bit dried out. It will roast up crispier this way. Then bring it to room temperature an hour or two before you roast it.

INGREDIENTS

1 (3 pound) whole chicken, giblets removed
salt and black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon onion powder, or to taste
1/2 cup margarine, divided
1 stalk celery, leaves removed

METHOD

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Place chicken in a roasting pan, and season generously inside and out with salt and pepper. Sprinkle inside and out with onion powder. Place 3 tablespoons margarine in the chicken cavity. Arrange dollops of the remaining margarine around the chicken's exterior.

Cut the celery into 3 or 4 pieces, and place in the chicken cavity.

Bake uncovered 1 hour and 15 minutes in the preheated oven, to a minimum internal temperature of 180 degrees F (82 degrees C).

Remove from heat, and baste with melted margarine and drippings. Cover with aluminum foil, and allow to rest about 30 minutes before serving.

INDIAN PICKS OF THE MONTH

GANESH CHATURTHI

The spectacular eleven day Ganesh Chaturthi festival honors the birth of the beloved Hindu elephant-headed god, Lord Ganesha. The start of the festival sees huge, elaborately crafted statutes of Ganesha installed in homes and podiums, which have been especially constructed and beautifully decorated. At the end of the festival, the statutes are paraded through the streets, accompanied by much singing and dancing, and then submerged in the ocean. Ganesh, also known as Ganapati and Vinayaka, is one of the best-known and most worshipped deities in the Hindu pantheon. He is popularly worshipped as a remover of obstacles, though traditionally he also places obstacles in the path of those who need to be checked!

When: JSeptember 5-15, 2016. Where: Mostly in the states of Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. One of the best places to experience the festival is in the city of Mumbai.

ONAM

Onam is a traditional ten day harvest festival that marks the homecoming of the mythical King Mahabali. It's a festival rich in culture and heritage. People strikingly decorate the ground in front of their houses with flowers arranged in beautiful patterns to welcome the King. The festival is also celebrated with new clothes, feasts served on banana leaves, dancing, sports, games, and snake boat races. The most impressive part of Onam celebration is the grand feast called Onasadya, prepared on Thiruonam. It is a nine course meal consisting of 11 to 13 essential dishes. Onasadya is served on banana leaves and people sit on a mat laid on the floor to have the meal. Vallamkali, the Snake Boat Race, is held on the river Pampa. It is a colourful sight to watch the decorated boat oared by hundreds of boatmen.

When: September 14, 2016 Where: Kerala. The most spectacular celebrations take place in Trivandrum, Thrissur, and Kottayam.

ZIRO FESTIVAL

Described as both “the Woodstock of India” and “India’s greatest outdoor music festival,” in just three years of existence, the Ziro Festival has excelled at providing three days of folk and singer/songwriter driven sounds to hungry (and growing) crowds. India’s festival market has exploded in the Northeastern sector of the country, and Ziro has become an excellent example of a festival filling a unique niche marketplace with quality offerings. Open to both campers and day-long ticket holders, Ziro is a picturesque locale proving to be unquestionably worth the trip. The Ziro Festival is held in the spell-binding Ziro Valley in Arunachal Pradesh and features some of the best indie acts from across the world, as well as folk performances from the North-Eastern states.

When: September 22-25, 2016. Where: Ziro Valley, Arunachal Pradesh

COVELONG FESTIVAL

Back for the third edition and bigger than ever this year, the Covelong Surf Classic Surf & Music Festival will feature a national level surfing competition, diverse musicians from around the globe, yoga on the beach, meditation workshops, massage, healing music therapies, organic food stalls, Indian and international cinema, and recreational activities including water gun fights, beach volleyball, and kayak races. Entry is free.Since its inception, the festival tied up with the Surfing Federation of India & Asian Surfing Championship to take the surf competition to the next level and witnesses participants from around India and the globe competing in an exhilarating display of raw surfing talent.

When: Aug 26-28 2016 Where: Covelong Point Social Surf School, Kovalam village near Chennai, Tamil Nadu

THE HIGHEST CRICKET GROUND IN THE WORLD!

The Chail cricket stadium Of Himachal Pradesh is the highest cricket ground in the world

Built in 1893 after leveling a hilltop, this cricket pitch is 2444 meters above sea level. Built by Maharaja of Patiala Bhupinder Singh, who developed Chail as his summer capital, the ground was used to play friendly matches by him. It was later transferred to the military school.

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