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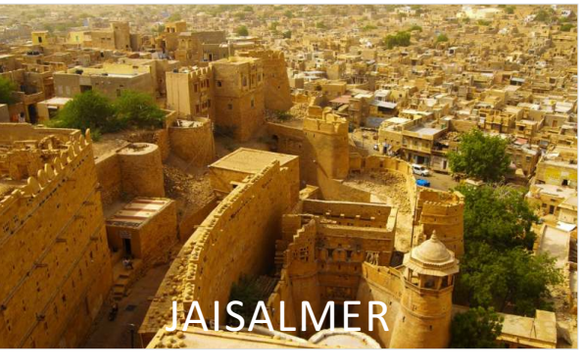

WEEKATIONS

JAISALMER MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

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Jaisalmer Marriott Resort & Spa is a contemporary palace hotel inspired by the rich history of the golden City. One of Rajasthan's biggest tourist destinations, Jaisalmer with its resplendent fort, elaborate havelis and vast sand dunes is a gateway to the seemingly endless Thar Desert. The hotel is suitably located at just 3.3 km from the Jaisalmer railway station, minutes away from the Jaisalmer Fort and other attractions of the city. Rejuvenate yourself with personalized therapies at Quan Spa or simply unwind in the serene silence of the poolside.

Accommodation:

All 126 rooms & 9 suites are exquisitely designed, with deluxe bedding and marble bathrooms, a 42 inch LED Television and 24-hour room service. Many hotel rooms feature breath-taking views of either Jaisalmer Fort or the surrounding cityscape.

Dining:

Jaisalmer Kitchen offers all day dining for buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as an a la carte menu, featuring Indian and International cuisine. Dunes Bar & Lounge is a transitional bar offering a mix of fine cocktails and a commendable range of exclusive wines. Wyra Rooftop Restaurant & lounge offers succulent grills and live cooking. Sit under the stars and enjoy the breath-taking view of the scenic city of Jaisalmer. Nibble on traditional sweet & savouries at the Mithai Company, along with our fine selection of artisanal teas and coffees.

Local Experiences:

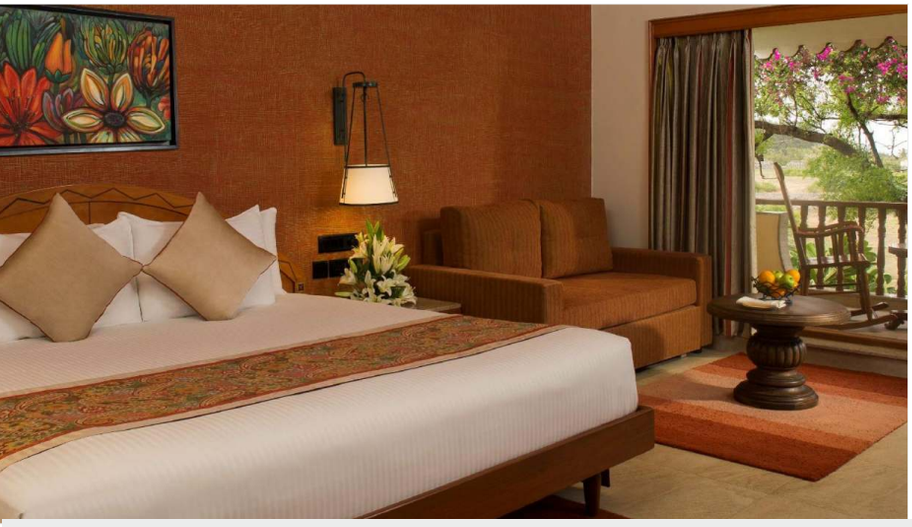
Sand dunes at the Thar Desert - The silky Sam dunes, 41km west of Jaisalmer, are one of the most popular excursions from the city. About 2km long, the dunes are undeniably among the most picturesque in the region. Some camel safaris camp here, but many more people just roll in for sunset, to be chased across the sands by tenacious camel owners offering short rides.

Jaisalmer Fort - As the oldest Living Fort, Jaisalmer's fort is a living urban centre, with about 3000 people residing within its walls. It is honeycombed with narrow winding lanes, lined with houses and temples – along with a large number of handicraft shops, guesthouses and restaurants. Founded in 1156 by the Rajput ruler Jaisal and reinforced by subsequent rulers, Jaisalmer Fort was the focus of a number of battles between the Bhatis, the Mughals of Delhi and the Rathores of Jodhpur.

Havelis - The Havelis of Jaisalmer are as famous as its mighty fortress. Carved in the same yellow sandstone, their intricately carved beauties are a reminiscent of the prosperous past of the town when it happened to be the business hub on the Camel caravan route connecting India to Central Asia. Though there are many havelis in Jaisalmer, there are few as famous as the big three: Patwon ki Haveli, Nathmal ki Haveli and Salim Singh ki Haveli.

Wood Fossils - Rajasthan is a treasure trove of history and historical artifacts, but one place in particular takes you beyond the 'timeline of present', right into the prehistoric Jurassic era. The Akal Wood Fossil Park is a 21-hectare preserved area that lies about 17 km from Jaisalmer, towards Barmer.180 million years ago, a forest used to stand where the park is today. The area was then submersed into the sea and the tree trunks were preserved in the form of fossils. With remnants of fallen and broken logs that date back to the pre-historic times, the park is an absolute must-visit attraction.

RADISSON BLU RESORT TEMPLE BAY MAMALLAPURAM



This luxury resort in the seaside town of Mamallapuram on the Coromandel Coast is a 56 km drive from Chennai along the picturesque East Coast Road. The resort is spread over 45 acres with a breath-taking view of Bay of Bengal and the world-famous Shore Temple. A meandering swimming pool of 27,000 sq. ft. and an infinity pool that merges into the bay are salient features. Major UNESCO World Heritage sites like The Shore Temple, Arjuna's Rathas and more are within walking distance of the hotel.

Accommodation:

All of the 157 hotel suites, chalets include amenities like free high-speed wireless internet and rain showers, and many offer stunning views of the Bay of Bengal. After visiting some of Mahabalipuram's many attractions, such as Arjuna's Penance, you can stretch out in one of sea-view chalets and enjoy the Resident's Bar with assorted snacks, or a meal from 24-hour room service.

Dining:

Whether you've just returned to Mahabalipuram from an excursion or spent the day at the resort, cool down and relax at Maritime Tales, the on-site bar. After a memorable dinner at Wharf 2.0, Sindbad offers the perfect nightcap, with a large selection of domestic and international beverages. Open 24 hours, Waters Edge Café offers tempting options like gosht dum biryani and roasted free-range chicken, as well as a menu specifically for kids. Try Wharf 2.0 for special occasions, and savor international options and an extensive wine list for lunch and dinner.

Spa & Therapies:

You can enjoy indulgent therapies at Bodhi Spa. Bodhi, a Sanskrit word for awakening or self-realisation, couldn't be more appropriate for the spa. It specialises in engaging the 5 senses to achieve the 6th sense – Peace. Specially formulated essential oils are used in all treatments along with some much-celebrated therapies, especially the couples' massage

Adrenaline Activities:

You can enjoy a range of fun things to do, including archery and hobby classes. The resort is home to a range of outdoor and indoor activities ranging from adrenaline pumping ATVs, surfing on the sea, and deep-sea fishing to the more sedate boat rides, outdoor chess and a dedicated children's play area.

HYATT CENTRIC CANDOLIM GOA

Located in the heart of North Goa, the Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa provides chic and contemporary accommodation and is situated close to the city's best beaches, shopping centers, culture, entertainment, nightlife and other attractions. The hotel is 60 minutes from Goa International Airport

Accommodation :

Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa has 167 guestrooms, including 1 suite, which offer hillside, pool, or garden views. The rooms are contemporary, spacious, and equipped with comfortable Hyatt Grand Beds, a sleeper sofa, floor to ceiling windows, luxurious bath amenities, a minifridge, complimentary Wi-Fi, and an HD TV. So, head out and soak in the essence of Goa and return to your cozy abode at the center of all the action.

Dining:

The hotel offers a unique local bar and restaurant experience featuring a relaxed, spacious environment for handcrafted cocktails. The restaurant and bar serve local Goan favourites, Indian and world cuisines for food and drink-centric travellers. Start your days of exploration here with a daily breakfast buffet, or delectable locally inspired creations that can be enjoyed for lunch, dinner or anytime in between or end your day with a drink or two by the bar. GROK, the signature restaurant & bar has comfortable indoor and alfresco seating with flooding natural light, three communal tables and aesthetics that carry the laidback Goan vibe. It is the perfect venue for casual get-togethers with friends and family. A cosy private dining room is available for a minimum of 20 guests.

Local Experiences:

Candolim Beach -Beginning at Fort Aguada and merging with Calangute Beach towards the end, it is one of the longest beaches in the state.

Fort Aguada - 1612 Portuguese fortress offering ocean views & an abandoned lighthouse erected in 1864

Anjuna Flea Market -Time-tested beachfront flea market open Wednesdays selling eclectic goods, including handmade items.

Dr.Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary -Large area of mangrove swamp with a paved walkway & watchtower for visitors to observe birds.

WELCOMHOTEL AMRITSAR

Spread across eight acres, Welcomhotel Amritsar exhibits a unique blend of vintage architecture & endless serenity with sophisticated facilities, amid tranquil surroundings. Located close to the airport and a short drive from the revered Golden Temple "Darbar Sahib", the hotel is built around a colonnaded mansion, the erstwhile Sandhanwalia Haveli, which traces its origins to the 1900s and has been lovingly restored to preserve the cultural, architectural and culinary nuances of that era.

The décor and ambience at the hotel are intuitively appealing and exude the charm of Amritsar's spiritual beauty and vibrant lifestyle. Copper lanterns become graceful chandeliers and the marigold flower finds pride of place as a motif sprinkled across the hotel. Experience the ambience of a heritage Mansion with 101 rooms & suites offering a fine blend of modern facilities and warm, efficient service.

Dining :

Indigenous cuisine with the finest ingredients come together at the 4 dining outlets, to create signature dining experiences. The friendly all-day dining restaurant WelcomCafe Phulkari offers carefully curated global, local & national cuisines. Kebabs & Kurries is an exclusive Indian restaurant showcasing scrumptious heritage cuisine fine-tuned through years of research by celebrated chefs. Dough & Co. is a convivial, cosy café that surrounds you with the colour of marigold, and opens on to the lush green back lawns, offering the finest and most varied collection of teas, coffees and creative concoctions from across the world. The chefs will surprise you with an array of delectabe savouries and desserts on the menu. A distinctive and exclusive bar, Swizzle resonates with the old world charm of the Mansion. The bar offers international collection of premium beverages complemented by imaginative & indigenous creations from the bartenders and has private chambers for the connoisseurs.

Spa & Therapies:

The signature spa, K by Kaya Kalp helps you relax & rejuvenate, offering a curated menu of therapies & treatments from India and across the world. The Fitness Centre invites you to its large, fully equipped gym with the latest machines and your personal trainer to guide you. And the rippling waters of the swimming pool will entice you to dive straight in.

TRADITIONAL - ORGANIC FEAST

Food is profoundly linked to everything important in life; our health, our sense of wellbeing, to those we love and the very world around us. Surrounded by fast food and junk food and supermarkets, it's easy to lose the significance of food. It's just there, available, sometimes nicer than others, easily thrown away if we don't like it, But Traditional home cooking is about being involved with the actual ingredients from their very beginning. In the past, a mother would grow her own plants, spices and vegetables. Love, the divine connection, flowed through those ingredients with the subtle role of fingers and transformed them into energy as food.

Food not only replenishes us, it interprets our world for us. When we feel healthy, nourished and cared for, when what we eat excites us, life is better. We're actually happier. Instead of stressing about what's ahead or behind us, we stop to enjoy what's happening now. Food brings life to us, teaches us to enjoy life, hence we recommend some of the best eating houses, the centuries-old knowledge traditional cuisine so unique and so delicious.

Purnabrahma Maharashtrian Restaurant

One of the best Maharashtrian places in Bangalore, Purnabrahma Maharashtrian Restaurant has made its mark in the Garden City and has 3 outlets. They have interesting dishes like Balgopal Vada Pav, which gives your Vada Pav a cherry topping. You can also savour their Balgopal Shrikhanda Puri Bhaji which is a dish consisting of differently shaped puris served with bhaji and shrikhand. When you're here do have their Pithala Bhakar Combo, Pathodi Rasaa Combo and their Thalipeeth, which will surely leave you asking for more.

Rasa India Farm Fresh Vegetarian Restaurant – Chalakudy

Rasa Gurukul offers a unique and one of a kind total 'Farm to Table' experience that has no parallels today for discerning audiences. From a holistic solution of Organic & Natural productive capabilities, to a learning that incorporates nature at every stage, the Gurukul experience is transformative. The person, the awareness and the skills evolve with passion and resolve with a particular understanding of nature.

The Solitude Farm Café- Auroville Puducherry

The Solitude Farm produce makes its way into Solitude's restaurant, which specialises in serving healthy, traditional thalis. They cook local food that represents the cultural, nutritional heritage of this bioregion. Sundakkai sambar, green papaya kara kuzhambu, tapioca chips, ragi adai, mudakathan dosai and thoothuvalai rasam are the special one. The café's organic lunches are gaining popularity. Their fruit and vegetable baskets go out three times a week to subscribers in Auroville and Puducherry. In a mission to educate people on the benefits of locally grown food, Solitude has also started hosting cooking classes, as well as workshops on permaculture.

TRAVEL NEWS

Taj Mahal, Agra Fort to reopen from Sept 21; guidelines issued for public visitors

India's popular heritage monuments, Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort, will reopen from September 21 now.The monuments were shut down for public visitors from March 17 before the nationwide lockdown was imposed to control the spread of Coronavirus. Once the monuments reopen, visitors will have to abide by the following rules as laid down by the Agra administration to keep everyone safe from the Coronavirus. Taj Mahal will allow around 5000 visitors per day – 2500 before lunch, and 2500 after lunch. However, the Agra Fort will permit entry to 1300 persons in the morning and 1200 in the evening. The monuments will remain shut to the public on fixed days of the week. While the Taj Mahal will remain closed on Friday and Sunday, Agra Fort will remain shut on Sunday.Public visitors will be thermally screened at the entry gate. They will have to sanitise their hands and maintain adequate physical distance.The monuments will be sanitised on a timely basis to avoid the spread of COVID-19 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Culture.

India's largest ropeway across sea will allow passenger from Mumbai to reach Elephanta Caves

A ropeway is set to come up between Sewri in Mumbai's east coast and Elephanta Island in Raigad district. According to the latest reports, there shall be 30 seater cable cars to serve along this 14-minute route. To accomplish this project, the government shall establish about 8 to 11 towers in the middle of the sea measuring 50 mt to 150 mt in height.
The Elephanta Caves receive lakhs of tourists every year. Currently, it takes an hour for the cruise in Mumbai to reach the caves. Once the ropeway is completed, it would take merely 40 minutes for people to reach the famous caves. Add to the journey is the wonderful experience of travelling over the sea!

This 136-day cruise will set sail in 2021, and will take you to 27 countries

This year, with Coronavirus wreaking havoc, travel is the last thing on our priority list to avoid getting infected with the virus. And, in such a scenario, a cruise will just not find a mention in your thoughts, and the reason is obvious. However, it will not act as a hindrance for this one 136-day cruise from embarking in its journey around the world next year. Reportedly, the Viking World Cruise is scheduled to set sail on December 24, 2021, and will be cruising the seas for a whopping 136 days. The ship will be visiting 27 countries and 56 ports during this epic journey, and will be making overnight stays in 11 cities.

India's first-ever seaplanes likely to take flight in Gujarat from October 31

The Gujarat state government has announced that the seaplane service that will be providing air connectivity from Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad to Statue of Unity in Kevadia is scheduled to start from October 31, i.e., on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. A meeting on the same was organised in Gandhinagar to review the progress of the water aerodrome operation in Gujarat.
Reportedly, this will be India's first ever seaplane service, and its inaugural flight will very likely take to the skies on the said date.

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