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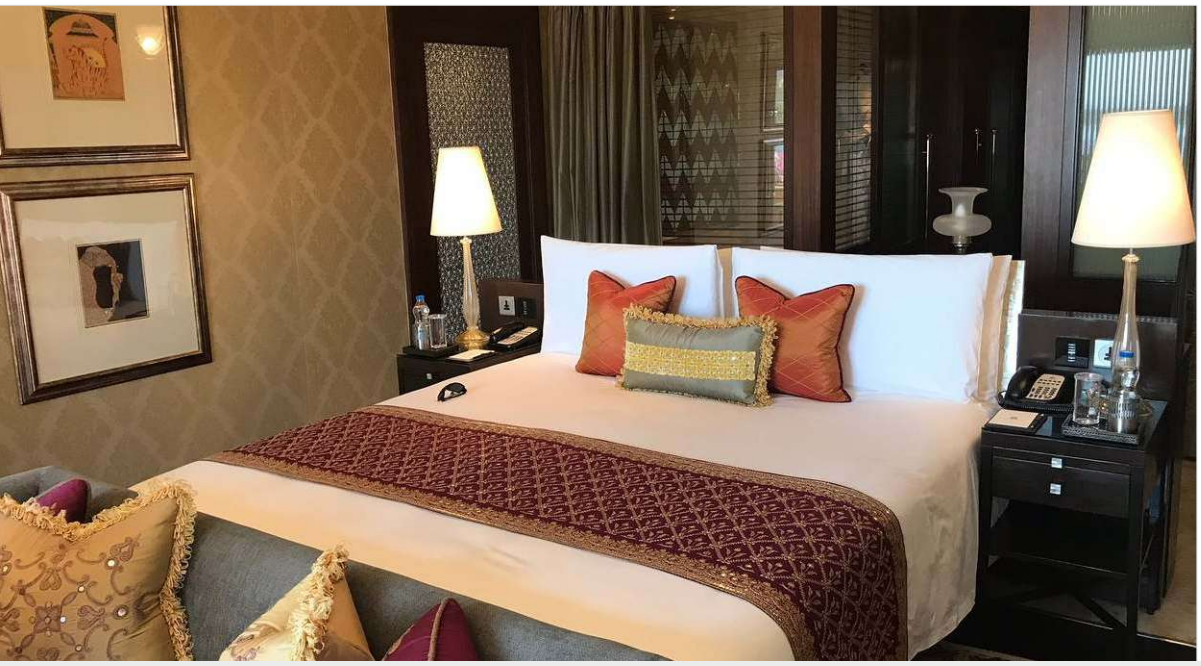
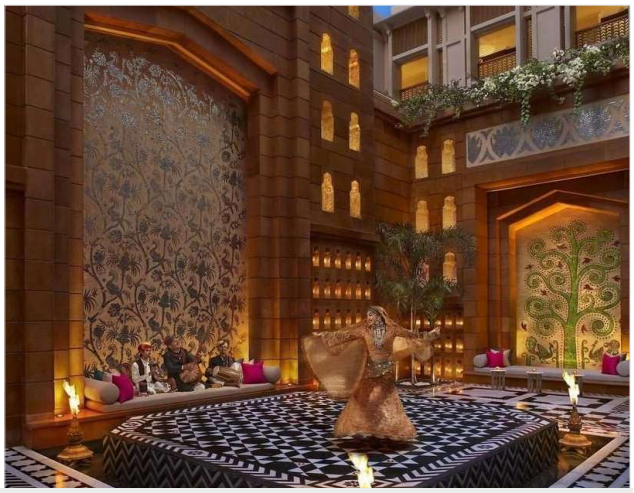
Slowly but surely, hotel properties are opening up all over India. Many of these are isolated and quiet, a destination within themselves. At Tamarind, we are curating experiences for you that are away from crowds and the threat of infection. We have completely overhauled our standard operating procedures to ensure that your safety is our first priority.

We are working closely with hotel chains and individual properties to optimize their existing safety standards for our clients. Owning our fleet of transport vehicles allows us to ensure deep sanitization before and after each use, and monitor the health of our chauffeurs. At every step of the journey, the well being of our clients is being prioritized. Rest assured, you are in safe hands with us!

DESTINATION HOTELS

LEELA PALACE UDAIPUR





Located by the tranquil Lake Pichola and flanked by the views of the Aravalli mountain range, The Leela Palace Udaipur is a modern palace hotel which evokes the grandeur and opulence of the Land of the Mewar. All 80 guest rooms and suites at the Palace are stately and lavishly appointed with exquisite embellishments and traditional artisan crafts inspired by the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan. All rooms enjoy scenic views of the lake, heritage city and mountains. An indulgent holiday here can be quite breathtaking, along with immaculate butler services and exquisite dining options. The evenings in particular are filled with exploration of the Palace art, history of Mewar Dynasty, romantic boat rides, experiencing local music and dance dining at Sheesh Mahal, which overlooks the lake. Whether you are in Udaipur for a weekend stay, a family vacation or just to put back some living back in your life, a stay at The Leela Palace Udaipur promises a truly mesmerizing experience

"The Drivecation Destination"
Enjoy sweeping views of Lake Pichola & the Aravallis ranges from the confines of your accommodation, considered to be the most spacious in the city. Drivecation offer includes 2 way transfers from your doorstep by our Palace Chauffer driven BMW, Daily Breakfast, One Heritage and City Tour, Sunset cocktails followed by unique theme dinner once during the stay, Upgrade to Next Category and other privileges. This is to address the "using commercial airlines and transitioning through airports in these uncertain times"

Rooms and Suites:

- 72 Grand Heritage Lake view rooms and rooms with Balcony
- 8 Suites: includes dedicated Butler services

Dining:

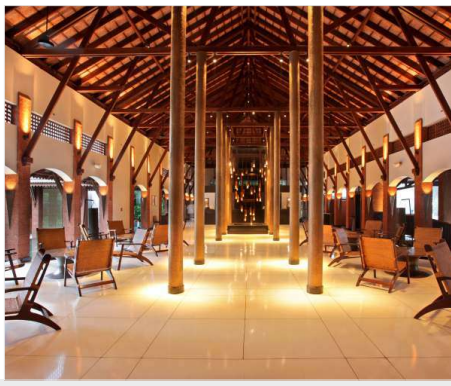
- Sheesh Mahal-Fine-dining Indian restaurant
- The Dining Room - International cuisine
- Walk-in wine cellar at The Dining Room
- The Library Bar - Time refined cognacs and single malts

Special Features Currently Operational:

Salon-by Warren Tricomi
Chauffeur driven luxury BMW cars
Arrival in traditionally boats
Palace musicians (on request)
Palace tuktuk
Sunset boat cruise (on request)

While all of the above restaurants remain operational, guests can also avail the facility of having meals inside the room without any additional cost.

ALILA DIWA GOA



Alila Diwa Goa brings a refreshingly unique resort experience to Gonsua Beach in Majorda. The resort blends contemporary Goan architecture with the magic of Goa's cultural richness. Relaxation reigns here amid a serene landscape of lush, verdant rice plantations flowing towards the Arabian Sea. Alila Diwa Goa nestles within nature, spectacular views, stretching before you…lush green rice fields, a gorgeous sandy beach, the sparkling Arabian Sea. Relax beneath the shade of mature banyan, mango and peepal trees as you surrender to the pleasures of a resort experience that is refreshingly unique. This exotic Majorda resort offers you a home away from home letting you enjoy the perfect serenity and solitude in Goa. The hotel is located in the picturesque Village of Majorda in South Goa, just 20 minutes from Goa Dabolim International Airport.

Accommodation

The resort boasts a total of 118 rooms and suites that are designed for quiet indulgence with an amazing bath experience, luxury bedding and private terrace to capture the ocean breeze. Guests can take in the magnificent views of lus h greenery from the South and West Wings and simply enjoy the tranquillity.

F&B options include VIVO for all day dining, The Edge which is a pool bar by day and a hip lounge by night, Courtyard Bar which is a speakeasy bar with a retro theme, Bistro at the Diwa Club poolside and Spice Studio, which offers an array of rich Goan culinary traditions.

Wellness Programs

At Spa Alila, they have created simple yet effective programs designed to help you rediscover your optimum level of wellness. The treatments will not only cleanse your body, mind and soul but also bring about internal balance, giving a boost to your energy and vitality by infusing elements of Ayurveda, yoga, massage, fitness, hypnotherapy, pranic healing and nutrition. The programs include in a minimum 3 nights stay, Ayurvedic consultation, nutritionally balanced meals, workshops, art therapy, yoga, meditation and spa treatments.

Spice Studio at Alila Diwa Goa is one of the best traditional Goan restaurants in Goa. Take your dining experience a step further by availing of a master class, and learn to cook your favorite Goan cuisine right from scratch. For a new and different experience, try dining in the dark! We invite you to a dining experience you have never imagined before, where your eyes will take a break and your taste buds will lead the way. Enjoy a three-course meal as your other senses of taste, smell, sound, and touch are heightened leading to a gastronomic sensory experience.

TIJARA FORT PALACE HOTEL

Tijara Fort-Palace is an exclusive weekend getaway from Delhi. There are 71 suites and rooms named after India's leading painters, designers and aesthetes who have helped create them. One stay at this amazing 19th-century Fort-Palace will get you started on the discovery of “ruins now restored” heritage & a boutique experiences are offered at different venues. Guests can also enjoy scrumptious meals under the blissful sky or under a tree. The elegant decorations, illumination and a stunning view of the palaces makes Tijara Fort-Palace a perfect place for a romantic date with your loved one or relish a joyful dinner hotel. Seven terraced gardens command a magnificent view above the tall ramparts that have now been lovingly completed and restored. The gardens have been compared to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world – and the ruins (now restored).

It's a splendid wedding destination as well. The very private and spacious setting of Tijara Fort-Palace, overlooking the surrounding mustard fields and countryside with its vast hanging gardens, makes a picturesque wedding destination in Rajasthan. It is almost equidistant for a stay near Delhi or a stay near Jaipur. The spacious terraced gardens are ideal to set up tents for wedding celebrations, while the Chattis-dari, the central pavilion with 36 doors can be used for a host of functions. A covered, sunken auditorium with an unusual stage can seat over 200 people. Book your destination weddings in Rajasthan at our hotel! Celebrate your sacred moments with showers of flowers or fireworks in the sky, or anything else that your heart desires.

Location

Tijara Fort-Palace is situated in Tijara, which is easily accessible by road from New Delhi. The road journey takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours. The nearest railway station to Tijara is in Alwar, which has trains to almost all major cities of Rajasthan. For guests that prefer air travel, the nearest airport from Tijara is 92 kilometres away at New Delhi. Most convenient is to travel by surface from Delhi, takes about 2.30 hrs from Delhi's city centre (Connaught place)

Dining

Kaanch Mahal is the exclusive Restaurant with 90 covers. At Tijara Fort-Palace, resort in Alwar, add a pinch of deliciousness in your staying experience. Enjoy in room dining OR opt for dining at Dine at our renowned Hawa Mahal or Kanch Mahal (which has limited seats currently due to social distancing). Our in-house

with your happy family.

Excursions

Bhangarh

Bhangarh's ruins are well worth a visit. It is famous for its historical ruins and is considered to be one of India's many haunted locations. The place is beautiful and tranquil, though what remains is a shadow of a once beautiful kingdom with a famous market. Built in the 17th century by Raja Madho Singh, brother of Raja Man Singh of Amber, it has medieval bazaars and an old palace. Bhangarh's Someshwar and Gopinath Temples have some fine carvings. According to legend, the town was cursed by an evil magician and was abandoned. The evil effect of the curse is believed by the locals to be working even now.

The Bala Qila

The Bala Qila (Young Fort) is a towering fort that crowns Alwar's most prominent hilltop. Amazing fortifications surround the Nikumbha Mahal Palace at the top, which has graceful carved marble columns and delicate latticed balconies with drooping Bangaldar eaves. The fort is 595 metres above the city, and extends about 5 kilometres from north to south and 1.6 kilometres from east to west. The fort has 15 large and 51 small towers, which contain 446 loopholes for the musketry; its eight towers all around are meant for its defences. The most magnificent are the 3,599 kanguras or machicolations, each containing two loopholes for musketry. The fort can be entered through six gates, namely Jai Pol, Laxman Pol, Chand Pol, Krishan Pol and Andheri Gate

NIRAAMAYA RETREATS BACKWATERS & BEYOND, KUMARAKOM

Niraamaya Retreats, Kumarakom is a tranquil destination with its enviable location nestled on the banks of Lake Vembanad. Set amidst 8

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acres of lush tropical gardens, it houses 27 luxurious villas designed to maximize the glorious views of the lake. The distinctly- styled pavilions with private plunge pools are nestled amidst a verdant coconut palm grove. The retreat also features an elegant performance deck, two gourmet restaurants offering regional and global cuisine.

GETTING THERE:
Cochin International Airport is the nearest and most accessible airport (80 kms). It is situated 50 kms from Cochin City, 14 kms from Kottayam Bus station and 14.5 kms from Kottayam Railway station.

ACCOMMODATION:
Superior Lake-view Villas (10 nos): Perched on the level above ground, the well- appointed villas (1000 sq. ft) offer stunning vistas of the backwaters from its private balconies. The only category that offers multiple views of the lake.
Luxury Private Pool Villas (8 nos): Located on the ground level, these luxuriously-styled villas (1200 sq. ft) equipped with modern amenities, open out to private plunge pools and a sun-drenched deck . These villas are only a short walk from the backwaters and feature open-to-sky bath gardens. Premium Water-front Villas (6 nos): These ultra-luxurious villas (1500 sq. ft) flaunt their exclusivity with direct access to the serene lake Vembanad from the deck loungers. These luxurious villas also feature private plunge pools with luxurious open-to-sky gardens.
Presidential Villa (1 no.): This private 3 bedroom villa (5000 sq. ft) features a breath-taking water-front with premium amenities and modern influences to engage an enchanting once-in-a-lifetime holiday escape.

DINING AND OTHER FACILITIES:
Food & Beverage: Cafe Samsara: The lake- facing all-day dining restaurant offers a combination of Global and Pan-Indian cuisine and custom-made fares.
Essence: The specialty restaurant also faces the lake and sets the night aglow offering an eclectic array of tapas specials and regional signature dishes.
While all of the above restaurants remain operational, guest can also

ACTIVITIES AT HOTEL:

Cow Milking & Cow Feeding, Tree Planting, Library, Fishing in lake/Canal & Fish feeding, Tea/Coffee session, Kite making/flying, Saree draping, Cycling, Walking meditation, Aum chanting and Wellness talk.
(One person/couple at a time to adhere new safety norms and protocols).

BESPOKE EXPERIENCES AND CURATED EXCURSIONS:
Dining by Design: A special al fresco dinner, set up with a Chef and a Butler in attendance, at any of our special venues inside the Hotel premises. This activity requires pre-booking, slots are subject to availability.
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Tea by the Lake: Niraamaya Backwaters & Beyond is flanked by Lake Vembanad, making it romantically private. Enjoy your tea setup either at pre-dawn with the first rays of the sun, or for high tea in the evening, where you can watch the golden sun sink into the horizon. This activity requires pre-booking, slots are subject to availability and weather conditions.
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Cooking class with the Chef: Niraamaya Culinary School was set up with an aim of bringing together and preserving traditional regional recipes. These recipes are shared with Niraamaya guests who wish to seek a deeper cultural immersion and would like to take back more than just photographs and great memories. Niraamaya Culinary School menus need to be pre-booked at least 24 hrs in advance and slots are subject to availability.
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TRAVEL NEWS

India to roll out air travel pact with France, the US, and Germany soon
A special arrangement for air travel connectivity is likely to roll out by mid July. Reportedly, it will be between India and France, the United States of America and Germany. It is very likely that airlines from both the sides will be permitted to resume flight operations, and carry passengers in and out of India, who are eligible to do so as per the rules laid out by the Home Ministry. Officials in the know-how reiterated that talks with France, the United States, and Germany are at an advanced stage now; thus, announcements should roll out very soon. Also, India is in talks with the United Arab Emirates to facilitate travel of people from here. India has recently discussed about creating travel corridors with France, the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, and France to facilitate travel during this crisis, i.e., till operations of scheduled flights are resumed. As regarding the Gulf, arrangements are being made to operate charter flights, and allow both way travel of eligible people.

Dubai: Virus testing mandatory for tourists
Summer travel is set to gear up in the United Arab Emirates, as restrictions are gradually relaxed. UAE citizens and residents will now be able to travel any destination as long as health and safety protocols are followed. Tourists visiting Dubai will have to undergo a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nasal swab test before flying from their home country, and need to carry test-result documentation with them. Travelers who are able to show valid, recognized tests, and are not showing any COVID-19 symptoms, will not be quarantined or tested in Dubai. However, those who fail to undergo the test before traveling, will be screened by medics on arrival at Dubai airport. Children will also have to undergo tests to enter Dubai.

Madhya Pradesh launches 'Intezaar Aapka' campaign to attract tourists
After lifting all travel restrictions, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) has introduced Intezaar Aapka campaign to attract tourists who would like to visit the state. The campaign is running successfully on all social handles of the state tourism board, and is getting positive responses too. The tagline which says Intezaar Aapka states that the state tourism understands the current situation of travellers who were under lockdown for quite some time now. The campaign includes a series of communication about The destination is waiting for you to explore. Being under lockdown for more than 100 days now, travellers are eager and willing to come out of their houses with families, not far but for a short weekend getaway. Keeping such points in mind, the MPTB is promoting places of tourist interest such as Ujjain, Panchmari, Amarkantak, Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Mandu, among others.

'Singapore tourist attractions reopen with all safety measures in place

Tourism business in Singapore has been permitted to resume operations in phases. Initially, it will start with 13 tourist attractions, whereas the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) will be allowing domestic tour operators to start submitting applications regarding resuming operations. As per the reports, operators related to tours and attractions are required to submit their reopening proposals for assessment to STB. They need to state that they will be implementing effective safety management measures to ensure visitors and workers are provided safe environment. Also, they may resume operations only after receiving approval from the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI).

As of now, the attractions that have been allowed to reopen, after their proposals were assessed, include—Jurong Bird Park, Bounce, Madame Tussauds, Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, River Safari, Singapore Zoo, Art Science Museum, Universal Studios Singapore, among others.

Thailand to reopen five islands to international tourists by August

Thailand's Tourism and Sports Ministry is planning to reopen five islands to foreign visitors by August. The five islands that have been zeroed in on to welcome tourists are Phuket, Koh Tao, Koh Phi Phi, Koh Samui, and Koh Phangan. As the country is set to enter the fifth phase of easing lockdown, domestic tourism will likely gain pace this month. And reportedly, more destinations will be reopening in the near future for international visitors, based on how these five islands in Surat Thani, Krabi, and Phuket fare with domestic travellers this month. An official in the know-how said that the criteria to allow foreign visitors enter the country and travel to said destinations is currently under discussion with the Public Health Ministry. He added that to start with, the number of tourists will be limited depending on each area's capability to effectively screen visitors for COVID-19.

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