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Tamarind Global attends ATM

Tamarind Global participated in the 25th edition of the Arabian Travel Market, held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year ATM celebrated 25 years as the leading global event for the Middle East inbound and outbound travel industry. Tamarind had a contingent of 10 key managers led by 'Bossy' who was attending the show after an absence of two years. The newly designed bright and beautiful Tamarind stand was appreciated by visitors. The four days at the ATM were very busy, with the team meeting both buyers and sellers. The constant flow of visitors at the stand reiterated Tamarind's position as the market leader in the Middle East, as existing relationships were strengthened and new relationships were forged.

The Tamarind team at GITB

The Great Indian Travel Bazaar (GITB) has an intensive and sharp focus on Inbound Tourism and is a Buyer-Seller Meet spread over two days. The event was held in Jaipur between 21st April to 23rd April. The show's main motive is significant for transacting and capitalising of business opportunities between international buyers and Indian Sellers. On an average, 2000 delegates from India and abroad attended GITB. It is instrumental in putting tourist destinations in India on the itineraries of foreign buyers. Over 700 + visitors walked into our stall over 2 days . There were over 20 meetings held everyday. As a return souvenir, the participants were gifted mouse and pen drives. Tamarind Global was represented by Chetan Juneja, Simerdeep Singh and Shikha Kataria at the event.

What's New

Now Open

The Fern – Belgaum

The Fern, Belagavi is a smart, efficient business hotel with 90 rooms. The hotel offers the finest of accommodations with 66 Deluxe rooms, 12 Studio rooms and 12 Suites. It has a world cuisine restaurant, an authentic Indian Veg restaurant, Rooftop Resto Bar and Swimming pool, state of the art Banquet Halls and finely designed lobby lounge. You can also enjoy a relaxing stroll in the evening in the hotel's lush green lawn. The hotel is situated at the heart of the city with an easy access to the major sightseeing attractions in town and to public transport. Weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, conferences, corporate award events and dinner, dealer's meet, training sessions, off sites, fashion shows, car promotion shows; all can be hosted here. You would be spoilt for choice here as you will have to decide whether you want to spend your day in the sun and feel invigorated by a session of any outdoor activity or just relax, and take a quite dip swim in the spectacular swimming pool. The Hotel combines all sorts of activities with supreme leisure so that nobody feels left out; be it families, couples or young adults. The primary goal is to make your stay as memorable as you could have possibly imagined.

Ayodhya Nagar, Civil Hospital Road,
Belagavi-Karnataka-590001

Eco friendly bathroom amenities
Eco friendly lighting arrangements
Complimentary In-room tea & coffee facility
In-room dining
Smoking & Non-Smoking Rooms

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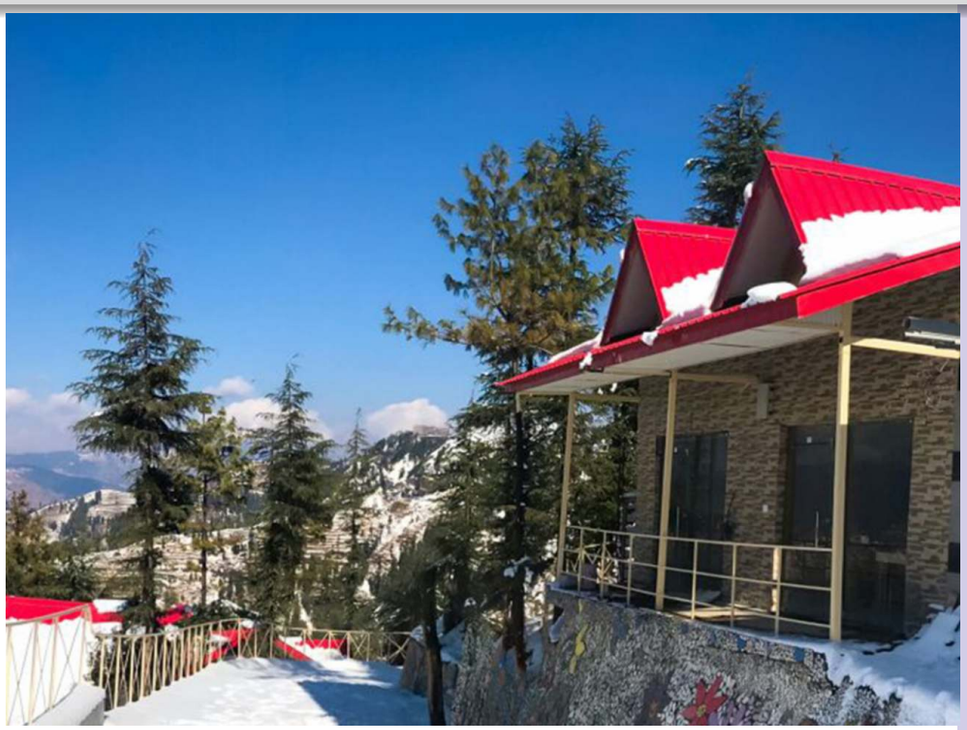
Citrus – Shimla (Kufri)



Experience unforgettable nature Holidays in Shimla. Get your fill of fresh air and activities as you stay at this resort. Ideally situated 300 metres from the national highway, pure excellence is at the heart of this intimate hideaway, surrounded only by the sounds of the wild and the unending view of the unspoilt Himalayan landscape. Spread over four acres of pristine land among evergreen trees Citrus is located on a hill top, 8000 feet above sea level, offering breath-taking 360° panoramic views of the most dense forest in Himachal on the Kufri side and snow covered upper Himalayan peaks along the Chinese border. This is a boutique resort – a place where you can stay, that is more like someone's beautiful, liveable and stylish home rather than a big, impersonal hotel. There is a Multi cuisine restaurant with a view of the valley and facing the lawns. In room dining – 24 x7 service available with an excellent choice of food.

No 5 Bekhalti, Shimla,
Bekhalti- 171209, Himachal Pardesh

3min Check-in, FREE Wifi
Spa, 24x7 Reception
Valet Parking, Travel Assistance
FOREX (Currency Exchange)
Kids play zone

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getaway resort of the month

Four Points by Sheraton - Srinagar

Badami Bagh Cantonment, Sonwar Bagh
Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir190001 India

Srinagar is the largest city and the summer capital of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. For a sense of history, walk around the Old City to see its centuries-old wooden homes. Discover the city's rich, diverse history at Shankaracharya Temple, Hari Parbat Fort, Hazratbal Mosque, and Jamia Masjid Mosque. Srinagar is also famous for its picturesque Mughal Gardens.

Amid the Himalayas and beautiful lakes, the hotel offers friendly service and modern facilities just 1.5 kilometres from the city centre. Set in the scenic Kashmir Valley along the banks of the Jhelum River, Srinagar is the summer capital of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. The Four Points by Sheraton Srinagar is within walking distance of the city centre of the "Venice of the East." Srinagar International Airport (SXR) is 14 kilometres away.

ROOMS & SUITES
After a long day of business or sightseeing, retreat to one of the 52 spacious guest rooms, including 4 Junior Suites. Enjoy free extras like bottled water daily and High Speed Internet Access. Watch the LCD flat screen TV with cable channels, then get a good night's sleep in a cosy Four Points signature bed. Stay connected - Fast & Free WiFi access is available to guests at all Four Points Hotels.

DINING
Dine in The Eatery, the all-day dining restaurant, for your favourite local or international dishes. Start your day with the international breakfast buffet, and come back at lunch or dinner for a hearty meal from an à la carte menu.Stop by the Sky Lounge for world-class views, as well as fresh juices, teas, coffees, and light snacks.

HEALTH CLUB
There are plenty of ways to keep busy or to relax during your stay. Work out in the fitness centre.

ACTIVITIES
Take a relaxing ride in a shikara (wooden boat) on Dal Lake, Srinagar's most famous landmark. With the stunning Zabarwan mountain range as its backdrop, the lake supports village life and a floating vegetable garden. Nagin, Anchar, and Manasbal are other popular lakes in and around Srinagar. In April, visitors should see beautiful flora in full bloom at the Tulip Garden, Asia's largest. Go paragliding or trekking. The most popular hiking route from town is to the sacred Amarnath Cave. Take a jungle safari to see the wildlife at Dachigam National Park. Other outstanding destinations include the fascinating, elevated hill resort Gulmarg, the world's best saffron fields near Pampore, and the ancient Hindu Awantipura ruins.

Shop for leather goods, jewellery, pashmina (cashmere) shawls, carpets, colourful paper mache items, and other local handicrafts. Try a cup of hot Kahwa, a traditional drink made with green tea, spices, and saffron. After a fun day of activities, sample some tasty grilled mutton, and delicious Indian, Mughlai, and Kashmiri cuisines. Srinagar is also well known for its pastries, cakes, and dried fruit.

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promotion of the month

ITC Gardenia – Bangalore

Overlooking the century old Bangalore Club, the hotel is situated in the midst of Bengaluru's most elite neighbourhood and is in close proximity to key business districts and IT hubs of Bengaluru. The 292 rooms and 22 luxury suites are categorized in the chain's premium brands of Towers and ITC One. The exclusive larger suites are located on the upper floors and offer splendid views of the city and its green surroundings. From non-VOC paints and carpets to renewable and eco-responsible materials in furnishings and bath wear, to the specially designed WelcomSlumber kit with herbal aroma therapy sleep aids, every room at ITC Gardenia ensures that when you retire for the day, you come home to the finest experience of Responsible Luxury. ITC Gardenia brings this exceptional repertoire to Bengaluru in a selection of the city's finest dining destinations. From the Signature Royal spa i.e. Kaya Kalp to the professionally designed Salon Di Wills, from the serene Swimming pools to the well-equipped high-tech Gym – ITC Gardenia makes sure that every need of the guests is fully delivered with utmost care and luxury.

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top 3 picks

TOP-3 -PALACE HOTELS IN UDAIPUR

TAJ LAKE PALACE

Lake Pichola shimmers under the warm glow of the summer sun, reflecting the ethereal majesty of the unmatched Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur. Step into this preserve of the Maharanas and discover the secret life of the royals within this vision in white marble. Taj Lake Palace was built in 1746 as the pleasure palace of Maharana Jagat Singh II. This heritage hotel has 66 luxurious rooms and 17 grand suites. The incomparable location provides the perfect backdrop for the exquisite cuisines at the elegant restaurants of Taj Lake Palace. These are open only to resident guests. Neel Kamal for authentic Rajasthani and other dishes from India; and the seasonally open-air Bhairo for contemporary European delicacies. In the evening, indulge in signature martinis, cocktails and a grand collection of premium international spirits at the bar, Amrit Sagar.

THE LEELA PALACE

The Leela Palace Hotel is a modern Palace on the banks of Lake Pichola. Wake up to tranquillity in one of the Grand Heritage Lake View Rooms. Some of these rooms are attached with a balcony, offering a panoramic view of the mountains in the horizon. Look out at the breath-taking view of the majestic Aravalis towering over the tranquil Pichola Lake. The Dining Room brings an eclectic mix of cuisines and flavours from different corners of the world, under the guidance of the Executive Chef. Walk into the all-day dining restaurant that overlooks the outer courtyard and the Pichola Lake for the most refreshing and expansive breakfasts and flavoursome lunches and dinners. ESPA has created a personal spa experience encompassing outstanding treatments with Ayurvedic and European therapies.

RAAS DEVIGARH

Nestled in the Aravalli Hills of the Udaipur area, RAAS Devigarh, an 18th century palace, holds a commanding position over one of the three main passes into its valley. Much more than just a place to stay, Devigarh is a testament to the beauty and charm of old-world Rajputana, showcasing an array of decorative styles and landscaped gardens. The palace was restored to its former glory in 1999 and converted into an all-suite luxury hotel. Keeping in touch with Devigarh's aristocratic roots, the Garden, Palace, Aravalli and Devigarh Suites offer true luxury. Devigarh offers a range of local and international cuisine to suit all tastes, and in a range of settings that show off the hidden jewels of the palace. Devigarh offers a world-class spa with a heart, run by authentic British brand ila.

news

Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart -2018' from July 20-22

The first 'Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart' will be held from July 20-22, 2018, at the B.M. Birla Auditorium in Jaipur. The Department of Tourism will be the host State partner for the event. The primary objective of 'Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart' is to exclusively focus on domestic tourists within Rajasthan from various parts of India and establish Rajasthan as one of the leading domestic tourist destinations in the country. The vision 2020 initiated by the CM has an objective of 5 crore tourist footfalls in the state by the year 2020. But close to 5 crore tourists have visited in the year 2017 itself and with new initiatives like this travel Mart, the predicted numbers will be outperformed.

New Ganges cruise itineraries for three nights

In line with celebrating its 15 years of pioneering long-distance river cruising in India, Assam Bengal Navigation Co is introducing new, exciting river itineraries that will also target short-haul leisure travellers. The river cruise market is continuously growing and river cruises in Asia are on the rise. The three-night river cruise itineraries will be ideal for every kind of traveller who wants to experience the Ganges River and India's rich cultural heritage. These shorter itineraries could encourage tour operators to easily combine a river cruise with their cultural tours to India. The cruises will operate on the ABN Sukapha which offers 12 cabins (twin/double) and accommodates a maximum group size of 24 guests. The interiors of the river vessel are bamboo-panelled and air-conditioned with floor length windows and suite bathrooms in all cabins. The vessel has a spacious sundeck with comfortable seating arrangements with sun loungers. Starting and ending at Kolkata, the three night 'Bengal Memories' cruise itinerary will take cruisers to visit monuments, museums and temples along the towns of Kalna, Mayapur and Chandernagore besides a village of weavers. There is also a special three-night downstream river cruise itinerary to Sundarbans National Park from Kolkata.

Lemon Tree Hotels expands it footprint in West Bengal

Lemon Tree Hotels, India's largest hotel chain in the mid-priced hotel sector, today announced the formal opening of its new hotel, Lemon Tree Hotel, Siliguri, marking its entry into West Bengal. Lemon Tree Hotel, Siliguri is in close proximity to Bagdogra Airport which is just 13 kms, and a 25 minutes drive from the New Jalpaiguri railway station, the hotel offers easy access to popular tourist places like Kalimpong (61 kms), Darjeeling (70 kms), Dooars (70 kms), Gangtok (108 kms) and more, besides being well connected with important cities like Asansol, Durgapur, Khadakpur and Kolkata. The hotel offers 52 bright rooms and suites.

StayWell Holdings announce first Park Regis in Southern India

StayWell Holdings has announced a new partnership with Aveda Resort & Spa in Kerala which will see the property rebranded as Park Regis Aveda, the group's first location in Southern India. The 44-room Park Regis Aveda, Kumarakom, the group's 23rd operational property, is scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2018. Located on India's tropical Malabar Coast, Park Aveda thrives in an international business hub. In addition, the property is among palm-lined beaches and backwaters, as well as the UNESCO-listed Western Ghats area, which is abundant in spice and tea plantations. Key features guests can expect at Park Regis Aveda, Kumarakom include private cottages, villas, suites, an open poolside restaurant and lounge, La Breeze, an Ayurvedic Spa, and a fitness gym. The resort also boasts a banquet hall with a capacity of approximately 150 guests, business centre and a recreational area for use by guests at their leisure.

Hyatt to add 1,400 keys by 2019

With an impressive portfolio of 7,000 keys in India already, Hyatt Hotels and Resorts wants to scale its existing record with another 1,400 rooms across brands in the country while keeping a keen eye on Tier-II and III cities. The Hyatt Place Hyderabad-Banjara Hills was launched in December 2017 and this will be followed by Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty slated to open in April 2018. The two upcoming Hyatt Place hotels – Hyatt Place Bangalore Airport-Urbana is scheduled to open this year and Hyatt Place Jaipur is expected to open doors next year. Hyatt Regency McLeod Ganj set to open in 2018 in the Himalayas.

Novotel Debuts In Kerala

AccorHotels along with the MuthootPappachan Group, announces the launch of Novotel Kochi Infopark. Situated in the heart of the IT Hub of Kochi, KakkanadInfopark, and Wonderla Kochi, Kerala's largest state-of-the-art amusement park, Novotel Kochi Infopark is one of the first international midscale brands to debut in the industrial zone. Featuring 128 rooms including eight suites and a room designed specifically for the specially-abled with signature in-room amenities and WiFi, the hotel offers the perfect blend of local and international art elements of the city.

upcoming festivals

KOTTIYOOR UTSAVAM

The annual 28 day Kottiyoor festival takes place at two temples -- Akkare Kottiyoor and Ikkare Kottiyoor -- on opposite sides of the Bavali River and surrounded by dense forest. The Akkare Kottiyoor temple is only open during the festival. There's no formal structure. Rather the idol of the deity, a swayambhoo lingam (self-created idol of Lord Shiva), is seated on the ground and formed by a small heap of stones called manithara. The Neyyattam ritual on the first day and the Thirukalasattu ritual on the last day attract the most spectators and devotees.

When: May 22- June 22, 2018. Where: Kannur, Kerala

SHIMLA SUMMER FESTIVAL

Beat the rain by heading north to the mountains in Shimla, to experience the annual summer festival. This renowned event has been held regularly in Shimla since the 1960s. This summer festival consists of a huge association of men and women who gather and celebrate the advent of summer. The major events that grace this occasion are folk dances, food festival, flower shows, ice skating festival and even a Himachali Film festival. It also features musical performances, some of them from famous singers. This is the best time to enjoy shopping for handicrafts from the various stalls that are set up during this time.

When: First week of June Where: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

HEMIS FESTIVAL

The two-day Hemis Festival commemorates the birth of Guru Padmasambhava, who founded Tantric Buddhism in Tibet. There's traditional music, colorful masked dances, and a fair full of striking handicrafts. The two day peagent is marked with the victory of good over evil where local people are seen with their colorful attire. The festival takes an auspicious turn every 12 years when two storey "Thanka" is showcased. The festival is also famous for the "devil dances" that constitute an important element in the social entertainment of Ladakhis.

When: June 23-24, 2018 Where: Hemis Monastery, Leh, Ladakh

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