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Winter Wedding in Ras Al Khaimah by Tamarind...

Boutique hotels in Goa!

Enjoy the International Yoga Festival

Holiday at glorious Trident Udaipur

tamarind news

The new year kicked off with a wedding organised by Tamarind in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. It was a magical three days in the grand setting of the Waldorf Astoria, with one event taking place in the Basata desert camp. Fairytale settings were designed and executed by our panel of designers in Dubai, transforming the sand dunes into an ethereal wonderland. Band, baja and baraat dominated the beach outside the Waldorf Astoria, creating the qunitissential big fat Indian wedding!

Our team has been busy planning many more exciting events for early 2017, with trips to Cambodia, Moscow, Baku, Bangalore and even Cuba! Watch this space for more!

What's New

Now Open

HYATT ANDAZ New Delhi

Arrive a visitor, depart a local at Andaz Delhi. Located in the emerging destination of Aerocity and adjacent to Indira Gandhi International Airport, our luxury lifestyle hotel is near downtown Delhi and the business hub of Gurgaon.

Dining at Andaz Delhi: AnnaMaya - a modern European food hall inspired by the vibrancy and flavours of India and Juniper Bar - a gin & tonic bar; operational at the moment. Opening soon, is an evening dining destination - Hong Kong Club, and Andaz Deli - a one stop venue for fresh bakery and confectionary products
Thoughtful amenities: A roomy work desk and daybed, complimentary minibar with local snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, and Wi-Fi
Calming Sanctuary: The moment you enter the Andaz Spa, you will experience a regional retreat with locally inspired healing treatments, massages, body rituals, facials and aromatherapy, that are designed to refresh your body and spirit.
Perfect events: Choose from 3,484 sq m (37,500 sq ft) of unique event spaces, including a Ballroom, courtyard and Andaz Studios.

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New Delhi, India, 110037

401 loft-style guestrooms, including 45 suites, and an additional 129 serviced apartments. Each room features one of 401 unique art pieces that celebrate a reason to fall in love with Delhi

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getaway resort of the month

Trident Udaipur

Udaipur , India

Experience the splendour of Rajasthan in Udaipur, nicknamed the 'City of Lakes' for its picturesque lakes framed by the Aravalli range. The erstwhile capital of the Kingdom of Mewar, the city was founded in 1553 by Maharana Udai Singh. From its magnificent palaces to its vibrant bazaars, the city is probably the best example of romantic and alluring Rajasthan at its finest.

Built over forty three acres on the banks of Lake Pichola, our hotel Trident, Udaipur is a comfortable 27 kilometres from the airport and is perfectly located to explore the famed sites of the city, such as the City Palace, the Crystal Gallery, the Monsoon Palace or the beautiful Jagmandir.

Wake up to a sumptuous breakfast spread that ensures a flying start to your day, before stepping out to explore the sights and discover the rich history of Udaipur. No royal hospitality is quite complete without a lavish feast. After soaking in the sights of this historic city, return to your private sanctuary at Trident, Udaipur to unwind in luxury.

The 137 luxury rooms and 4 suites at Trident, Udaipur blend elegance and style with traditional touches and contemporary comforts. Our hotel rooms feature elegantly designed window frames and 'Jaipuri Kalam' or artwork in vegetable dyes. Furnished in soothing, earthy tones, you will also find the 'Udaipur Green' marble in the décor, a specialty of the region. Guests can also enjoy access to high speed internet for up to 4 devices with our compliments.

For a nightcap, Amrit Mahal bar has a choice of premium spirits for you to enjoy, before you call it a day.

FOR THE KIDS
Children will feel like superstars in our signature Trident Kids' Club; their very own paradise with games, a play area and their very own tent! While the little ones are having fun and making friends, you can relax and enjoy a walk in our sprawling gardens, and be regaled with stories of yore at 'Bada Mahal' - a 150 year old wild life conservatory within the hotel premises.

TRIDENT SPA
The Trident Spa is a haven of calm with an extensive menu of therapies inspired by ancient Ayurveda or Western techniques. Start your morning with an energising yoga session. A few laps in our turquoise swimming pool will refresh you instantly or you may want to just lie back on the deck chairs and admire the views of the Aravalli range.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DINING

Savour authentic dishes at Aravalli, the main restaurant at Trident, Udaipur, which also serves a variety of dishes from Western, Asian and regional Indian cuisines. For barbeques and grills, head to The Terrace and enjoy an al fresco dining experience.

On the banks of the picturesque Lake Pichola, Trident, Udaipur is an ideal destination for any occasion - be it a large corporate gathering or a destination wedding. With inspiring and flexible venues which include an expansive outdoor space, the hotel's resort-like ambience blends the best of business and leisure in an intimate setting.

promotion of the month

Trident Kochi

Blending classic charm with chic interiors, Trident, Cochin offers 77 rooms (43 superior rooms and 34 deluxe rooms) and 8 suites, set amidst a picturesque central courtyard and landscaped gardens. Furnished in soft, muted tones and interspersed with local artefacts, the rooms are well-appointed with all the contemporary comforts for discerning guests. With views of the lush gardens from the large picture windows, the rooms bring the natural beauty of the outdoors within. Guests can also enjoy access to high speed internet for up to 4 devices with our compliments. Located on Willingdon Island, Trident, Cochin is within easy distance of famed sites such as the Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing nets, Mattancherry Palace and St Francis Church.
Above all, the efficient team of the hotel ensures that your every expectation is adequately met.

destination news

Double-digit growth for Indian tourism in 2016

According to new data released by India's Ministry of Tourism, the country welcomed a total of 8.89 million international visitors last year, up 10.7% compared to 2015. And visitor spending accelerated even faster, reaching a total of INR1.56 trillion (US$23.1 billion), up 15.1% year-on-year. Bangladesh, the US and UK were India's three largest international source markets in 2016. In December 2016 alone, India handled more than a million international visitors (1,037,000), up 13.7% compared to the same month last year, while visitor spending increased 18.7% to INR168.1bn. The number of e-tourist visas issued at Indian airports reached 1.08m in 2016, accounting for approximately 12% of total arrivals. The system is now in place for the citizens of 161 countries.

Deccan Odyssey's 2017 Companion Scheme launched

Keeping with the growing interest in experiencing India's pride – Deccan Odyssey, the award-winning luxury train, comes up with an exclusive Companion Offer on select journeys starting January 2017. Travel enthusiasts can book a lavish twin-sharing cabin in Deccan Odyssey and avail flat 50 per cent discount for their companion. Imagine sitting on the magnificent couch with a view that slowly unravels the best-kept secrets of the serene countryside of Western, Southern and Central India. Onboard Deccan Odyssey, you can now live a grand life at an unimaginable price. The offer is applicable on bookings made from 1st January – 30th April 2017. The exclusive scheme is open to all including Indian citizens, Foreign diplomats / Expats resident in India having work/resident permit.

IndiGo boosts Singapore, domestic flights

On 16 February 2017, the airline will double the frequency of its Delhi-Bagdogra service from daily to twice daily flights, as well as increasing its Kolkata-Bagdogra route from twice to three times per day. Then on 20 February, IndiGo will add a series of flights, including a brand new daily service from Hyderabad to Chandigarh, an eighth daily service between Hyderabad and Chennai, a fifth daily flight between Kochi and Chennai, and a fourth daily flight between Kochi and Hyderabad. And next month, the LCC will boost one of its key international routes with the launch of a second daily flight between Chennai and Singapore, effective 5 March 2017.

Asian country named world's fastest-growing business travel market

The Global Business Travel Association (GBTA) Foundation's latest BTI Outlook report reveals that the value of India's business travel sector increased 11.4% in 2016, and is expected to expand by a further 11.6% this year. This would take the sector's total value to US$36.8 billion by the end of 2017 and gives India the strongest growth rates of any major global market. This comes despite the Indian government's surprise decision last year to remove INR500 and 1,000 notes from circulation, which disrupted the domestic economy. “India continues to position itself to become a world leader in business travel for decades to come,” said Gaurav Sundaram, GBTA's regional director for India. “Despite fears surrounding the demonetization efforts, India saw a 10.9% growth in year-over-year business travel spending for the second quarter of 2016 – even higher than our last report projected.” The continued double-digit growth will propel India further up the global business travel rankings. Having moved up five places during the 2000s to become the world's 10th largest business travel market at the end of 2015, GBTA forecasts that India will overtake South Korea and Italy on its way to becoming the sixth largest market by 2019. Last year India surpassed Brazil.

Nepal prepares airports for natural disasters

Nepal has moved to improve the preparedness of the country's airports to respond to natural disasters. Representatives from the Home Ministry, army, airport authorities and humanitarian organisations will join forces in an effort to improve the ability of Tribhuvan International Airport and Nepalgunj Airport to cope with disasters such as the earthquake that struck Nepal in April 2015. The four-day 'Get Airports Ready for Disaster' (GARD) workshops will be led by Deutsche Post DHL Group and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). These events will evaluate the current level of preparedness at the two airports, before providing training and action plans for future disasters. “The 2015 quake truly demonstrated the crucial role airports play in Nepal's national emergency response network,” said Valerie Julliand, UNDP's resident coordinator. “We just can't wait for another disaster to strike to have strong and effective contingency plans to manage the flow of emergency relief goods to the people in need.

top 3 picks

TOP-3 BOUTIQUE HOTELS IN GOA

Siolim House

As a unique Heritage boutique hotel in Goa, Siolim House operates with a sensitive philosophy to the village, its culture and our surroundings. It aims to expose guests to what Goa really is all about – an aromatic distillation of Indian and old European Portuguese cultures,through afamily-oriented approach to hospitality. Rooms and suites are furnished in antique style, with four poster beds, wooden floors, terra cotta tiles, and abundant charm. Enrol for an experience to learn secret recipes of Goa homes and how to use those wonderful spices that you see but dont know how to use. Or enjoy a small, intimate Yoga class early in the morning.

Nilaya Hermitage Arpora

Nilaya Hermitage, Goa’s quiet boutique hotel nestles amidst nature in Arpora-Bardez inspired by Arabian nights and Moorish architecture. Surrounded by luscious foliage, wildlife and a breath taking view of the Arabian Sea. Shrouded in mystery, a dreamlike ambience infuses the resort set in 20 acres of parkland. Stone lined pathways, canopied by majestic trees, leads to brick coloured cottages built in the style inspired by Arabian nights and Moorish architecture which will take you to different state of mind. The cottages are designed so as to provide Guests an immediate experience of the surrounding sights and sounds. The menu is a daily menu based on the daily fresh ingredients sourced locally from the markets and inhouse. Nilaya Is equipped with a fully fledged bar with exotic cocktails and snacks served at the bar.

Coco Shambhala

Coco Shambhala is a collection of 4 luxury vacation villas for exclusive holidays in Goa, India. Set in a tropical garden with a freeform jungle swimming pool in their midst, the villas are a blend of architecture, design and service to excite your senses. Each villa has a stunning tree top living pavilion, a private plunge jet pool, 2 large bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, a kitchen and a complimentary car and driver. At Coco Shambhala, everything is a luxury. From the chemical-free swimming pool to the carefully curated vintage furniture, the culinary experience designed by one of India’s leading chefs and food stylists to the most exquisite Indian textile linens, the books dotting the villas to the fine selection of wines, spirits and craft beers in your personal bar— nothing is overlooked.

hotel news

Steigenberger, the German hotel group, has announced the details of its first property in India.
Deutsche Hospitality, Steigenberger's parent company, formed a joint venture with India's MBD Group in June 2016, with a target of launching 20 hotels in the country over the next 15 years. The first of these will be The Zephyr – MBD Steigenberger Hotel & Apartments in Bengaluru, which is scheduled to open in 2020. Located in the business suburb of Whitefield, The Zephyr will combine a 178-room luxury hotel with 123 serviced apartments. It will also offer a selection of restaurants, a tea lounge, executive lounge, bar, a large spa, beauty salon, swimming pool and tennis court. And for the MICE market, the hotel will feature more than 2,200m² of conference and banqueting space. Deutsche Hospitality now encompasses more than 125 hotels, including 98 currently operating and 27 under development. More than 50 of these are Steigenberger Hotels, while 41 are Intercity Hotels. The company's first ever Jaz Hotel opened in Amsterdam in 2015.

Oberoi unveils new additions to international portfolio (UAE and Morocco)
Following the opening of a new domestic resort, Oberoi Sukhvilas Resort & Spa Siswan Forest Range, in December 2016, the company has confirmed that two more luxury resort-style properties will join its portfolio in 2017. The Oberoi Beach Resort Al Zorah in Ajman, will expand the company's presence in the UAE, where it already operates the Oberoi Dubai. This latest property will be located in a beachfront and mangrove setting, 25 minutes' drive from Dubai. It will feature 113 suites and villas with private pools, plus restaurants, a spa, two hammams, an 85-metre swimming pool and gym. The resort is also located close to a championship golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus. These two resorts will expand Oberoi's international portfolio to 12 hotels and resorts covering six countries: Indonesia, Egypt, Mauritius, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Marriott-Agra gets bigger on its 2nd anniversary, breaking its own record by yet another longest cake in Agra's history!
Courtyard by Marriott Agra, located in the city of love and the home to world renowned Taj Mahal, is celebrating its 2nd anniversary in the most magnificent way with the longest cake in the history of Agra breaking its own record of last year. To celebrate the journey of two years, the hotel has made the city's largest cake ever which is 50 ft long and weighs about 100 kgs. This exclusive cake is in the shape of numerical '2' to mark the hotel's 2nd anniversary in the heritage city. This cake which would definitely be remembered for years to come, has been prepared by the culinary team at the hotel lead by Executive Chef, Vivek Kalia. The guests at the hotel along with the Marriott Associates together had the honor of cutting the elegantly crafted cake with edible printing depicting the hotel's achievements over the last two years.

Oaks debuts in India with new Bodhgaya hotel
Oaks Hotels & Resorts, the Australian brand acquired by Thailand's Minor Hotels, has made its debut in India with the opening of the opening of Oaks Bodhgaya. The new hotel is located in the town of Bodhgaya in the Indian state of Bihar – a popular pilgrimmage site where Buddha is said to have found enlightenment sitting under the Bodhi Tree. The Bodhgaya temple complex is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Oaks hotel is situated 3.5km from Mahabodhi Temple and 10km from Vishnupad Temple, as well as being 7km from Gaya International Airport. A new-build property, it features 78 rooms and suites, plus a gymnasium, a rooftop meditation space, library and an international restaurant. For the MICE market there is also a banqueting hall. “We are very excited to announce the opening of Oaks Bodhgaya which represents Minor Hotels' debut in India,” said Thomas Meier, Minor's senior vice president of operations – Asia. “Minor Hotels has been looking for the right opportunity to expand its footprint into India.” Oaks Hotels & Resorts now operates more than 50 properties across five countries – Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, India and the UAE.

Marriott brings Fairfield to Indian “smart city”
Marriott has marked the start of 2017 by continuing where it left off last year – by expanding its portfolio in India. The country's fourth Fairfield by Marriott property is now open in Belagavi (formerly known as Belgaum), the up-and-coming “smart city” and commercial hub in southwest India's Karnataka state. The addition of this midscale hotel will provide a new international standard accommodation option for business travellers to this commercial hub. “Fairfield by Marriott offers innovative design at a great value, which combined gives us a huge strategic advantage in many markets across the region,” said Neeraj Govil, Marriott's area vice president for South Asia. “Growing markets such as Belagavi hold tremendous potential for us as we see millions of people entering the middle classes across India. The Fairfield by Marriott product represents great value for transient travellers as the entry price point into the Marriott portfolio.” The expansion of Fairfield's Indian portfolio will continue next month with the opening of a hotel in Amritsar.

Carlson breaks new ground with first Sri Lankan hotel

Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group has broken ground on its first ever property in Sri Lanka. The company held a ceremony recently to mark the start of construction work on the Park Inn by Radisson Colombo. The event was attended by Sri Lanka's Minister of Tourism Development, John Amaratunga, and Thorsten Kirschke, Carlson Rezidor's president for Asia Pacific. Located on Galle Road, in the centre of the Sri Lankan capital, the new midscale hotel will offer 199 rooms, a swimming pool, fitness centre, F&B outlets and function space. It is expected to open in the second quarter of 2019. This is the first of two hotels to be managed by Carlson Rezidor in Sri Lanka, with the upscale Radisson Kandy set to follow. Both properties are owned by Sofia Hospitality.

upcoming festivals

PARIPALLY GAJAMELA

One of Kerala's most impressive temple festivals, the Paripally Gajamela features around 50 richly decorated elephants. They form part of a ritual offering to the temple goddess, by temple devotees, for prosperity. Paripally Gajamela forms part of the annual festival at the Kodimoottil Sree Bhagavathy Temple dedicated to Goddess Bhadrakali. The event witnesses parading of as many as upto 50 caparisoned elephants. Further, a host of cultural programmes are staged as part of this event on the temple premises. The elephants are paraded on the last day of the ten-day festival. Head off to Kodimoottil Bhagavathy Temple in the month of March to attend the Gajamela festival. Every celebration is regarded incomplete without the participation of elephants in Kerala. Elephants are worshiped as an incarnation of the elephant headed god Ganesha.

When: March 5, 2017 Where: Paripally Kodimootil Sree Bhadrakaali Temple, around an hour north of Trivandrum in the Kollam district of Kerala.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA FESTIVAL

The International Yoga Festival is a must for anyone interested in yoga! Yogacharyas, teachers, students and seekers come from every corner of the globe to participate in this program. This year there are more than 70 presenters, from 20 countries, giving nearly 150 classes, from 4:00 am until 9:30 pm. Ashtanga Yoga, Raja Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Kundalini Yoga, Iyengar Yoga, Vinyasa Yoga, Bharat Yoga, Deep Yoga, Shintoh Yoga and Somatics Yoga are just a few of the more than 60 different offerings throughout the week. There are also classes in meditation, mudras, Sanskrit chanting, reiki, Indian philosophy and much more. Further, spiritual discourses will be held by revered spiritual leaders from India and abroad. With more than 400 people from over 30 countries, it's grown to become one of the largest yoga gatherings in the world. The festival offers yoga evening discussions with some of India's leading spiritual leaders, and other events including vegetarian cooking classes and the Yoga Aid Challenge charity fundraiser.
When: March 1-7, 2017 Where: Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

KONKAN TURTLE FESTIVAL

Velas is a small eco-village in Ratnagiri district which is famous for the Olive Ridley turtle population that visits the Velas beach every year and lays their eggs. At Velas, turtle conservation movement is undertaken by the villagers. An NGO named Sahyadri Nisargmitra and the villagers committee has taken the initiative to conserve Olive Ridley Turtles by providing protection to their eggs. See newly hatched, endangered Olive Ridley turtles take their amazing march into the sea at the annual Turtle Festival. As well as this, you'll get to sample traditional Indian village life by stopping over at local homestays in the area (dormitory rooms only)

When: When: March, 2017 (refer to website for best times and dates, as it depends on nesting) Where: Velas village, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

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