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Tamarind Global participates in WOW - 2019

It was an enriching experience to watch our **MD, Mr. Mahesh Shirodkar,** along with Kommuneity and Roshan Abbas come together for a specially curated evening featuring remarkable stories at the WOW Summit. Bossy also kicked off day one with an inspirational keynote speech, and moderated the first WOW Summit Panel.

He later participated in an interesting and entertaining debate on what poses a bigger challenge to event planners - weddings or corporate events - needless to say, Mahesh was on the side of the wedding planners and gave some insightful views on why the wedding business is such a challenging one.

Kunal Rai, our VP - Weddings & Events delivered a colourful, fun and unique insight on 'Reverse Mentoring: Today's Leaders on what the Founders Need To Know' along with nine other speakers at the recently held WOW LABS.

In a surprise performance, our **VP -** Business Development**, Alisha Shirodkar** left the crowd spellbound with her performance at the WOW Awards Asia Gala with Best Kept Secret Band.

Tamarind at The Global Panorama Showcase in Hyderabad

Tamarind Global's Pune team recently participated in the Global Panorama Showcase B2B roadshow in Hyderabad. The team was signed onboard as the official contracting partner for GPS. Various exhibitors showcased a variety of products and services in the B2B space.

Tamarind Global organises partner meet for Brother International India Pvt. Ltd.

Tamarind Global organises and manages Leica Microsystems offsite

Tamarind Global organized and managed a partner meet for Brother International India Pvt. Ltd. The event was held at InterContinental Chennai Mahabalipuram Resort from 5th-7th June. 35 people from India and Japan participated in this trip. It was a conference with half day of sightseeing and a visit to The Madras Crocodile Bank Trust and Centre and Temple with two Gala nights.

Tamarind Global's corporate services team organised and managed the annual offsite conference for Leica Microsystems at Della resort-Lonavala, for 32 guests.Tamarind's end-to-end scope of work included handling adventure activities, conference arrangements and a Gala Dinner

Tamarind Global's Gurgaon team organises and manages IDP offsite

Tamarind Global's Gurgaon team organised and managed a team outing/offsite to Alila Fort Bishangarh for 65 guests from IDP. Tamarind's scope of work included hotel booking, logistics, DJ & Cocktail party and activities like treasure hunt and trekking. The event was handled by Ravinder Kumar and Krishna Baloni.

Tamarind arranged a yearly meet for Hardcastle Restaurants Pvt Ltd. (McDonald's)

Tamarind Global's MICE and corporate services team arranged for an APAC meet for Hardcastle Restaurants Pvt Ltd. (McDonald's West and South) for 55 guests at the Taj Mahal Palace Mumbai for 10 days. Tamarind's scope of work included but were not limited to handling logistics, stay, conference, sightseeing and stage design, photo-op backdrops and conference set up followed by gala night. The conference and gala night were organised at Amadeus Lounge.

Tamarind MICE team organised an Awards Night for Mondelez India Pvt Limited in Lonavala

The MICE team of Tamarind Global organised an Awards Night (Rewards & Recognition) for Mondelez India Pvt Limited at Della Resort, Lonavala for 240 guests. Tamarind's scope of work included arrangements of the hotel, logistics, event and sightseeing.

Tamarind Global awarded '2018 Extra Ordinary Account Award' by Radisson Hotel Group

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what's new

ITC Royal Bengal - A Luxury Collection Hotel - Kolkata

Located on the cusp of the business district & the city, ITC Royal Bengal is an ode to the region's cultural heritage and lineage. It offers 456 rooms & suites including 82 serviced apartments, 6 dining destinations, 5,630 square meter of banqueting space & a luxury spa, Kaya Kalp-The Royal Spa. This magnificent edifice towers over Kolkata's skyline and blends fine indigenous architecture with contemporary design. ITC Royal Bengal - envisioned and created with the luxury of space, the burnished gleam of décor inspired by the finest buildings of this land and the hushed elegance of homes that have celebrated the nuances of culture, art and music – A zest for truly sublime experiences.

Bringing alive the finest culinary experiences, ITC Royal Bengal presents 5 signature & award winning dining destinations that offer a repertoire of local, national and global cuisine. Drawing inspiration from aristocratic Bengal homes, the accommodations offer an elegantly lavish abode of comfort and indulgences. With sophisticated state-of-the-art facilities & amenities, ITC Royal Bengal features 5,630 sqm of banqueting space that is one of the largest in the region. The unique & expansive 1,530 sqm pillarless Grand Ballroom, flexible meeting spaces, multiple breakout rooms & sprawling lawns with dedicated arrival lobby, reception & pre-function area, make this hotel an ideal venue for both business and social events.

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getaway resort of the month

The Postcard Resorts - Goa

The Postcard is a collection of intimate luxury hotels hidden in holiday destinations across India. It recalls an era when holidays were sun-kissed and still, where the days were spent idling and flipping through old magazines, against the backdrop of charming, quiet neighbourhoods. In that spirit, The Postcard combines luxury with simplicity, helping you retreat to a life you've always wanted - simple, unhurried and filled with rich, little discoveries.

On the Birdsong estate, tucked away in the quaint village of Moira, is the quiet premise of **The Postcard Moira.** The nine rooms of the carefully restored 214 year old ancestral home, promise modernity and an unmistakable Goan spirit in equal measure.

Far from the maddening streets of Calangute and Candolim, is the secluded world of Old Goa. Or as the Portuguese say, Velha Goa. It's also where you'll find **The Postcard Velha,** a modernist colonial hideout tucked away atop the sprawling two acre Champakali estate. With all of eight rooms, the hotel is the perfect place to enjoy the simple pleasures of Goa, and the rare luxury of complete privacy.

In the quiet neighbourhood of the rarely visited Cuelim, lies a historical treat in the form of **The Postcard Cuelim.** Rooted firmly in the past, this historic site is now home to our eight-room hotel overlooking 3500 acres of lush green paddy fields. The centre piece? A 350 year old chapel housed inside the premises from which the hotel takes on its historical and architectural significance.
Nudging you to ditch your devices and detox from the daily grind are our traditional ayurvedic massages and treatments from Ayurvedic experts at Punarnava Ayurveda.

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promotion of the month

Lemon Tree Premier - Mumbai

This new age hotel is strategically located near the Mumbai International Airport and a few minutes from the Marol Naka Metro Station. Close to key business and commercial offices on the Andheri Kurla Road, SEEPZ, and the Bombay Exhibition Centre/NESCO, it offers direct access to the Western Express Highway and Powai. This hotel offers 303 plush and well appointed rooms and suites, a 24x7 multi-cuisine coffee shop – Citrus Café, a hip recreation bar – Slounge, an eclectic pan-Asian restaurant – Republic of Noodles besides a rejuvenating spa - Fresco, a Life Fitness gym and a deck swimming pool to keep you feeling fresh-as-a-lemon.
Dressed in neutral hues and vintage styled art, the hotel wears a nostalgic look accentuated by classic leather sofas, chic interiors and understated decorative lighting. Together with modern facilities, personalized service and impeccable service standards, it transforms into the perfect place for upbeat business and leisure travelers to interact and to unwind. The hotel offers over 3,100 sq.ft. of contemporary meeting space, including large conference rooms and a business center, to add that extra zing to your meetings and special events.

Opposite Mittal Industrial Estate, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-

top 3 picks

EXPERIENTIAL MONSOON RESORTS IN MAHARASHTRA

Le Meridien Resort & Spa - Mahabaleshwar

Escape to the singular experience that is Le Méridien Mahabaleshwar Resort & Spa. Set amidst 27-acres of pristine evergreen forests in Western Ghats, the five-star hotel offers a world of luxury. Unwind in your contemporary room or suite, with a private balcony with incredible views, deep soaking tubs, sumptuous linens and impeccable amenities. Go for a swim in the outdoor pool or relax in the Infinity Pool overlooking the valley. Gather with friends in The Hub or Longitude Bar or enjoy one of the dining experiences. Treat yourself to well-deserved pampering at Explore Spa, workout in the 24-hour fitness centre or explore nature around our grounds. Nearby, all of Mahabaleshwar's famous attractions are within reach, from Krishnabai Temple and Afzal Khan's Tomb to Arthur's Seat, Mapro Gardens, waterfalls and the market.

Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa - Pune

Nestled in unspoiled surroundings amidst the magnificent landscape of the Western Ghats, Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat and Spa offers a sanctuary for the body, mind and spirit. It features some of the most comprehensive wellness facilities in Asia, all-villa accommodation, and extensive culinary options. While the retreat's mission "To Conserve. To Sustain. To Heal" permeates every experience at the property, it is at the Dharana Wellness Centre that it is reinforced. Set amidst rice fields, bamboo plantations and virgin forest, your private villa offers contemporary décor and sweeping views of the Sahyadri forest. Sit at your private balcony and gaze at the stars, or simply take in the birdsong and the magic of nature around you. Only a 1.5-hour drive from Pune and just under a 3-hour drive from Mumbai.

Della - Lonavala

Della Adventure Park in Lonavala is one of the best weekend getaways near Mumbai and Pune, it has everything to keep you excited with its various adventure activities for individuals as well as for groups. Experience India's only Swoop swing(100 ft.), India's Longest Flying Fox(1250ft.), 5 kinds of zorbing and 700cc yamaha raptor ATV only at Della Adventure, Lonavala. Make sure you do not miss out adrenaline pumping adventure activities like Archery, Rocket Ejector, Motocross dirt bike riding, Buggy Ride, Paintball and Rappelling. There are 43 spacious 400 sq.ft. rooms flanking the commanding 200 ft. centre body of sapphire blue water. Each room is furnished with king size or twin beds, a spacious well-appointed bathroom complete with a in-room bathroom TV, walk-in closets.

news

Orchha Enters List Of UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Madhya Pradesh tourism has announced that the historical town - Orchha situated in Madhya Pradesh has been included in UNESCO's list (tentative) of world heritage sites followed by a proposal sent by The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the UN body. Madhya Pradesh has emerged as a prime tourism destination globally and is considered as the tourism trendsetter in the country.

Orchha, near Jhansi is one of the biggest tourist attractions in Madhya Pradesh and home to some unique architecture and buildings. Nestled on the banks of the river Betwa, it was founded in the 16th century by the Bundela Rajput Chief, Rudra Pratap. The ancient town is also famous for its two elevated minarets called Saavan and Bhadon and its four palaces -- Jahangir Palace, Raj Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, and Rai Praveen Mahal -- also for its concept of open bungalows, stonework windows, and animal statues depicting the culture of Bundelkhand. It is the only place in India where Lord Ram is worshipped as a king with a dedicated temple called Sri Ram Raja Mandir.

Orchha is more than the historic monuments and ancient temples it houses. It has offerings for visitors of all kinds - be it nature lovers, adventure junkies, or history buffs alike. While Orchha tourist places primarily comprise the historic monuments built in the erstwhile era, the place is also blessed with a scenic natural landscape.

The majestic River Betwa flows through the town of Orchha, enchanting visitors with a picturesque sunset view while they explore the ruined settlement. The town is also home to a wide range of fauna as the Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary houses exotic creatures, giving wildlife enthusiasts a nice experience.

The Responsible Tourism initiatives taken by the state's several private and government organisations such as Pench Tree Lodge in Pench, Salban - the Kanha Homestay, Flame of the Forest & Kipling Camp in Kanha, Denwa Backwater Escape in Satpura, Art Ichol in Maihar has resulted in outstanding results and the state has emerged as a model destination in implementation of responsible tourism. The state tourism has always taken new initiatives to promote the heritage of Madhya Pradesh keeping in mind the responsibility of protecting them.

IHCL Opens Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra

The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), South Asia's largest hospitality company, has opened Taj Hotel & Convention Centre in Agra.

Rohit Khosla, Executive Vice President – Operations, North and West India, IHCL said, "We are excited to bring the Taj brand to the historic city of Agra. Agra is renowned world over for being one of the most culturally rich cities. Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra offering spectacular views of the Taj Mahal promises to be a great draw for both, domestic as well as international travellers."

The hotel spread over 4.5 acres is ideally located within walking distance from the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The 239 spacious rooms are elegantly designed in a contemporary style. The hotel offers multiple dining options such as Palato, the all-day diner, Daawat-e-Nawaab, the Indian specialty restaurant and two lounges - Liquid Lounge and Tea Lounge. The pièce de résistance is Infini - The Sky Lounge, a rooftop bar with stunning views of the Taj Mahal. Guests can enjoy a swim in the infinity pool which also overlooks the Taj Mahal.

This luxury hotel in Agra is an ideal destination for large conferences and destination weddings. It offers 40,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor banqueting space including a 14,000 sq. ft. pillar-less hall which is one of the largest in North India.

Rajat Tuli, General Manager, Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra said, "Taj Hotel & Convention Centre, Agra is located in close proximity to major tourist attractions. It is ideally suited for leisure travellers and is the perfect venue for conferences and weddings. I am looking forward to welcoming guests to this new luxury address in the city."

With this addition, IHCL will have two hotels, one under the Taj and one under the SeleQtions brand in the city of Agra.

Marriott Expands Its Luxury Offerings In Asia Pacific

Marriott International has announced a strong growth of its Asia Pacific luxury portfolio with 13 new luxury properties projected to open in 2019, offering a wide range of transformative experiences designed to capture the modern luxury traveller. Marriott International's current portfolio of 130 luxury hotels across ten countries and territories in Asia Pacific is poised to grow in 2019 with new openings from JW Marriott, The Ritz-Carlton, St. Regis, and The Luxury Collection. Additionally, Marriott International's unified loyalty program, Marriott Bonvoy, will offer more guests unique experiences in coveted destinations across the region.

Peggy Fang Roe, Chief Sales & Marketing Officer, Asia Pacific, Marriott International said, "Asia Pacific's luxury travel industry is one of the fastest-growing in the world, driven by markets like China and India. On top of this, global luxury travellers today are seeking more than just the opportunity to indulge, they want experiences that deliver personal meaning and significance. In response, Marriott International continues to grow its footprint and experiential offerings in Asia Pacific, providing highly contextualized and carefully curated experiences, allowing luxury travellers to explore their passions and grow on a personal level."

The Ritz-Carlton continues its growth in Asia Pacific with four anticipated openings. The Ritz-Carlton, Perth, which is expected to open in October, will mark the brand's return to Australia. The brand is also slated to bring its legendary service and style to key markets in China and India with the opening of The Ritz-Carlton, Xi'an in June, The Ritz-Carlton, Nanjing in October and The Ritz-Carlton, Pune in September.

Radisson Hotel Gurugram Sohna Road City Center Opens

Radisson Hotel Group has expanded its portfolio of upscale Radisson hotels in India with the opening of Radisson Hotel Gurugram Sohna Road City, just 30 minutes from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport. The 135-key hotel features an all-day-dining restaurant, Café Central, The Great Kebab Factory, Brewhouse and a patisserie. Radisson Hotel Gurugram Sohna Road City Center is one of the first hotels with its own in-house brewery.

The hotel is equipped to host all types of corporate and social events, from business meetings to weddings, and offers a grand ballroom, which can accommodate up to 450 guests, flexible meeting and event space and an elegant outdoor terrace.

"Radisson Hotel Gurugram Sohna Road City Center is an excellent new addition to our portfolio in India, which continues to grow from strength to strength. All our hotels are service driven, blending world-class accommodation and facilities with a friendly, positive attitude. Our aim is to deliver outstanding guest experiences in line with Radisson's Yes I Can!SM service philosophy," said Zubin Saxena, Managing Director and Vice President, Operations, South Asia, Radisson Hotel Group.
"We are excited to add a new Radisson hotel into Gurugram's bustling hospitality landscape. From state-of-the-art event spaces to unique culinary options, we are dedicated to delivering memorable experiences. We look forward to delighting guests by making every stay feel special," said Sanjeev Mahajan, Managing Director, Nimitaya Hotel & Resorts.

upcoming festivals

TEEJ FESTIVAL

The Teej festival is an important festival for women and a much anticipated monsoon festival in Rajasthan. It commemorates the reunion of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Women apply henna to their hands and feet, get dressed up and parade around. Artistes, folk singers and dancers follow the procession. Caparisoned elephants, bullock carts, and chariots add to the spectacle. According to Hindu texts, Parvati is an incarnation of Lord Shiva's first wife, Sati - he was grief-stricken after she immolated herself in protest of her father's disapproval of him. It took her 108 subsequent births to bring Shiva out of his meditative state and get him to accept her as his wife again. Her 108th birth was as Goddess Parvati.
When: August 3-4 and August 17-18, 2019. Where: Jaipur and Bundi (respectively), Rajasthan.

NEHRU TROPHY SNAKE BOAT RACE

The Nehru Trophy snake boat race is undoubtedly the most exciting boat race of the year in Kerala. This race is held in memory of India's late Prime Minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru. An impromptu snake boat race was held in 1952 when the Prime Minister visited Alleppey. Apparently, he was so impressed with the welcome and the race, he donated a trophy. The race has continued on ever since. It takes place annually on the second Saturday of August and around 70 boats usually participate in it. This year will be its 67th edition. Read more about snake boat races in Kerala. It's possible to see the race aboard a houseboat. Johnson's offers special event packages.

When: August 10, 2019. Where: Punnamda Lake, Alleppey in Kerala.

THE COVELONG POINT SURF, MUSIC AND YOGA FESTIVAL

Back for the seventh edition and bigger than ever this year! The Covelong Point Surf, Music and Yoga 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. Covelong Point Social Surf School is doing inspiring work transforming the lives of young locals.

When: August 23-25, 2019. Where: Covelong Point Social Surf School, Kovalam village near Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

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