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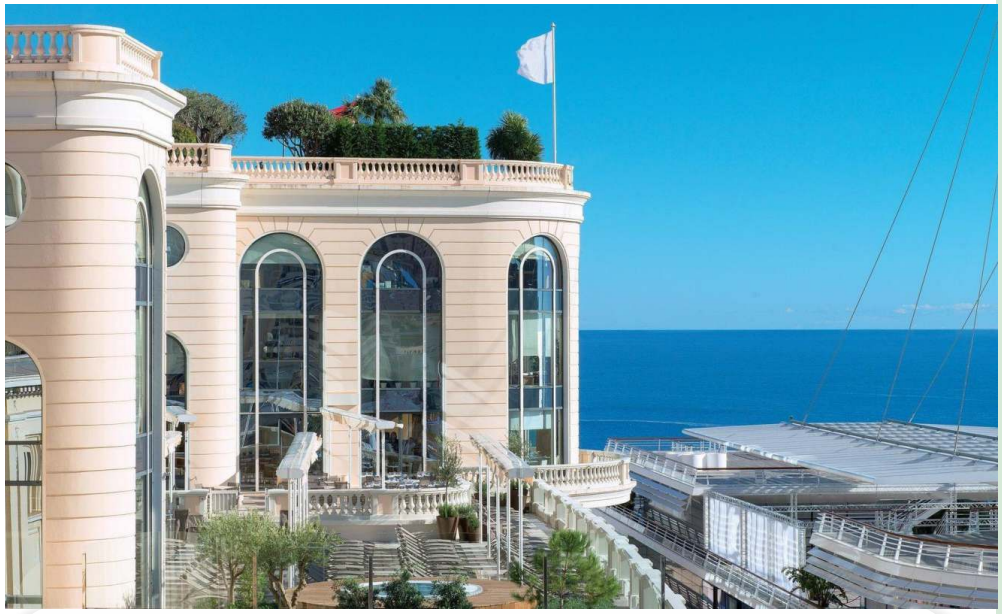
featured event destination

Hotel Hermitage Monte Carlo



A carefree, refined lifestyle characterised the Belle Epoque. A century later, this same spirit can be found in the hall designed by Eiffel, the hushed lounges and the intimate feel of every room and suite at the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, a cosy cocoon ideal for spending time with loved ones. It's the perfect place to celebrate your love in a magical setting overlooking the Mediterranean and the legendary Rock, the Principality's everlasting symbol. Here, understated luxury is the rule. The decor is either like an endless poem or pure reserve.The elegant Pagnol Suite, the Salle Belle Epoque, listed as an historic monument, and its terrace overlooking the Port of Monaco, or the lobby in the Winter Garden. Are you looking for a legendary yet classic setting? The Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo or the Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo is the perfect choice for you. Do you dream of a starry sky? The Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort and the Monte-Carlo Beach will entrance your guests with their unique settings overlooking the Mediterranean. Looking for something different? Discover the Hôtel de Paris wine cellar or the Villa La Vigie. Let the Tamarind team take care of it all for you!

278 rooms including 22 suites, 54 junior suites and 12 Diamond Suites

Overlooking the Mediterranean, the Hôtel Hermitage epitomizes a certain carefree elegance at the highest level. Built in the early 1900s, this historic luxury hotel offers an intimate and relaxed ambiance, a haven of peace in the heart of Monte-Carlo.

getaway resort of the month

The Serai, Jaisalmer

Bherwa, District Jaisalmer, Rajasthan 345001
21 Tents
Sujan Spa

Jaisalmer sits on an expanse of history that has been carefully recorded by the bards of Rajasthan from the 12th century, It straddled the once prosperous trade routes of the Great Thar Desert, hosting caravans into India, some of them plying the subsidiary routes of the great Silk Road, connecting China and Asia to the capitals of Europe. A 'living' fort, it has within its walls beautiful palaces and havelis, or town houses.

Set on a one hundred acre private estate of indigenous desert scrub, The Serai draws inspiration from the royal caravan sites of Rajputana; blending the dash and vivacity of this Land of Kings. Evenings are spent under the vast expanse of the desert sky, punctuated by the stars and ancient melodies of Manganiyar folk musicians whose songs have haunted these dunes for centuries.

The Serai is an oasis, a place for rest and rejuvenation in the desert. Built on a linear grid rising up from the desert, it stands proud with some walls carved in sandstone; with tents built on a majestic scale. Local craftsman worked the stone, built grand plunge pools, and a towering inverted step well upon which lies the placid pool. The Serai is simple, contemporary and elegant. In white and gold, it shines in the heart of the Thar.

LIVING

The 21 tents are a delightful symphony of styles. Fourteen tented suites offer spacious accommodation and cover an area of over one thousand square feet. Six luxury tented suites have their own private walled–in garden and sunken, heated dip pool with Jacuzzi jets. The exclusive royal tented suite has its own spa, outdoor pool, dining and lounge tents, all walled into a private enclosure. Each canvas tent is raised on a honey coloured sandstone plinth and comes with its own terrace lounge, saturated with natural light and stylish interiors, all carefully selected and arranged by Anjali Singh.

DINING

All Relais & Châteaux properties across the world are unique and outstanding, reflecting the place, its people and their cultures. The Serai serves sumptuous local delicacies as well as delicious western repasts drawn from inherited recipes that pattern the daily changing menus, meticulously planned, to give you eclectic fare using fresh homegrown organic ingredients. The Bar oozes comfort and beckons travellers to slip into the ample, deep set club–chairs, placed around plush accoutrements.

EXPERIENCES

Jaisalmer is of course famous for its 'Golden Fortress' which you can explore on your walk through the ancient fortress city, marvelling at the intricately carved Jain temples and private havelis or mansions. Camel safaris, desert drives and sundowners on the sand dunes are just some of the other memorable and sought after escapades we offer.

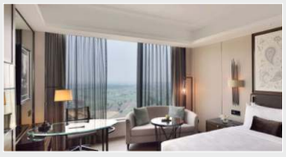
SUJAN SPA

highly acclaimed SUJÁN Spa at The Serai, Jaisalmer, has been created by Rosamund Freeman-Atwood, of the globally renowned Raison d'Etre. The SUJÁN Spa comprises four tents with interiors that induce soporific charm and a sense of well–being set within a walled garden. A diverse menu of therapies ensures you experience the mood and essence that your mind and body demands.

What's New

JW Marriott Kolkata

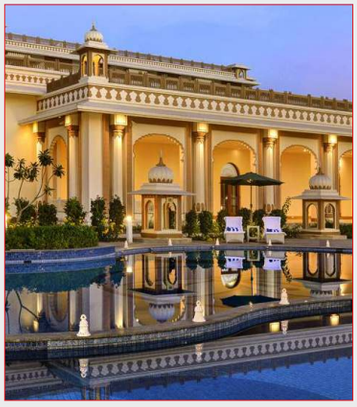
Now Open



JW Marriott® Kolkata- A New Landmark of Luxury in the East. Towering over JBS Haldane Avenue, the hotel stands almost equidistant from the airport and the old business district. It is also located 7kms from the new business district (IT/ITES hub). With a total inventory of 281 rooms and suites, the hotel has the largest base category rooms in the city (428 sq.ft.), each anointed with sophisticated elegance. One can choose from one of our many impeccable on-site restaurants to experience our passion for personal service and world class dining. The resplendent luxury hotel boasts of its largest event space of approx. 29,953 sq.ft. best suited for weddings, socials & corporate events. The most unique feature is the elegant bridal room to don bridal finery. Take time to rejuvenate yourself at our holistic Spa by JW, sweat it out at the fully equipped health club or take a dip in the starlit outdoor infinity pool.

Indana Palace Jaipur

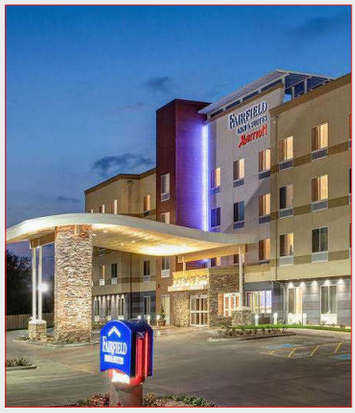
Opening January

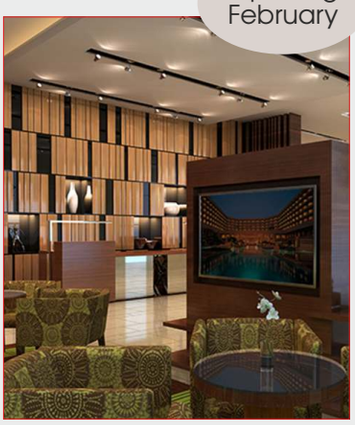


Get ready to welcome a perfect fusion of historical elegance and modern luxury. After hosting discerning guests from around the world at Indana Palace Jodhpur, Indana's brand of royal hospitality with a modern twist will be coming to Jaipur in November 2016. Experience the grandeur of the hotel and enjoy popular tourist attractions like the Amer Fort close by. Guests will be hosted in 118 lavish 350-800 sq ft deluxe rooms and suites including 10 cottage suites. You can celebrate weddings, business and pleasure with top-notch venues and amenities including a pillar-less 8000 sq.ft. banquet hall with a 3000 sq ft pre-function area.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Jodhpur

Opening February

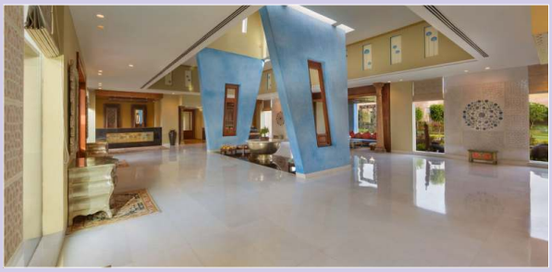


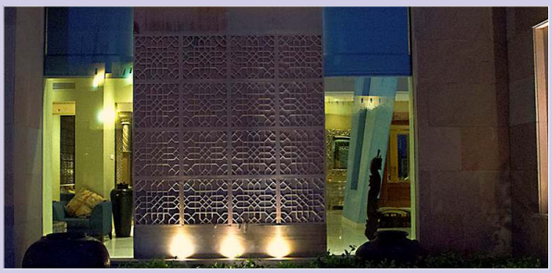


Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott® is a hotel with outstanding service for an easy and comfortable stay-at an exceptional value- always ready to welcome you to the thoughtfully designed guest rooms and suites with plenty of room to work and relax. Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel will keep you connected during your stay and the pool and fitness center will help you stay on track. Spread out in the vibrant lobby, with spaces to gather, relax and work. And jump-start each day with free breakfast, now with more hot choices like scrambled eggs, sausage and oatmeal, plus favorites including fresh fruit and yogurt. You'll always find the courteous service you deserve, plus all the little things you expect from Fairfield Inn & Suites during your stay.

promotion of the month

ITC Welcom Hotel, Jodhpur





On the edge of the Thar Desert, set against the somber and arid landscape of Rajasthan is – WelcomHotel Jodhpur. As a tribute to the city of Jodhpur, laden with history, culture & monuments that enliven the royal era of the princely state; WelcomHotel Jodhpur endeavors to bring about an element of grandeur through food, music, colour and an ethnic mélange of unique experiences.

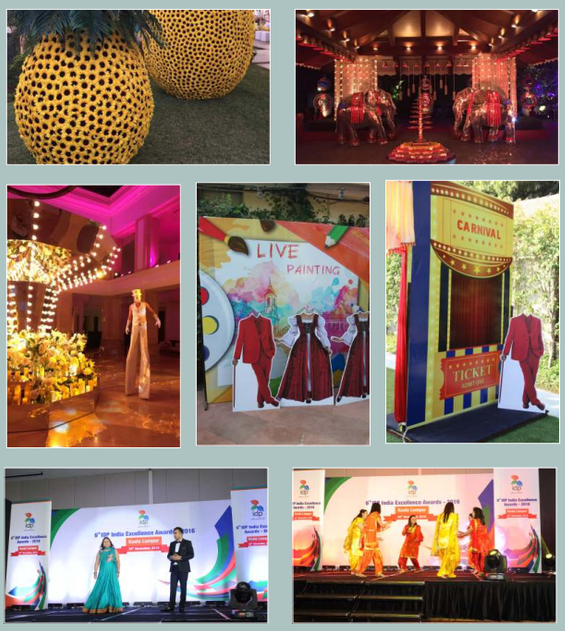
64 elegantly-appointed, spacious rooms covering 39 sq.mt. designed to provide comfort and space in an inviting ambience ideal for work and relaxation. A 3-meal buffet restaurant that offers gourmet indulgences in Indian and International cuisine.

tamarind news

Tamarind Global's Events Team has had a busy month! A chic and exclusive 25th Anniversary party kickstarted November at the Four Seasons Hotel in Mumbai, followed by Family Day celebrations for the Luxottica Group which is a leader in premium, luxury and sports eyewear. The fun-filled event took place at Zorba in Delhi.

Once again, Tamarind organised the " Awards night" for "THE IDP – Education" which is a world leader in international student placement services, this time at THE Westin in Kuala Lumpur.

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!



destination news

Indian e-visas grow in popularity

According to the latest data from the Indian Ministry of Tourism, a total of 105,268 e-visas were issued to international visitors last month, up 86.4% compared to the 56,477 issued in October 2015. This also reflects however, the expansion of the scheme in the last year. UK travellers accounted for the highest number of e-visas issued in October 2016 (22.9% of the total), followed by the US (12.1%). These two markets were by far the largest, with France (6.6%), China (5.8%) and Russia (5.6%) completing the top five. More than half the e-visas were issued at Delhi airport (51.7%), followed by Mumbai (18.7%) and Goa (6.2%). The e-tourist visa service is now available to the citizens of 150 countries arriving at 16 Indian airports.

Thailand hosts its fourth edition of luxury roadshow in India

The Tourism Authority of Thailand hosted its fourth edition of luxury roadshow in Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad and Kolkata. The Amazing Thailand Luxury Road show was led by Soraya Homchuen, director, Tourism Authority of Thailand – Mumbai office, HE. Mr. Ekapol Poolpipat, Consul- General, Royal Thai Consulate, Mumbai and Tourism Authority of Thailand team and suppliers, hotels, DMCs from Thailand. Thailand being a destination of widespread appeal, the Luxurious Pleasure series is a meeting place for buyers and sellers with a focus on high end holidays. The target audience includes agents who sell staple five-stars, to travel agents who simply add a few touches of luxury to an otherwise regular itinerary and those whose itineraries include private islands and helicopter rides.

Washington, DC visited India for three city sales and Media Mission

Washington, DC in partnership with Etihad Airways, Washington Dulles International Airport and U.S. Travel Association visited India for Three-City Sales & Media Mission in Hyderabad, Mumbai and New Delhi. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, nearly 1.13 million Indian travelers visited the U.S. in 2015. This number is forecasted to increase 25.6 percent by 2020, to 1.41 million visitors. In 2015, Washington, DC welcomed 80,000 visitors from India, making it DC's sixth largest overseas market. Visitation from India to DC has grown 40% since 2013, when it ranked ninth. Capital Region USA, the region encompassing Washington, DC, Virginia and Maryland, tells a similar story with an even greater rise. Indian visitation to the region has increased 70% and rose from the ninth overseas market in 2013 to the fourth in 2015.

TAAI pens partnership to improve Indian tourism training

A three-year tie-up with DY Patil University's School of Hospitality & Tourism Studies in Navi Mumbai was signed on 2 December 2016, providing post-graduate training for students that have achieved an MSc degree in Hospitality & Tourism Studies. Vandana Mishra Chaturvedi, director of the School of Hospitality & Tourism Studies, penned the MOU with the Tourism Council's chairman and treasurer, Jay Bhatia, on behalf of TAAI. "This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have the support of such a renowned association like TAAI. This will give them excellent exposure to the world of travel, tourism and hospitality," Ms Chaturvedi said. TAAI will now work with DY Patil University to develop an "industry-relevant" study programme for post-graduates. This will be offered in the form of a two-year course including internships and industry placements, in an effort to make sure the students are ready to enter the workplace.

top 3 picks

TOP-3 DESERT CAMPS IN JAISALMER

The Serai, Jaisalmer

he Serai is an oasis, a place for rest and rejuvenation in the desert, mapped out with precision and detail. Local craftsman worked the stone, built grand plunge pools, and a towering inverted step well upon which lies the placid pool. From the 'grand' in scale, to the smallest precious object and artifact, the camp captures and enhances the spirit of Jaisalmer. The Serai is simple, contemporary and elegant. In white and gold, it shines in the heart of the Thar. Subtle interventions of the crafts and textiles are woven into the property through carpets and turbans, throws and cushions, contrasting the vivid colours of Rajasthan with the stark terrain of the Thar desert, to create a tranquil space.

Damodra Desert Camp

Damodra Desert Camp has 10 deluxe swiss cottage tents with comfortable beds, either one king size or two twin size beds. All premium white bed linens and towels are included, as well as premium ayurvedic toiletries. Each tent has an attached modern bathroom with shower, western flush toilet, hot and cold running water. Each tent has a fan, A/C and heater. Damodra Desert Camp is located approximately 30kms outside of Jaisalmer on the way to the Sam sand dunes. Situated like a golden mirage in the charming romance of the Thar Desert, the camp combines comfort, conveniences and modern facilities with the warmth and personal attention of traditional Indian hospitality.

Winds Desert Camp

Winds Desert Camp ventures to bring home the pleasures, charms, uniqueness and excitement of the desert life, to you at your threshold during the Sept. to March. With credibility, vast experiences and professional skill supported by well trained cum experienced staff for your comfort and healthy food. Guests are provided with fully equipped tented accommodation with toilet facilities, electricity, thus bringing home away from home experience to you. Be close to nature, enjoy the Rajasthani heritage in our elegantly built tents having centre room, Verandah, toilets with all modern facilities including 24 hrs running water.

hotel news

SUJAN's Raj Mahal, Jaipur expands MICE facilities

The famous Rajasthan hotel, which is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH), has unveiled its newly-renovated Mehfil Mahal ballroom. This large banquet hall covers more than 550m² of floor space, with an additional 370m² pre-function area. It can house a total of 400 people for events such as weddings, gala dinners and conferences. The renovation has also equipped the ballroom with modern audio-visual technology, new air-conditioning and sound-proofing. The revamped ballroom builds on the Raj Palace's MICE space, which includes five indoor rooms and halls, two outdoor event lawns and some semi-covered spaces. A former Maharaja's palace built in 1727, The Raj Palace Hotel also features two restaurants, a spa, cinema, swimming pool and decorative gardens.

Radisson Blu expands in South India

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group has continued to expand its portfolio in India with the launch of a new upscale hotel in Coimbatore, the second biggest city in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. Located in the centre of the industrial city, 7km from the airport, Radisson Blu Coimbatore features 135 rooms and suites, international and Indian restaurants, a business centre, swimming pool, spa, fitness centre and extensive function space, including a 875m² banqueting hall with pre-function area. "Radisson Blu Coimbatore is set to raise the bar on the city's upper-upscale hospitality landscape and bring new standards to the city," said Raj Rana, Carlson Rezidor's CEO for South Asia. "With 140 hotels in operation and under-development, this hotel will be a valued addition as we expand and grow our footprint in South India."

Lords Hotels becomes largest midscale chain in Gujarat

Lords Hotels & Resorts has signed a new property in the city of Bharuch, making it the largest midscale hotel group in Gujarat. To be branded under the Lords Eco Inn banner, the new hotel is scheduled to commence operations in December 2016, becoming the company's 15th property in the northwestern state. Located between the major cities of Surat and Vadodara, Lords Eco Inn Bharuch offers 48 rooms. "The addition of this hotel to our chain of hotels marks a significant milestone and one that is unique for us," said PR Bansal, chairman & managing director of Lords Hotels & Resorts. "From the first hotel back in 2007 which was set in this very state to this one in 2016, we have gone on to become the largest chain of true value hotels in Gujarat. Today our hotels dot the entire region. "Our endeavour is to offer services across the spectrum and symbolize Indian hospitality in all that we offer," he added.

Carlson Rezidor reaches 140 hotels in India

Outlining its development efforts at the recent Hotel Investment Forum India (HIFI), the group revealed that it now has a presence in 60 Indian cities, including 16 state capitals. Carlson Rezidor previously stated its aim to have a hotel in the capital of all 29 states. A further 14 properties are due to be signed and eight opened by the end of 2016. "Our dominant position in India and steady growth in this important market demonstrates the strength of our brands and expertise," said Thorsten Kirschke, Carlson Rezidor's president for Asia Pacific. "As one of the leading international hospitality operators in India, we have established a nationwide presence through a deep understanding of this key market. We remain fully committed and believe in accelerating our growth through new strategic partnerships and opportunities."

Taj Hotels forges strategic alliance with Shangri-la Hotels for customer loyalty programme

India's leading hotel chain, Taj Hotels, Resorts & Palaces has announced a strategic alliance with Hong Kong-based Shangri-la Hotels & Resorts to integrate and participate in the customer loyalty programme mutually under the 'Warmer Welcomes' programme. As per the alliance, Taj's InnerCircle members and Shangri-La's Golden Circle guests' will be able to enjoy the perks of their elite status when they stay at any Shangri-la or Taj property worldwide. Two programmes combined together boasts of six million loyalty programme members. While Shangri-la has around 5 million Golden Circle members, Taj has over a million Taj InnerCircle loyalty members. The programme integrates Taj InnerCircle and Shangri-La's Golden Circle guest loyalty programmes and will provide members reciprocal and seamless benefits at a scale never seen before under a hospitality alliance. With this alliance, the loyalty members will be eligible to earn reward points and redeem it across 200 hotels in 31 countries and 131 destinations across the globe.

upcoming festivals

INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

See millions of brightly colored kites take over the sky from sunrise until sunset at this festival, which marks the occasion of Makar Sankranti (the transition of the sun into the northern hemisphere) and celebrates life and fertility. The event attracts kite flyers from many different countries. In addition to kite flying, there's aerial acrobats, kite painting competitions, and kite making workshops. Kites of all shapes and sizes are flown, and the main competition is to battle nearby kite-flyers to cut their strings and bring down their kites. For this, people find their favored kite-makers who prepare strong resilient kite bodies with springy bamboo frames and kite-paper stretched to exactly the right tension. Lastly, the kites are attached to a spool (or firkin) of manja, special kite-string coated with a mixture of glue and glass to be as sharp as possible for cutting strings of rival kites.

When: 7th to 15th January 2017 Where: Sabarmati River Front, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

JAIPUR LITERARY FESTIVAL

Described as the 'greatest literary show on Earth', the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival is the world's largest free event of its kind.
Equity and democracy run through the Festival's veins, placing some of the world's greatest minds, humanitarians, historians, politicians, business leaders, sports people and entertainers from all walks of life together on stage. This free and egalitarian access to these renowned thinkers and writers is a powerful statement in a country where access to such individuals remains the privilege of a few. The ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival provides a potentially life-changing opportunity for audiences from Rajasthan, across India and the world to learn from and exchange ideas with contemporary literary stalwarts.

The festival celebrates its 10th year in 2017.

When: 19-23 January 2017 Where: Diggi Palace Jaipur, Rajasthan

CARNEVALE DI VENEZIA

Who is that behind the mask ? Or better yet, who are you wearing the mask? Who will you become? What is your fantasy? These are questions you'll be asking yourself during the weeks before Ash Wednesday, when Venice cloaks itself in a veil of mystery welcoming the Carnevale di Venezia (Carnival of Venice) , the world's most elegant Carnival. Socialites come out and play, disguised in 18th-century costumes, in a spectacle that transports visitors to an age of opulence. Venice Carnival is unapologetically upscale and thrives on it. The elaborate Carnival balls are among the world's most elite parties and come with a high price tag, but the most alluring aspect of this festival is just wandering the labyrinthine island city of historic canals and alleyways filled with costumed revelers and soaking up the one-of-a-kind ambiance.

When: 11-8 January 2017 Where: Venice, Italy

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