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Spectacular wedding in Goa by Tamarind...

Check out the fabulous new W Hotel in Goa...

Plan your wedding at the St Regis, Saadiyat Island...

Holiday at The Jasalmer Marriott Resort and Spa

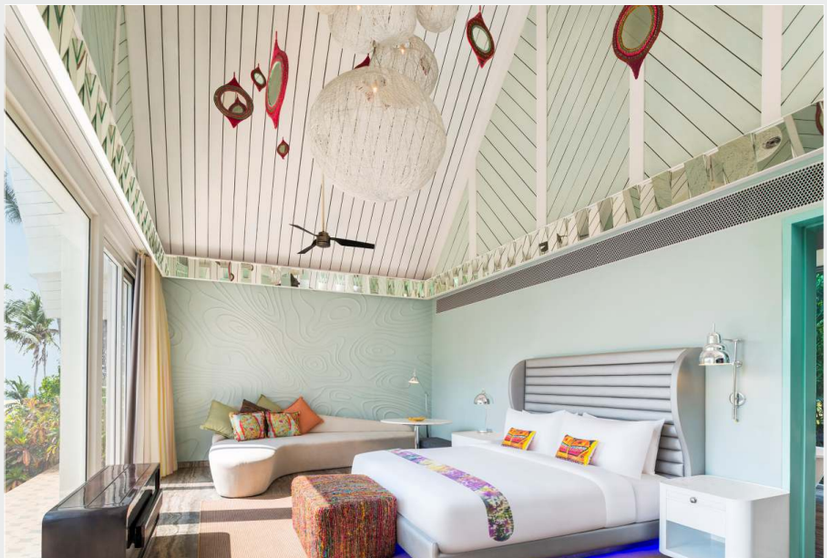
tamarind news

December started with The Wedding of the Year in Goa, where we organised a 1000 plus guests destination wedding at the Marriott and the Grand Hyatt, with the entire logistics, planning, hospitality, transport, production and artist management. We're happy to say that it was a grand success! Speaking of planning this wedding, Mahesh Shirodkar, Managing Director, Tamarind Global said, With multiple hotels and venues, a huge attendance and large number of VIP movements with top level security, production supervision challenges, a packed event flow, personalized guest and travel arrangements and huge logistical requirements, this was one of the most exciting and challenging events we have planned on a turnkey basis."

What's New

W Goa

Now Open



W GOA IS A TROPICAL PARADISE OF BREATHTAKING BEACHES, EXCEPTIONALLY APPOINTED GUESTROOMS AND VILLAS, DELIGHTFUL DINING AND FABULOUS FACILITIES LINED WITH DRAMATIC RED CLIFFS AND SCENIC PANORAMAS. AS WE SAY HERE, 'SUSEGAD'- TAKE IT EASY

WHAT A ROOM

Wake up to some of the world's most gorgeous sunrises snuggled in the signature W bed. With 160 rooms and villas discreetly spread out across the private coastal setting, scenic views complement custom furnishing that evoke eclectic local traditions, adorned with creative and thoughtfully modern nuances. Wrap yourself in plush W bathrobe and delight in a life you've always dreamed of, from bedrooms with balconies and spacious outdoor terraces to High Speed Internet Access, luxurious bath amenities, cleverly curated in-room entertainment, oversized work desks, and so much more. All villas offer a variety of room combinations, palatial outdoor decks with furniture for entertaining and relaxing, and private gardens and for that complete and uninterrupted getaway.

ROOM FEATURES

Furnished Balcony |49"LED TV With BOSE® Surround Sound system| W Signature bed | Five Fixture Bathroom with Bliss® Bath Amenities

VILLA FEATURES

Private Garden Space |Expansive Sun Deck bed | 55"LED TV with With BOSE® Surround Sound system

ALL ROOM INCLUSIONS

Buffet Breakfast for two at the Kitchen Table | Basic Hi Speed Internet Access | Access to FIT & WET®

47 WONDERFUL ROOMS
32 FABULOUS ROOMS
15 SPECTACULAR ROOMS
2 WONDERFUL SEA FRONT ROOMS
1 MARVELLOUS SUITE
5 FANTASTIC 1BR FORT VILLAS
5 FANTASTIC 1BR VILLAS
2 WOW 2 BR VILLAS

DINING AND LOUNGES

Satiate all cravings from sophisticated and authentic to casual and refreshing. Spice Traders, W Goa's destination restaurant showcases delectable Pan-Asian epicurean excellence amplified with sumptuous sea views, where a top floor Bar, Lounge, all'aperto terrace and romantic settings suit every mood and occasion. Cozy up to all-day international favorites at The Kitchen Table, where you can leisurely savor both vaunted classics and modern interpretations. After a dip in WET® or Rock Pool, refuel with healthy snacks and sips from bars on the outdoor WET® decks. Make yourself at home in the lobby Living Room, which transforms from a serene spot for catching up with a book or emails during the day to an eclectic lounge that conjures creatively colorful cocktails after dark. Here, worldly conversations and lively soundtracks evolve to the beat of progressive vibes, perfect for mixing and mingling amid intimate banquettes or outdoor seating by the reflection pond. The 24-hour in-room dining service presents a menu featuring the best of W's restaurants and customized in-room offerings. Just a buzz brings the epicurean offerings at your doorstep.

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featured event destination

The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort, Abu Dhabi

The award-winning St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort is the city's true beachfront leisure address located just 20 minutes from Abu Dhabi International Airport and 10 minutes from the city's bustling downtown. The St. Regis presents the finest expression of refinement and grace in the Middle East, making it the premier location to host an unforgettable celebration. Boasting 3,788 square meters of exquisitely appointed indoor/outdoor meeting and event space along with incandescent Arabian Gulf views, The Regal Ballroom is an unforgettable destination for an extraordinary event. From regal celebrations to inspiring business meetings to legendary weddings, the hotel can provide custom catering and experienced event professionals. Built in a sophisticated Mediterranean-inspired style, the resort is home to nine kilometers of majestic white beach and crystal blue waters. Additionally, the Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Iridium Spa offer pre- or post-wedding recreation and relaxation. For the main event, there are a number of inspiring venues, including a 3,000-square-meter Regal Ballroom with its ocean view terrace. Our evtt and wedding teams at Tamarind Global can plan an incredibly memorable event for you at the St Regis.

VISIONARY DESTINATION, SEDUCTIVE ADDRESS.

The iconic St. Regis brand extends its legacy to Abu Dhabi with The St. Regis Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, created by thoughtful Mediterranean architecture and a contemporary interior design.

376 rooms including 54 suites

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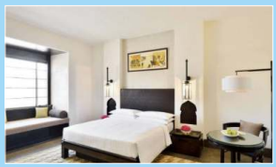
getaway resort of the month

Jaisalmer Marriott Resort and Spa



Jaisalmer - Sam - Dhanana Road,
Police Line, Jaisalmer

Jaisalmer is a former medieval trading center and princely state in the western Indian state of Rajasthan, in the heart of the Thar Desert. Known as the "Golden City," it's distinguished by its yellow sandstone architecture. Dominating the skyline is Jaisalmer Fort, a sprawling hilltop citadel buttressed by 99 bastions. Behind its massive walls stand the ornate Maharaja's Palace and intricately carved Jain temples.

Soak in the beauty of the authentic architecture of a fascinating bygone era and discover the rich history of Jaisalmer. One of Rajasthan's biggest tourist destinations, Jaisalmer with its resplendent fort, elaborate havelis and vast sand dunes is a getaway to the seemingly endless Thar Desert.Jaisalmer Marriott Resort & Spa is suitably located at just 3.3 km from the Jaisalmer Railway Station and a few minutes away from all major shopping points and attractions of the city. The luxurious desert property offers 135 exquisitely designed rooms and suites offering deluxe bedding and marble bathrooms to 42 inch LED TVs and 24-hour room service. Start your day with an elaborate buffet breakfast or indulge in a quick workout at our fitness center. Rejuvenate yourself with personalized therapies at Quan Spa or simply unwind in serenity by our poolside. Plan a meeting or a social event in one of our beautiful indoor or outdoor venues, or spend some time exploring Jaisalmer's exotic attractions.

EXPERIENCES

Go on Desert Safari on the Sam Sand Dunes, to experience the real taste of living in a desert, or visit the Jaisalmer Fort popularly known as 'Sonar Quila' which is one of the world's largest forts. The hotel is also a short distance from Patwon –ki – Haveli which is the most popular in Jaisalmer.

SUJAN SPA

Relax and revitalize your body and spirit during your stay here at our resort. Quan Spa expertly blends modern technique with traditional therapy offering luxury treatments including the Aroma Fusion and Deep Tissue massage, Facials, Body Scrubs and Wraps, Hair and Scalp Treatments and Therapy baths, with men's and women's lounges.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DINING

Jaisalmer Kitchen is a contemporary restaurant offering buffet options for breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as an a la carte menu. Featuring Regional, Indian and International cuisines. Relax and unwind with family and friends at the Dunes Bar, a transitional bar offering a mix of fine cocktails and a commendable range of exclusive wines. Wyra (desert wind) rooftop restaurant & lounge offers succulent grills and live cooking. Sit under the stars and enjoy the breathtaking view of the scenic city, Jaisalmer and of the worlds only living fort.

The hotel offers an exclusive 6,200 sq ft of indoor space & 50,000 Sq ft of outdoor space for meetings, and the picture perfect outdoor venues are most ideal for business and leisure outings. Every meeting room offers high-speed Internet access and state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment. The meetings rooms come with the beauty of natural day light seeping in, adding vibrance to the hotel.

promotion of the month

Crystal Sarovar Premiere, Agra

On the edge of the Thar Desert, set against the somber and arid landscape of Rajasthan is – WelcomHotel Conveniently located in Agra's tourist hub, Fatehabad road, Crystal Sarovar Premiere hotel offers a calm and peaceful oasis for business and leisure travellers. Its strategic location offers a magnificent view of the Taj Mahal. The hotel is highly accessible to guests, being close to the city's airport and railway station. The elegant 136 well-appointed rooms offer luxurious amenities and personalized service. Three dining and nightlife venues enhance the stay experience with exclusive culinary fare. A fully-equipped health club and Spa specialising in relaxation and rejuvenation treatments pamper personal fulfillment. A well designed swimming pool promises a quiet, peaceful laid-back scene, complete with the comfortable loungers and parasols.

destination news

UK, US top Indian e-visa list

Travellers from the UK and US accounted for the largest share of e-tourist visas issued by India in November 2016. According to the latest data from the country's Ministry of Tourism, a total of 136,876 international tourists visited India on e-visas in November, up 63.9% year-on-year. UK nationals accounted for 22.3% of this monthly total, followed by the US (12.9%), Russia (8.7%), France (6.3%) and China (6.1%). Germany (4.6%), Australia (4.1%), Canada (3.6%), Netherlands (1.8%) and Ukraine (1.8%) completed the top 10. Almost half the e-visas were issued at Delhi Airport (45.0%), followed by Mumbai (18.5%), Goa (14.2%), Chennai (5.3%) and Bengaluru (5.2%) airports. For the first 11 months of 2016, India has now issued a total of 917,446 e-tourist visas.

FAITH asks government to recall the Service Charge advisory urgently

Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism & Hospitality (FAITH) has sought urgent intervention of Secretaries of Tourism, and Consumer Affairs, Government of India, in recalling or amending the notification on Service Charge levied by hotels and restaurants from consumers. The department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India had issued a letter advising all Secretaries - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection of state governments that service charges as levied on restaurant bills over and above taxes are optional and that they may choose to sensitise customers not to pay the same in case they are dissatisfied with the quality of service.

No passport details required for bulk purchase of ASI-monument's entry tickets

Following the demonetisation of high-value currency notes, the Centre is stressing on online modes for making payments but the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not been able to extend the e-ticket facility at its famous and popular monuments like Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri, among others so far. There were problems regarding the purchase of ASI Monument tickets after December 15, 2016 and the matter was taken up to Hon'ble Minister for Tourism and Culture by IATO for his intervention and after the meeting with DG ASI and some alternative arrangements were suggested. As for all the other monuments tickets are available for purchase online, except for some monuments in Agra, especially Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort and Itimad-ul-Daula's Tomb, the Hon'ble Minister for Tourism has given his directives to allow purchase of tickets in Agra in Bulk with payments through Demand Drafts with immediate effect.

Garuda opens a passage to India

Indonesia could be set for a tourism boost from India following the launch of a new flight service linking Jakarta with Mumbai. Garuda Indonesia commenced the new route on 12 December 2016, with flights initially operating via Bangkok. If these services are a success however, Garuda plans to serve the route non-stop. "We will see how it goes in two or three months; if the results are good, we will make it direct flights," Garuda's president director, Arif Wibowo, was reported saying by local news site, Tempo. The Jakarta-Bangkok-Mumbai route will run three times a week using a single-aisle Boeing 737 aircraft. Flights depart the Indonesian capital's Soekarno-Hatta International Airport at 1255 and arrive in

Mumbai at 2030. Despite being two of the world's most populous countries, there are no direct scheduled flights between India and Indonesia.

New India-Bangladesh rail service to launch in January

A cross-border new rail service connecting India with Bangladesh will start operating from January this year, it has been revealed. Kolkata-Khulna service is likely to commence during Bangladesh's Prime Minister Shaikh Hasina's state visit to India in January 2017. The 155km line between Kolkata and Bangladesh's third largest city already handles freight traffic, but it will now carry passenger trains. This follows the recent increase in frequency of the Maitree Express, which connects Kolkata with Dhaka, to four trains per week.

top 3 picks

TOP-3 LUXURY HOUSEBOATS IN THE KERALA BACKWATERS

The Oberoi Motor Vessel Vrinda

The two and three night luxury cruises in Kerala on board The Oberoi Motor Vessel Vrinda take guests through the largest backwater stretch: Vembanad Lake, the vibrant waterways of Allepey: "Venice of the East", and include nightly, traditional, cultural performances. They offer just eight king sized, Deluxe Cabins to guarantee the utmost privacy for our guests. These can be booked in their entirety for private parties. With high speed WiFi and a dedicated, 24-hour personal butler, The Oberoi Motor Vessel Vrinda offers some of the most luxurious accommodation on the backwaters of Kerala. Enjoy the unique network that meanders past palm tree-fringed rice paddies and villages!

Spice Routes Luxury Cruises

Spice Routes offers an enchanting holiday experience as you step on board our luxurious houseboats on the breath taking backwaters of Kerala. The houseboats are fitted out with state of the art amenities and promise an experience of a lifetime. Located at Alleppey, the Venice of the East and strategically at a vantage point on the backwaters, Spice Routes has well planned routes that present the traveller with a kaleidoscope of activity of the rural backwaters. Every houseboat comes with its own crew consisting of a driver, and assistant and a personal cook who dishes out tantalising local cuisine. Spice Routes takes you back to an era when large barges or kettuvallams laden with rice, spices and coir plied through the canals of Alleppey.

Blue Jelly by Lakes & Lagoons

Lakes & Lagoons has air-conditioned deluxe houseboats. The house boats have fully furnished 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedrooms with sundeck, private balcony with comfortable chairs, kitchen and toilet with WC. In addition there is also separate rest room for the crew. Traditional lanterns are used as lights. Each houseboat has a three member crew - a chef, driver & cabin assistant. The cuisine is traditional Kerala flavor with the local specialties; delicious local fish (Pearlspot - Karimeen) & prawns. There are single bedroom houseboats for two people and two bedroom houseboats for four people. Lakes & Lagoons is proud to present Premium range of Lake Royale Houseboats, Honeymoon Suite, Devas Indulge to the discerning guests. The features include round the clock A/C, luxurious interiors, all modern amenities and special menu.

hotel news

Hyatt brings new brand to India

Hyatt has introduced another of its hotel brands to India, with the opening of the Andaz Delhi. Located in the Aerocity area, close to Indira Gandhi International Airport, the new upscale hotel will initially provide 401 rooms and suites, with 129 serviced apartments scheduled to follow in 2017. Interestingly, the rooms are integrated into a book called “401 Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi”, a copy of which will be placed in each room. The book highlights various aspects of Delhi, such as its heritage, culture and architecture, and forms part of the Andaz brand's stated aim of reflecting the local flavour of its destinations. “Andaz derives its name from the Hindi word for 'personal style' and each location offers guests a fresh and stimulating hotel experience that fuels creativity,” said Kurt Straub, Hyatt's vice president of operations for India. “The opening of Andaz Delhi marks a significant milestone for the brand.”

Sarovar Hotels & Resorts signs new hotel in Dalhousie

The new 60-room hotel is called the Presidium Sarovar Portico. Sarovar Hotels has signed a new 60-room hotel deal, called the Presidium Sarovar Portico, in Dalhousie. It is expected to be operational by the end of 2018. Owned by Vikram Seth of Holy Heart Presidency School Amritsar, Presidium Sarovar Portico Dalhousie is Sarovar Groups's third hotel in Himachal Pradesh. The other two hotels are located in Mashobra and Palampur. Commenting on the development, Ajay Bakaya, executive director of Sarovar Hotels said, “It is an important location for us and a significant addition to our portfolio. This hotel is equipped with all amenities required by a modern day traveller and is set to be the finest in the region.”

Taj brings luxury to the Andaman Islands

Taj Hotels will make its debut in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands this year, when it opens a new luxury resort on a private beach at Havelock Island, the archipelago's most popular tourist area. Scheduled to launch this autumn, the Taj Exotica Resort & Spa Andaman Islands will become one of the only big brand hotels in the Bay of Bengal island chain. Pitched at the highest end of the market, the property will feature 75 villas, including a 743m² presidential villa, plus its own private beach. The new resort is being designed in the low-rise style of traditional Jarawa huts, reflecting the villages of one of the Andaman tribes. Taj Exotica Resort & Spa Andaman Islands will join existing Taj Exotica-branded resorts in other key beach destinations including Goa and the Maldives.

Six Senses plans five “satellite resorts” across Bhutan

Six Senses will enter another new Asian market in 2017, with the opening of a series of luxury mountain retreats in Bhutan. The company has designed a unique project in the Himalayan kingdom that brings together five satellite resorts in separate locations, but all under the umbrella of a single name: Six Senses Bhutan. The total collection will comprise 82 suites and villas distributed between the five lodges, enabling guests to experience Thimphu, Punakha, Gangtey, Bumthang and Paro. Each location has been designed with a “specific and appropriate theme”. For example, the resort in Thimphu, the Bhutanese capital, has a cultural theme showcasing local building materials and handicrafts, while the forest location of Bumthang focuses on a woodland theme and features buildings and furniture made using recycled timber.

Sarovar Hotels opens The Muse Sarovar Portico in Kapashera, Delhi

Starting the New Year on a high note, Sarovar Hotels Pvt. Ltd. announced the launch of a new hotel in Delhi NCR, The Muse Sarovar Portico, Kapashera. Marking the group's focused expansion plan, The Muse Sarovar Portico Kapashera will be followed by openings in Nairobi, Ranchi, Jaisalmer and Amritsar this year. With easy access to the domestic and international airports, The Muse Sarovar Portico is a smart, efficient solution for both business and leisure travellers and offers a plethora of options to host seamless functions and events. 73 elegantly-designed rooms combine aesthetics with functionality assuring a pleasant visit, every single time.

upcoming festivals

SULA FEST

This year's artist line-up befits a true 'World Music Festival' with the freshest acts - as always a mix of nationwide and internationally celebrated artists.Indulge yourself! Because spicing up the great musical line-up will be the SulaFest Bazaar with a selection of gourmet food, great drinks, charming merchandise and a plethora of fun filled activities to round off the event. EAT: Partygoers can enjoy mouth-watering gourmet food from a variety of delicious places. SulaFest is offering exciting food from Soma and Little Italy and many other cuisines from around the world. SHOP: You can buy some great merchandise from some cool and funky brands. Furthermore, you can enjoy foot massages, tattoos, tarot reading, grape stomping, special wine tours and many fun filled activities to round off the event. DRINK: Along with wines from Sula, there will also be a fine variety of amazing wines, beers and spirits from across the globe.

When: 3th to 5th February 2017 Where: Sula Vineyards Nashik

SURAJKUND MELA

Surajkund Craft fair is organized by the Department of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Culture-Government of India in collaboration with Haryana Tourism, in the month of February, every year. First celebrated in 1981, the fair continues to be a strong platform for skilled artists and craftsmen from abroad to display their skilled crafts and art work derived from their rich culture and tradition. The festival ground turns colorful with a number of make-shift stalls, that exhibits range of hand loom and Indian craft items, offering visitors the exquisite paintings, textiles, wood stock, ivory work, pottery, terracotta, stonework, lacquer work, mirror embroidery work and cane and grass work. Interestingly fair is not only limited to exhibitions of artwork but stages for Natyashala(theater) workshops, musical evenings are also organized, these programs are also accompanied by lip smacking and delicious rural cuisine, adding flavors to this world renowned crafts fair.
When: 1st to 15th February 2017 Where: Surajkund, in the Faridabad district a short distance from South Delhi.

GOA CARNIVAL

Based on the Christian tradition of Mardi Gras (also known as Fat Wednesday), Goa Carnival is a festival that celebrates the culture and cuisine of Goa on a grand scale every year. Originating from the tradition of Mardi Gras, a tradition of hedonistic feasts and dancing & drinking bouts before the fasting and abstinence associated with penitential season of lent, Goa Carnival is a 4 day razzmatazz that is observed all through the state with great gusto and zeal. Goa Carnival features a frenzy of tourist activities. The festive mood is even more accentuated by the huge parades that move the various streets of Goa. These parades are accompanied by live bands and dances. Goa forgets to sleep during the carnival as these parades continue throughout the night. Most of the streets are decorated with attractive lighting and grand balls. The festivities during Goa Carnival include dancing troupes, revelers wearing masks and costumes usually, electrifying music which is generally performed live, sports competitions, floats & parades .

When: 25th to 28th February 2017 Where: Panaji, Goa

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