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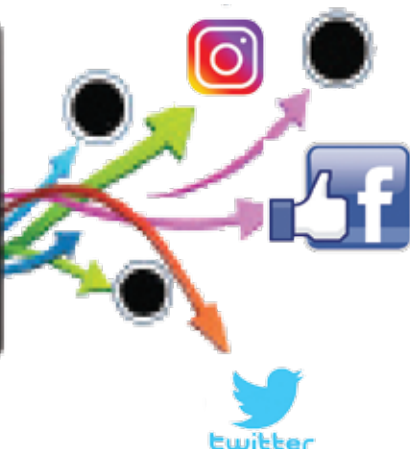
In the November 2024 edition of T3FS, we explore transformative destinations that are perfect for post-breakup exploration, offering a chance for individuals to rediscover themselves. This issue highlights enchanting islands celebrated for their stunning flora and fauna. Imagine yourself hiking along breathtaking trails or kayaking through serene waters, all while surrounded by nature's beauty. These idyllic locations also feature monasteries that provide a unique blend of spirituality and tranquility, making them ideal escapes for reflection and rejuvenation. Embrace this journey of self-discovery in these captivating locales, where every experience invites personal growth and healing.

In the hospitality realm, we showcase hotels that are thoughtfully designed to provide solace and support during the healing process after a breakup. Selecting the right hotel is crucial for this journey of rediscovery. Travelling solo post-breakup can be incredibly transformative, and we present luxurious accommodations set against the dramatic landscapes of Iceland. Picture a private island resort with secluded villas, where ultimate relaxation awaits. Additionally, we feature a charming hotel located in a historic district, skillfully blending cultural heritage with modern luxury. This combination creates an ideal retreat for those seeking peace and renewal.



Shifting to our lifestyle segment, we dive into the world of luxury purses from the most prestigious brands, where prices can appreciate by 5-14% annually. Investing in fashion has never been more appealing! These exquisite bags are not just visually stunning; they also hold the promise of significant value appreciation over time. Featured in our collection are iconic pieces such as the Hermès Birkin, Chanel Classic Flap, Louis Vuitton Neverfull, Lady Dior, Celine Luggage Tote, Gucci GG Marmont, and Fendi Baguette. Each purse tells a compelling story of rarity, craftsmanship, and brand prestige—narratives that beckon you to explore further. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your style while making a savvy investment that could pay off in the long run!

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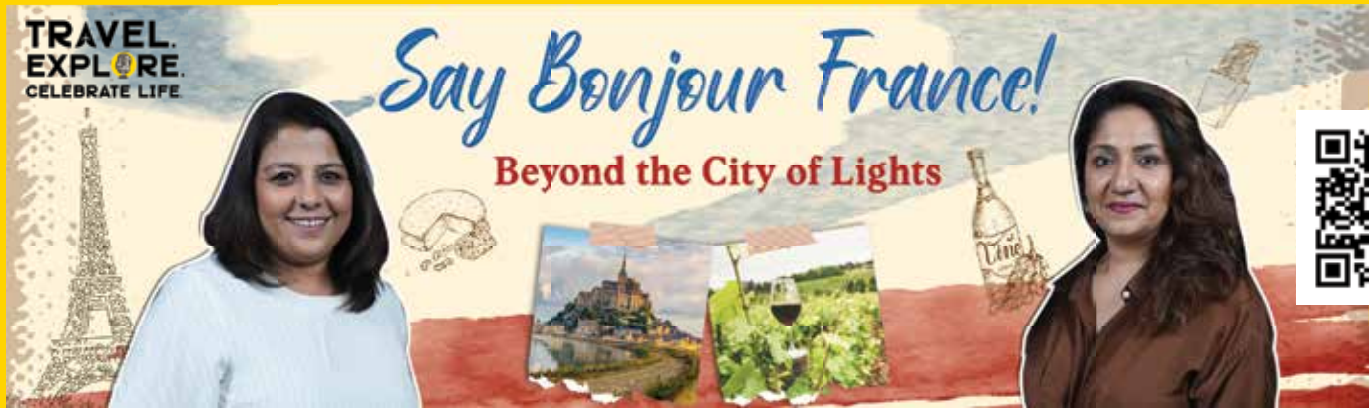
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Visa and Tripadvisor Unveil International Travellers' Pick 2024

At the 54th Annual Convention of the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), Visa and Tripadvisor announced the International Travellers' Pick 2024, showcasing the top-rated hotels and restaurants in India. The event was attended by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Honourable Chief Minister of Goa, and Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Honourable Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Government of India.

Shri Shekhawat expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative, stating, "I am pleased to launch the Visa-Tripadvisor 'International Traveller's Pick 2024' sticker. This curated list highlights our hospitality industry's appeal to tourists from around the world."

Sandeep Ghosh, Group Country Manager for Visa India and South Asia, emphasized that exceptional service is key to positioning India as a premier travel destination. "In partnership with



Tripadvisor, we celebrate establishments that create memorable experiences, elevating India's profile as a diverse tourist destination," he said.

Scott Wegener, Director of Enterprise Sales APAC at Tripadvisor, noted the unique blend of tradition and modernity in India's hospitality industry. "The hotels and restaurants featured exemplify the finest offerings of India. We are thrilled to spotlight these gems," he remarked.

The International Travellers' Pick 2024 is based on insights from Visa and

millions of Tripadvisor reviews. It includes establishments in major cities like New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Jaipur, and Chennai, recognized for their quality and exceptional hospitality.

The list features a range of experiences, from luxurious hotels with stunning views to family-run restaurants serving authentic Indian cuisine. As India's tourism sector evolves, these top-rated establishments will play a crucial role in shaping travellers' experiences, ensuring lasting memories of India's renowned hospitality.



India's Hospitality Industry Poised for Growth

At the FHRAI Hospitality Awards Convention, key figures from the tourism and hospitality sectors discussed India's promising growth trajectory. Mr. Suman Billa, Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism, highlighted the anticipated transformation within the industry, projecting a market size of ₹2 million crore by 2029. He noted that to sustain this growth, an additional investment of ₹6.5 million crore is necessary, emphasizing the need for ₹8,72,000 crore in total investments to meet ambitious goals.

Mr. Billa called for reforms in capital structures, advocating for the classification of hotels as infrastructure projects rather

than real estate ventures. This change could lead to lower interest rates and longer repayment terms, facilitating domestic and international investments in the tourism sector. "India's tourism growth story is only just beginning," he stated.

Legendary cricketer Jonty Rhodes also addressed the audience, sharing insights on India's global influence in sports and beyond. He remarked, "India has transformed from 'Incredible India' to 'Inevitable India.' Everyone wants to be here, and we are witnessing remarkable growth, particularly in cricket and tourism." Rhodes praised the FHRAI Convention for its role in shaping a roadmap for growth, positioning India as an unforgettable

destination for visitors worldwide.

A highlight of the evening was the Hotel Entrepreneur Award, presented to Mrs. Anju Timblo, Managing Director & CEO of Fomento Resorts & Hotels Pvt. Ltd., in recognition of her significant contributions to luxury hospitality in India.

The event concluded with Mr. Chetan Mehta, Co-Chairman of the FHRAI Convention Organizing Committee, delivering a Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to dignitaries and participants. As the convention progresses, discussions continue on the vital role of tourism in India's economic development and the collaborative efforts needed to maintain this growth momentum.



Kilo of Kindness 2024

Mövenpick Resort Al Marjan Island is thrilled to participate in the Kilo of Kindness 2024 campaign, a global initiative that unites over 75 Mövenpick hotels across 30 countries in support of local communities. Running from 14 October to 15 November 2024, this campaign invites guests, staff, and local residents to contribute essential items like food, clothing, and school supplies for distribution to local charities.

Since its inception in 2015, the Kilo of Kindness initiative has successfully gathered over 90,000 kg of donations worldwide. This year, Mövenpick Resort Al Marjan Island aims to amplify its impact in Ras Al Khaimah by collaborating with the Sheikh Saud Bin Saqr Charitable Educational Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting orphans and students from low-income families.

General Manager Fabien Chesnais expressed, "True hospitality extends beyond our doors and into the heart of the community. We are proud to partner with organizations committed to nurturing

and empowering those in need." Donations can be conveniently dropped off at the hotel lobby, where staff will assist with collection and ensure that contributions reach the community promptly.



The Kilo of Kindness campaign reflects Mövenpick's core values of fostering connections and promoting a spirit of compassion. By encouraging guests and residents to come together, the initiative aims to make a meaningful impact on those in need, reinforcing the role of hospitality in uplifting local communities and supporting essential services. Together, we can create a brighter future for those who need it most.

Advancing Towards Net Zero: GreenPro Ecolabelled Products

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) inaugurated the 7th Annual GreenPro Summit at Le Meridien, New Delhi, focusing on "Advancing towards Net Zero, Low Carbon Materials and Technologies." Since its inception in 2015, GreenPro has certified over 9,500 products from more than 480 manufacturers, promoting environmentally sustainable products and materials.

This year's summit emphasized enhancing the circular economy and green procurement policies to drive sustainability and economic benefits. CII GreenPro also signed a mutual recognition agreement with Eco Choice New Zealand, aimed at harmonizing ecolabel standards to facilitate green trade between

India and New Zealand.

The inaugural session featured prominent speakers, including Ms. Isabella Huang-Loh from the Singapore Environment Council and Mr. Jamshyd N. Godrej, Chairman of the CII Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre. Mr. Godrej highlighted the rapid growth of India's green movement, with over 12 billion square feet of rated green buildings, while stressing the need for collaborative efforts to scale up sustainable practices.

Mr. Unnikrishnan, Chairman of the Green Products and Services Council, noted that the summit serves as a platform for sharing sustainable practices and inspiring companies to adopt the GreenPro Ecolabel. With over 450 companies already involved, the

summit encourages innovation in eco-friendly technologies.

The event also introduced GreenPro Ecolabelling for Facility Management Services, promoting sustainability in building operations. Additionally, over 60 organizations received GreenPro Ecolabelling Awards, recognizing their contributions to environmental sustainability. VOLVO Group India was among the notable winners, with President Kamal Bali emphasizing the importance of partnerships and innovation in achieving a fossil-free future.

The GreenPro Summit continues to unite industry leaders and policymakers, shaping the path toward a sustainable and low-carbon economy.



Land of Tiger: Unique Wildlife Wonders

Nestled in the heart of India, Madhya Pradesh is a land of enchanting landscapes, rich history, and diverse wildlife. Among its many treasures, the state is particularly renowned for being the only place in the world where the rare and mesmerizing white tiger can be found in the wild.

This captivating creature, a genetic variant of the Bengal tiger, symbolises the state's commitment to wildlife conservation and offers visitors an unparalleled experience in the realm of nature.

Madhya Pradesh is more than just a travel destination; it is a journey into the heart of India's wildlife wonders. From the majestic white tiger to the vibrant ecosystems of Kanha, Bandhavgarh, and Pench, every corner of this state is teeming with life and beauty. As you embark on this adventure, prepare to be captivated by the breathtaking landscapes, unique wildlife, and rich cultural heritage that make Madhya Pradesh a truly remarkable place to explore. Whether you are a seasoned traveller or a first-time visitor, the wild heart of Madhya Pradesh promises an experience that will stay with you long after your journey ends.

The Enigma of the White Tiger

The tale of the white tiger is steeped in both beauty and intrigue. Once a symbol of royalty and power, these majestic animals were nearly driven to extinction due to habitat loss and poaching. However, Madhya Pradesh has emerged as a beacon of hope for their conservation.

The white tigers of Rewa, a unique subspecies known for their striking white coat with black stripes, have long been associated with the region's rich wildlife heritage. This rare genetic variant was first

discovered in 1951 in the forests of Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, by Maharaja Martand Singh, who captured the first known white tiger, Mohan. This remarkable find put Rewa on the global map and became



DO YOU KNOW?

Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh has become India's only sanctuary for cheetahs.

There are 11 national parks, 7 tiger reserves, and 24 wildlife sanctuaries which are home to various endangered species from deer to wild boar to tigers. Popular with wildlife enthusiasts, the forest of Madhya Pradesh draw tourists from all over the world for a glimpse of the elusive Royal Bengal Tigers.

The state is not only known as the "Tiger State of India" but also gained the tags of "The Leopard State, the Vulture State, the Ghadiyal State, the Wolf Staete and the Cheetah's state of India"

MP offers unique safari options like night safaris in Panna and Satpura, boat safaris in Chambal, and walking safaris in Satpura, giving tourists diverse ways to experience wildlife.

the cornerstone for white tiger breeding programs across India.

Sanjay-Dubri National Park and Tiger Reserve: Haven for wildlife

Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve comprising an Evergreen Sal, Bamboo and mixed forest span an impressive 1,674.5 square kilometers across Sidhi and Shahdol districts is a haven for wildlife. The reserve plays a crucial role in tiger conservation is home to about 20 tigers, 152 species of birds 32 species of mammals, 11 species of reptiles, 03 species of amphibian and many more, 34 species of fresh water fishes.

Unique Flora and Fauna

Madhya Pradesh's wildlife is not limited to tigers alone; the state is home to a rich tapestry of species found nowhere else in the country. The lush forests and varied landscapes create unique ecosystems that support a multitude of wildlife. Kanha National Park, another gem in the state, is famous for its thriving population of the hard-ground barasingha, a rare swamp deer. Once on the brink of extinction, dedicated conservation efforts have allowed this unique species to flourish, and visitors can often see them grazing in the park's meadows.

Moreover, Kanha is a birdwatcher's paradise, hosting over 300 species of birds, including the vibrant Indian roller, the majestic crested serpent eagle, and the rare and colorful stork-billed kingfisher. The diversity of avian life, combined with the chance to spot elusive mammals such as leopards, wild boar, and dhole (wild dogs), makes Kanha an unforgettable destination for wildlife enthusiasts.

Exploring Satpura National Park

For those seeking a different experience, Satpura National Park offers a unique perspective on Madhya Pradesh's wildlife. Unlike other parks, Satpura provides opportunities for walking safaris, allowing visitors to explore the wilderness on foot.



This immersive experience lets you connect with nature in a way that traditional jeep safaris cannot. Guided by knowledgeable naturalists, you can observe the smaller wonders of the ecosystem—the delicate footprints of a leopard, the intricate nests of birds, and the vibrant flora that thrives in the region.

The park is home to diverse wildlife, including the Indian bison (gaur), sambar deer, and an impressive array of birds. The enchanting sound of nature envelops you as you walk through the forests, with the calls of hornbills and the rustle of leaves serving as a soundtrack to your adventure.

Uncover Kuno National Park

Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh has become India's only sanctuary for cheetahs, marking a milestone in wildlife conservation. In 2022, India reintroduced cheetahs after nearly 70 years of extinction in the country. This effort involved relocating cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa to Kuno, where conservationists believe the expansive grasslands and diverse prey base offer an ideal habitat for these fast and elusive predators.

The reintroduction project not only aims to restore India's ecological balance but also to draw attention to wildlife conservation challenges. Cheetahs, listed as vulnerable due to habitat loss and human-wildlife conflict, find a refuge in Kuno's carefully monitored environment. With these big

cats roaming the Indian landscape once again, Kuno National Park has become a unique destination for wildlife enthusiasts and conservationists alike, representing a hopeful future for cheetah populations and India's biodiversity as a whole.

Other Must-Visit Wildlife Sanctuaries

Madhya Pradesh has a wealth of wildlife sanctuaries that beckon nature lovers. Here are a few noteworthy places to explore:

Pench National Park: Famous for inspiring Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book," Pench offers rich biodiversity, including tigers, leopards, and over 285 species of birds. The lush green landscape and the serene Pench River provide a



picturesque setting for wildlife enthusiasts. Jeep safaris and nature walks are popular ways to explore the park.

Mandla Plant Fossils National Park: Unique in its own right, this park is home to fossilized tree trunks and other plant remains dating back over 40 million years. It offers a different perspective on the region's natural history, showcasing the area's geological significance alongside its wildlife.

Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary: This lesser-known sanctuary is a hidden gem with a rich diversity of wildlife, including chital (spotted deer), wild boars, and several bird species. The sanctuary's serene environment makes it an excellent spot for nature walks and photography.

The Rich Cultural Heritage

Madhya Pradesh is not only about wildlife; it is also steeped in history and culture. The ancient temples of Khajuraho, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcase exquisite sculptures and intricate carvings, reflecting the artistic brilliance of medieval India. This cultural richness complements the natural beauty of the state, making it a fascinating destination for travelers.

In addition to historical sites, local villages offer a glimpse into the lives of the indigenous communities that have coexisted with wildlife for generations. Engaging with these communities provides insight into traditional practices and their



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Principal Secretary of Tourism and
Culture and Managing Director
Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board

We are committed to responsible tourism and our focus is minimizing environmental impact and involving local communities. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board in collaboration with Forest department and district administration aims to sustain tourism activities even during the park closures (July to September) and generate employment opportunities for local residents. Hence, the board has introduced a range of tourism activities, including vehicle safaris, nature walks, jungle safaris, treehouse stays, village tours, and stargazing to enhance the visitor experience.

deep-rooted respect for nature.

Best Time to Visit

The best time to explore the wildlife and natural beauty of Madhya Pradesh is during the winter months, from October to March. During this period, the weather is pleasant, with daytime temperatures ranging from 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F), making it ideal for outdoor activities and wildlife safaris.

• **October to December:** This is the peak season for wildlife viewing, as the parks are lush after the monsoon, and animals are more active.

• **January to March:** The weather remains cool, and the visibility is excellent for spotting wildlife. However, the temperatures begin to rise in March, signaling the start of the summer.

A Call for Conservation

As we delve into the wonders of Madhya Pradesh, it becomes evident that this state is a testament to the power of conservation and the importance of preserving our natural heritage. The success stories of the white tiger and the barasingha remind us that with dedication and effort, we can protect our planet's biodiversity. Eco-tourism initiatives in Madhya Pradesh not only promote wildlife conservation but also empower local communities to engage in sustainable practices that benefit both people and nature.

The N(ex)t Chapter of your Life

• Vedika Sharma

Breakups can be significant life turning occasions that frequently lead us to go for adventure and comfort in the world. In addition to offering a pleasant diversion, seeing unusual places can be a means of self-discovery and recovery. Take a peek at these remarkable places if you want to venture outside the norm and engage in experiences that encourage rejuvenation.

After a breakup, traveling to unusual places might be a life-changing event. In addition to breathtaking beauty, each of these places provides an opportunity to rediscover oneself and embrace new experiences. The world is filled of amazing locations just waiting to support your growth and healing, whether you're looking for inspiration, seclusion, or the excitement of exploration. Seize the chance to go out on an adventure that will uplift your soul and rekindle your enthusiasm for life. The next chapter of your life is almost here!

Socotra Island, Yemen: The Alien Landscape

Often dubbed the "Galápagos of the Indian Ocean," Socotra Island is home to some of the most bizarre and beautiful flora and fauna on the planet. Its otherworldly landscapes are characterised by the iconic dragon blood trees and unique wildlife found nowhere else. Here, you can disconnect from the past and immerse yourself in nature's surreal beauty, allowing the tranquility of this remote paradise to wash over you.

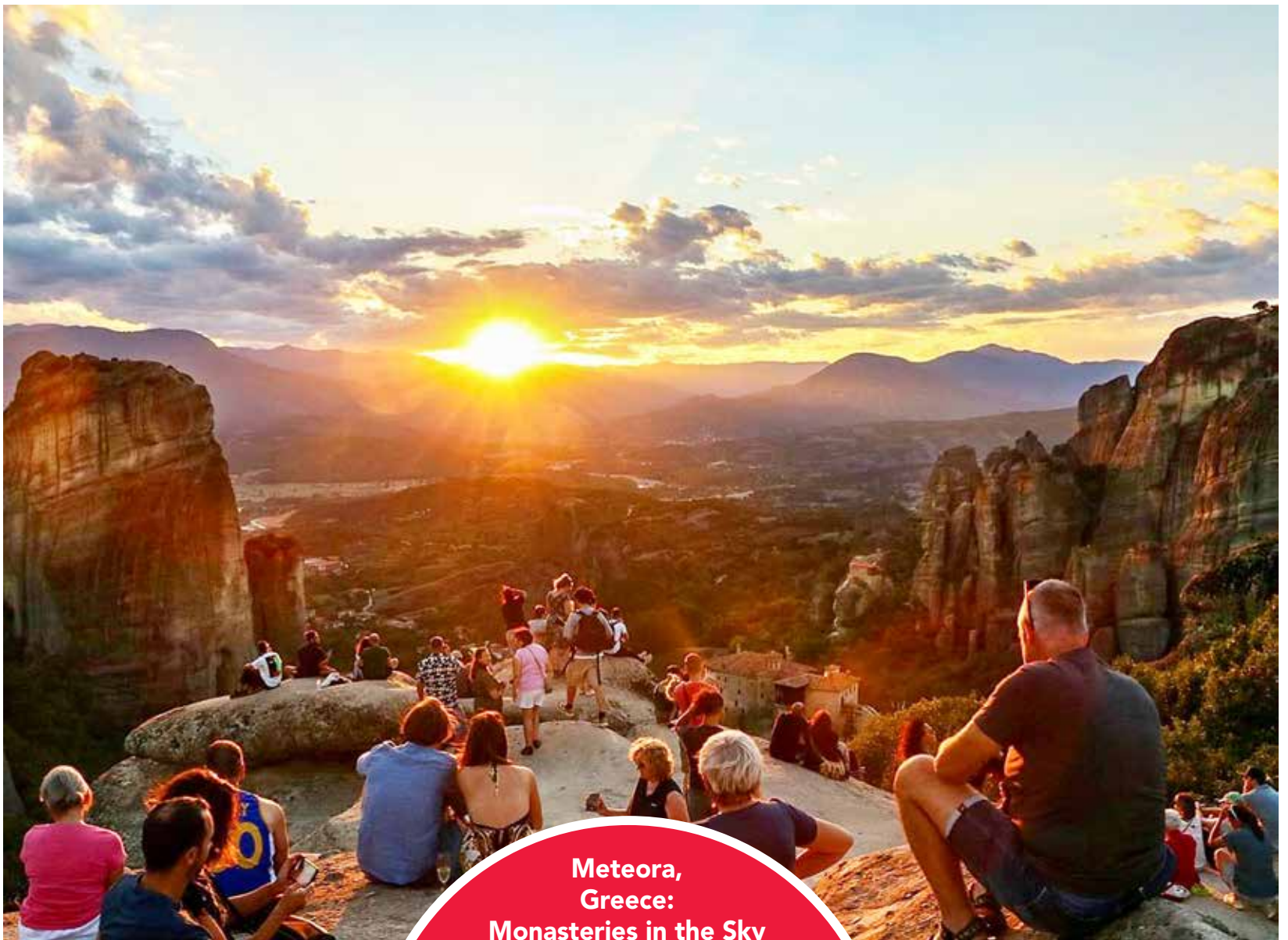




**Lofoten Islands, Norway:
Nature's Masterpiece**

The Lofoten Islands offer dramatic scenery with jagged peaks, deep fjords, and picturesque fishing villages. This Scandinavian wonderland is perfect for those seeking adventure and inspiration. You can hike along breathtaking trails, kayak through tranquil waters, or simply soak in the stunning views. The ethereal glow of the midnight sun in summer or the enchanting Northern Lights in winter makes this destination an unforgettable experience for reflection and rejuvenation.





**Meteora,
Greece:
Monasteries in the Sky**

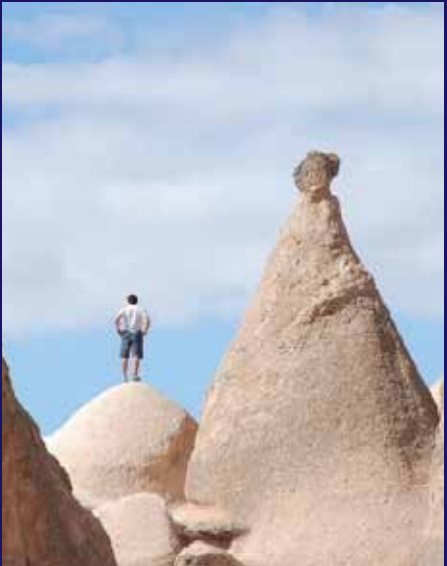
Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site, features monasteries perched atop towering rock formations. This unique destination blends spirituality with breathtaking natural beauty. Hike the trails that lead to these ancient monasteries and experience a sense of peace and wonder as you take in the panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. The calming atmosphere of Meteora provides the perfect backdrop for introspection and healing.





Cappadocia, Turkey: A Fairy-Tale Escape

Famous for its unique rock formations and cave dwellings, Cappadocia is a magical destination that feels straight out of a storybook. Take a hot air balloon ride at sunrise for breathtaking views of the fairy chimneys and valleys below. The region’s rich history and stunning landscapes provide a perfect setting for adventure and personal reflection, allowing you to rediscover your sense of wonder.





The Faroe Islands: Nature's Sanctuary

Tucked between Iceland and Norway, the Faroe Islands are a stunning archipelago characterised by dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, and lush green landscapes. Perfect for hiking and birdwatching, these remote islands offer a sense of tranquility and connection to nature that can be profoundly healing. The untouched beauty of the Faroe Islands encourages you to embrace solitude and self-reflection amidst breathtaking scenery.





The Azores, Portugal: A Natural Paradise

The Azores, an archipelago in the Atlantic, are known for their volcanic landscapes, hot springs, and stunning coastlines. This destination is ideal for those seeking adventure, with opportunities for hiking, whale watching, and soaking in natural thermal pools. The lush greenery and vibrant culture of the Azores provide a perfect escape for healing and rejuvenation.



Uttarakhand: A Successful Era Under Visionary Leadership

As the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami has embarked on a transformative journey to position the state as a premier tourism destination. Under his leadership, various initiatives have been launched to boost tourism, enhance infrastructure, and promote sustainable practices, ensuring that Uttarakhand remains a sought-after haven for travellers.

From the moment Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami took office, he recognised the potential of tourism as a key driver for Uttarakhand's economy. "Tourism is not just a sector; it is the lifeblood of our state. It has the power to uplift communities, create jobs, and preserve our rich culture and

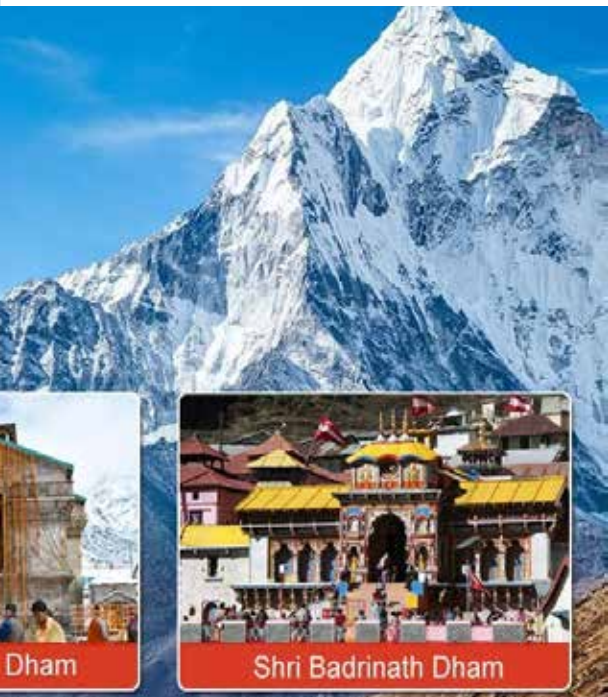


environment," he stated.

Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami's vision for Uttarakhand is clear: to harness the state's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage while ensuring sustainable

development. With a focus on infrastructure, eco-tourism, and digital initiatives, he aims to elevate Uttarakhand as a top-tier destination for both domestic and international tourists. "Together,





we will create a thriving tourism ecosystem that benefits our communities and showcases the best of Uttarakhand," Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami said while embodying the spirit of progress and resilience.

Infrastructure Development

One of Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami's primary focuses has been improving infrastructure. The Uttarakhand Road Development Policy has led to significant upgrades in road networks, making it easier for tourists to access remote areas. In addition, the expansion of Jolly Grant Airport and the development of smaller airstrips under the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Policy are expected to enhance air connectivity. "We are committed to ensuring that every corner of Uttarakhand is accessible to visitors," Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami remarked, emphasising the importance of seamless travel.

Promoting Eco-Tourism

Recognising the state's natural beauty, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami has championed eco-tourism initiatives like the Eco-Tourism Policy, which focuses on sustainable tourism practices.

This includes promoting eco-friendly resorts and activities like trekking and birdwatching. "Sustainable tourism is the future. We must preserve our natural heritage while sharing it with the world," he noted, highlighting his commitment to ecological balance.

Adventure and Spiritual Tourism

Under Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami's leadership, Uttarakhand has positioned itself as a hub for adventure tourism through the Adventure Tourism Policy. This includes promoting activities such as river rafting in Rishikesh and skiing in Auli. "Adventure tourism can significantly contribute to our economy, and we are investing in facilities to ensure a safe and exhilarating experience for all," he added.

Additionally, the government has made substantial investments in spiritual tourism, particularly around the Char Dham Development Project. Initiatives aimed at improving facilities for pilgrims at Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath have been prioritized. "Our cultural and spiritual heritage is a treasure. We are enhancing the pilgrimage experience while

ensuring safety and accessibility for all devotees," Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami stated.

Cultural and Culinary Initiatives

Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami's administration is keen on promoting the state's rich cultural heritage through initiatives like the Uttarakhand Tourism Policy and the Culinary Tourism Promotion Scheme. By supporting local arts and crafts and encouraging culinary tourism, the government aims to create a holistic experience for visitors. "Uttarakhand's culture is vibrant and diverse. By showcasing our traditions, we can create a unique identity that attracts tourists from around the globe," he explained.

Digital Transformation

In a bid to modernise the tourism sector, the Uttarakhand government is leveraging technology through the Digital Tourism Initiative. This platform allows tourists to easily book accommodations and access information about local attractions. "In today's world, digital presence is crucial. We want to ensure that every traveller has the information they need at their fingertips," he emphasised.

Exploring the Wilderness: Wildlife Tourism in Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh, a treasure trove of natural beauty and rich biodiversity, offers travellers an unparalleled experience in wildlife tourism. Known for its dense forests, serene waterfalls, and a spectrum of flora and fauna, Chhattisgarh is increasingly becoming a sought-after destination for eco-tourists and wildlife enthusiasts.

The state's vast green landscapes and vibrant ecosystems house a variety of wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, which collectively make Chhattisgarh one of the finest states in India for observing wildlife in its natural habitat.

With its rich biodiversity and untouched natural beauty, Chhattisgarh is a captivating destination for those seeking an immersive wildlife experience. From rare sightings of wild buffaloes and Bengal tigers to the serene beauty of the state's forests,

Chhattisgarh's wildlife tourism offers a blend of adventure, tranquillity, and discovery. This lesser-explored destination promises a truly unforgettable experience for those who are drawn to the wild and seek to connect with nature in its purest form.

Kanger Valley National Park

Located in the Bastar district, Kanger Valley National Park is renowned for its lush greenery and breath-taking landscapes. This park is one of the most biodiverse areas in Chhattisgarh, home to animals like the leopard, spotted deer, and sloth bear. Birdwatchers can marvel at the various species of birds that grace the skies here, such as the Indian paradise flycatcher and peafowl. Kanger Valley is also known for the Kotumsar Caves, one of the longest natural caves in India, adding an extra layer of adventure for visitors.

Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary

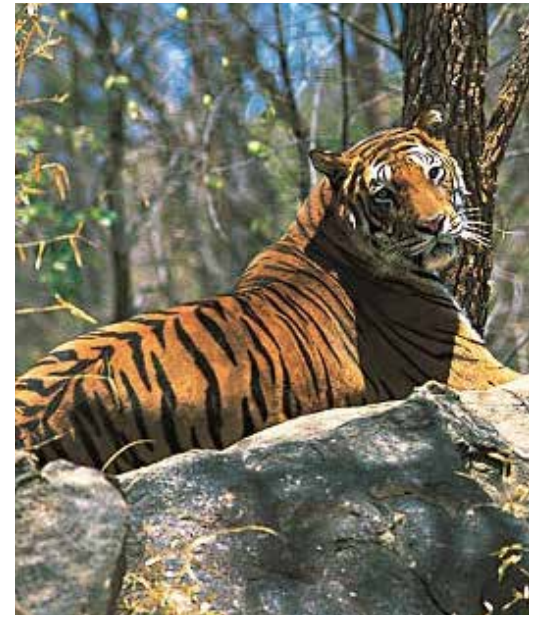
For those looking for an off-the-beaten-path experience, Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary, located in the Mahasamund district, is a hidden gem. This sanctuary spans over 245 square kilometres and offers a unique blend of sal and bamboo forests. Home to animals like the bison, chital, and wild boar, Barnawapara is also a paradise for bird lovers, hosting species such as the heron, parrot, and lesser whistling teal. With its scenic beauty and diverse fauna, it provides an ideal backdrop for a peaceful yet exhilarating wildlife experience.

Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary

Nestled in the Bilaspur district, Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary is part of the Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve, a UNESCO-recognised site. Known for its scenic landscape and dense forests,



this sanctuary is rich in both flora and fauna. Tigers, leopards, and wild dogs are some of the prominent predators that inhabit this sanctuary, alongside a diverse population of herbivores like sambar, chital, and gaur. A visit here offers an opportunity to see the majestic Bengal tiger in its natural habitat



and to experience the serenity of one of India's densest forests.

Indravati National Park

One of the most famous national parks in Chhattisgarh, Indravati is situated in the Bijapur district. Named after the Indravati River, which flows through the park, it is renowned for its thriving population of the endangered wild Asian buffalo. The park's thick forests are also home to animals such as the tiger, sloth bear, and nilgai. This national park is especially significant for its efforts in conserving endangered species and plays a critical role in the state's biodiversity preservation.

Udanti-Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary

Udanti and Sitanadi, located in the Gariaband district, are two separate sanctuaries that together create an extensive sanctuary zone famous for its large herds of endangered wild buffaloes. The landscape of Udanti-Sitanadi is diverse, with lush grasslands, dense forests, and meandering rivers that offer an ideal habitat for a range

of animals, including the tiger, leopard, and hyena. For wildlife photographers, this sanctuary is a dream destination, where one can capture the picturesque landscapes and the enchanting wildlife in action.

Rich Birdlife of Chhattisgarh

Apart from the thrilling sightings of big cats and wild buffaloes, Chhattisgarh is also a haven for avian enthusiasts. The state's varied landscapes provide habitats for countless bird species, including migratory birds. Parks like Barnawapara and Achanakmar are well-known spots to view vibrant species like the Malabar pied hornbill, red jungle fowl, and lesser adjutant stork. Birdwatchers flock here in the migratory season to catch glimpses of rare species, making it an essential stop on any birdwatcher's itinerary.

Sustainable and Responsible Tourism Initiatives

Chhattisgarh's tourism department emphasises sustainable tourism, encouraging responsible travel practices to preserve these natural habitats. Many of the state's

wildlife reserves and sanctuaries offer eco-friendly accommodations and guided tours to minimise the impact on wildlife and educate visitors on conservation efforts. This commitment to sustainable tourism not only enhances the experience for visitors but also ensures that future generations can enjoy the natural wonders of Chhattisgarh.

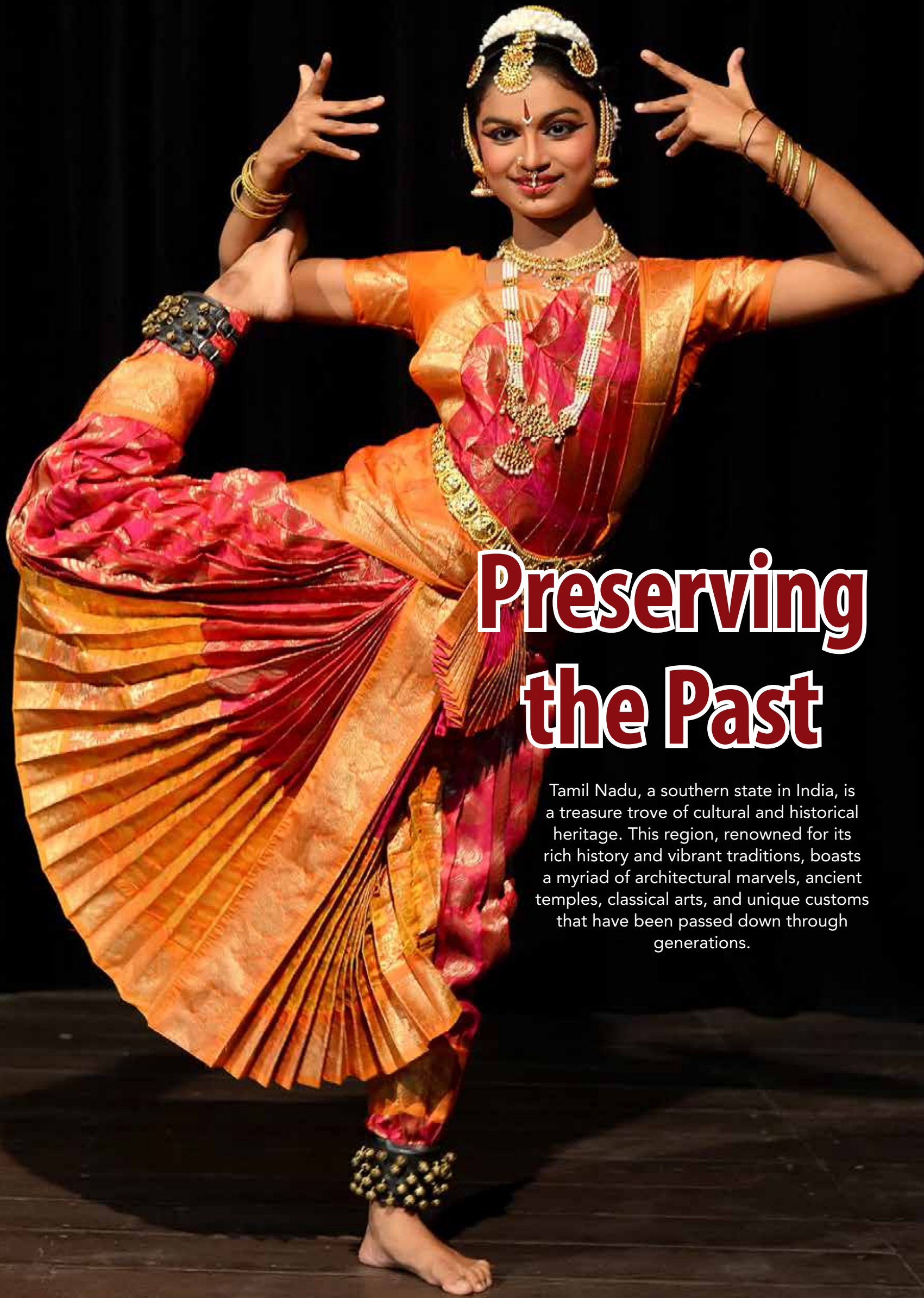
Tips for Visiting Chhattisgarh's Wildlife Sanctuaries

1. Best Time to Visit: November to June is ideal time for wildlife sightings, as animals tend to come out more during the cooler months.

2. Guided Safaris: Most of the sanctuaries offer guided jeep safaris that allow visitors to explore the wilderness safely and responsibly.

3. Packing Essentials: Binoculars, cameras, light cotton clothing, sunscreen, and insect repellent are essential for a comfortable wildlife experience.

4. Respecting Wildlife: It's crucial to maintain a respectful distance from animals, avoid loud noises, and follow the rules set by sanctuary authorities.



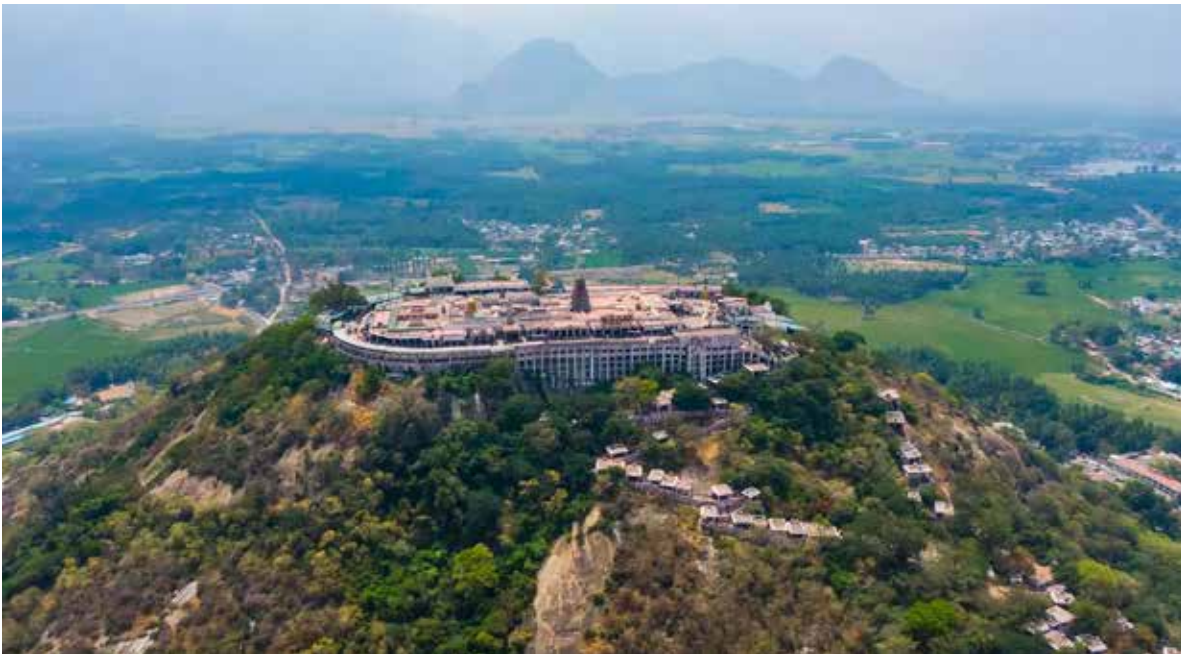
Preserving the Past

Tamil Nadu, a southern state in India, is a treasure trove of cultural and historical heritage. This region, renowned for its rich history and vibrant traditions, boasts a myriad of architectural marvels, ancient temples, classical arts, and unique customs that have been passed down through generations.

Let's explore the diverse heritage of Tamil Nadu, a testament to the continuity of a civilization that has thrived for millennia.

Classical Arts:

Tamil Nadu is celebrated for its classical arts, including Bharatanatyam (a classical dance form), Carnatic music, and the Tamil classical literature of Sangam poetry. These art forms have a deep connection with the state's heritage, and performances and music festivals are a common sight throughout the year.



Temple Wonders:

Tamil Nadu is often referred to as the "Land of Temples" for its countless sacred structures. The state is home to some of the grandest temples in India, including the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. These architectural marvels display intricate Dravidian architecture and have been centres of spirituality and culture for centuries.





Chettinad Mansions:

The Chettinad region of Tamil Nadu is famous for its opulent mansions that are a unique blend of Dravidian, Colonial, and Art Deco styles. These elaborately decorated and spacious mansions reflect the prosperity of the Chettiar community and showcase their artistic and architectural sensibilities.

Tanjore Paintings:

Tanjore Paintings are a traditional style of art work with its origin in Thanjavur. This art form dates back to the Maratha court of Thanjavur (1676-1855). Tanjore paintings have been recognised as a Geographical Indication by the Government of India in 2007-08. Tanjore paintings are characterised by rich, vivid colours and ornate detailing. These paintings often depict deities and scenes from Hindu mythology and continue to be a cherished form of art.





Pongal Festival:

Pongal, the state's harvest festival, is a significant cultural event celebrated with great fervour. During Pongal, people express gratitude to nature for a bountiful harvest, cook the famous dish "Pongal," and engage in various traditional activities.



Diverse Cuisine:

Tamil Nadu's culinary heritage is renowned for its rich flavours and diverse offerings. From the iconic dosa and idli to Chettinad cuisine's fiery curries, the state's food culture is a testament to the fusion of flavours and cooking techniques passed down through generations.

Tamil Nadu's heritage is a testament to the state's enduring cultural and historical richness. Its temples, classical arts, architectural wonders, and vibrant traditions offer a glimpse into a civilization that has thrived for thousands of years. Preserving this heritage is not only a matter of pride for the people of Tamil Nadu but also a source of inspiration for the world, inviting all to explore the incredible tapestry of history and culture that this region has to offer.



Mahakumbh 2025: Where Spirituality Meets Tradition and Adventure



Uttar Pradesh

UTTAR PRADESH TOURISM



Since ancient times, saints across India have engaged in deep spiritual practices, or sadhana, striving to connect with the divine and praying for world peace. The tradition of collective prayer and unity runs deep in Indian heritage and continues today through vibrant festivals and spiritual gatherings. Of these, the Mahakumbh stands out as the pinnacle, a sacred event occurring every 12 years that is among the world's largest spiritual gatherings.

Millions of pilgrims from around the world gather at Prayagraj, the sacred confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers, known as the Triveni Sangam. This revered gathering is steeped in the symbolism of ancient Indian texts, which recount the cosmic battle between gods and demons for the elixir of immortality. Bathing in the waters of this confluence during Mahakumbh is believed to purify the soul, bringing devotees closer to salvation and liberation.

Mahakumbh is hosted in rotation between Haridwar, Ujjain, Nashik, and Prayagraj every 12 years, creating a powerful blend of spirituality and cultural diversity. This monumental event serves as a unique bridge to inner transformation and offers visitors a deep look into India's living traditions, making it a pilgrimage unlike any other.

In January 2025, Prayagraj will once again welcome the Mahakumbh, with extensive preparations already underway. The Uttar Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (UPSTDC) is establishing a "tent city" at key areas like Arail Ghat, Parade Ground, and Jhunsi, offering around 2,000 tents in categories from basic to luxurious, and ensuring that pilgrims can enjoy both comfort and spiritual retreat. Moreover, special accommodations are being made for the Akhadas representing different monastic orders; these spiritual organizations bring an added dimension to the Mahakumbh's sacred atmosphere.

One of the key rituals of Mahakumbh is the series of seven important snans, or ritual baths, each with its own deep significance. The first snan is scheduled for January 13th, known as Paus Purnima, a full-moon bath associated with the pursuit of moksha (liberation from rebirth). On January 14, the Makar Sankranti snan—the first Shahi snan, or royal bath—will occur, where spiritual leaders symbolically lead devotees in taking the holy dip to mark the sun's northward shift. Other major snans include Mauni Amavasya (January 29), Basant Panchami (February 3), Magh Purnima (February 12), and the grand finale on Mahashivratri (February 26), each representing unique blessings and significance on the journey to spiritual awakening.

In addition to these ritual baths, Mahakumbh offers visitors a rich cultural experience. A wide array of indigenous and local cuisines will be available, giving visitors the chance to savor the authentic flavours of the region. Complementing this is a series of yoga sessions, offering pilgrims a rejuvenating opportunity to align their physical, mental, and spiritual selves. Yoga, renowned as an integral part of Indian culture, will play a significant role in providing inner peace to all who attend the Mahakumbh.

Another beautiful cultural component of Mahakumbh will be the bhajan sandhyas, or evening devotional music performances, where the uplifting sounds of traditional music fill the air with tranquility. For those seeking adventure, Mahakumbh 2025 will have something special to offer: helicopter joy rides will give visitors an exhilarating aerial view of the grand Kumbh Mela grounds and the holy Sangam, providing a unique perspective on the enormity of this sacred congregation and the captivating landscape of Prayagraj.

Adventure lovers can also engage in water sports along the banks of the rivers. The area surrounding Prayagraj boasts a number of revered temples, including the famous Hanuman Temple and Mankameshwar Temple, each adding to the city's spiritual depth. These sacred sites allow visitors to explore Prayagraj's rich cultural history and enhance their journey with moments of deep spiritual connection.

Together, these cultural and recreational elements transform the Mahakumbh from a traditional pilgrimage into a multifaceted celebration of India's cultural heritage. With activities and experiences for every type of visitor, Mahakumbh 2025 promises to be an enriching event that resonates with both domestic and international travellers, all converging on Prayagraj for a glimpse of India's unique spiritual heartbeat.





BATHING DATES:

1. Paush Purnima - 13th January, 2025
2. Makar Sankranti (1st Shahi Snan) - 14th January, 2025
3. Mauni Amavasya (2nd Shahi Snan) - 29th January, 2025
4. Basant Panchami (3rd Shahi Snan) - 03rd February, 2025
5. Achala Saptami - 04th February, 2025
6. Magh Purnima - 12th February, 2025
7. Shri Mahashivratri - 26th February, 2025

Experience Spiritual Grandeur in Unmatched Luxury

At the Mahakumbh 2025, tent cities are being set up at the banks of the Sangam and key areas like Parade Ground, Arail, and Jhunsi.

The tent city will offer sheer luxury with three categories of accommodation to choose from.

Villa, Maharaja, and Swiss Cottage-the three types of accommodation will offer unique amenities to suit various preferences of the travellers.

The site at Parade Ground will have 55 tents/Swiss cottages, while the site at Jhunsi will spread over 2.5 acres and accommodate 200 luxury cottages, while a larger tent city at Arail will feature 2000 cottages across 25 acres, with deluxe, super deluxe, and luxury options.



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Are you ready to break free from the ordinary? Step into the extraordinary with Madhya Pradesh's exciting array of adventure activities. As a premier offbeat destination, Madhya Pradesh is a treasure trove for adventure enthusiasts, offering everything from serene river rafting to thrilling tiger safaris. Discover ancient temples, trek through lush forests, and conquer majestic peaks!

MOWGLILAND CYCLE TOUR

Embark on a four-day journey through the enchanting wilderness of Pench, following in the footsteps of Mowgli. Experience the untamed beauty and diverse wildlife of this iconic Indian landscape on your bicycle adventure!



Embark on Unforgettable Adventures

ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL

Push your limits at the Jatashankar Hill in Pachmarhi! Join the inaugural 10-day Climbing Challenge this November, hosted by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, and embrace winter in this picturesque offbeat destination.



PENCH MOWGLI TREK

Immerse yourself in the wildlife of Pench National Park, one of India's premier tiger reserves. This seven-day guided trek in September takes you through the lush buffer zone, rich in flora and fauna. Experience the thrill of exploring a protected tiger reserve on foot in collaboration with the forest department.

MOWGLILAND HALF MARATHON

Feel the adrenaline as you run through the heart of the jungle in this unique half marathon held in September. This special event hosted by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board offers adventure enthusiasts an unforgettable running experience in the backdrop of stunning sights and resonating sounds of nature.

RIDERS IN THE WILD BIKING TOUR

Explore pristine tiger reserves and iconic destinations with Madhya Pradesh Tourism's unique biking event, which takes you through not one, but four tiger reserves. Discover popular tourist spots such as Khajuraho, Amarkantak, Panarpani, and Bhopal along the way!

QUEENS ON THE WHEEL WOMEN'S BIKING TOUR

Discover the rich heritage and beauty of the Heart of Incredible India on a seven-day, women-only biking adventure—"Queens on the Wheel"—along a historic trail this March.

KHAJURAHO MARATHON

Run through the historic Khajuraho Group of Temples in February, just before the mesmerizing Khajuraho Dance Festival.

MP SKYDIVING FESTIVAL

Unleash your inner daredevil at the Skydiving Festival! Experience the unparalleled thrill of free-falling over stunning landscapes like Mahakal Lok, Ujjain. An electrifying adventure awaits!

Madhya Pradesh offers a wealth of exciting adventures, from jungle safaris, camping experiences, trekking trails, off-road 4*4 TSD Car Rallies, Marathons, Water Sports, heritage walks, and more. Whether you're a seasoned explorer or a curious newcomer, this state has something for everyone!

LATAM Airlines Shines at Investor's Day

LATAM AIRLINES GROUP S.A. CELEBRATED ITS RETURN TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE BY RINGING THE OPENING BELL, MARKING A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE SINCE ITS EXIT IN 2020. THE AIRLINE HOSTED ITS FIRST "INVESTOR DAY," FOCUSING ON ITS UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION AND PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH. KEY EXECUTIVES SHARED INSIGHTS INTO LATAM'S COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE AVIATION MARKET.



LATAM Airlines Group S.A. rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, marking its return after exiting in 2020 due to the pandemic and financial restructuring. Originally listed in 1997 as LAN Chile, LATAM was the first Latin American airline to trade American Depository

Receipts (ADRs).

Later, LATAM hosted its inaugural "Investor's Day," focusing on its unique value proposition and plans for sustainable, profitable growth. The event featured key presentations from CEO Roberto Alvo, CFO Ramiro Alfonsín, COO Hernán Pasman, and Chief Customer

and Experience Officer Paulo Miranda.

The presentations emphasized LATAM's competitive edge as South America's largest airline group and the tenth-largest globally, showcasing its commitment to excellent travel solutions, financial stability, and sustainability through innovative technologies.

Best Airline App 2024

The Lufthansa Group has been honored with the title of "Best Airline App 2024" at the World Aviation Festival (WAF).

The app was evaluated by customers and selected for the final round, where a panel of experts assessed four nominees in a competition dubbed the "Battle of the Airline Apps." Ultimately, the Lufthansa Group app triumphed over competitors from Emirates, Qatar Airways, and Air India.

Dieter Vranckx, Member of the Executive Board for Lufthansa Group, stated, "The Lufthansa Group App prioritizes our customers, offering user-friendly services

and transparent information throughout their journey. I'm incredibly proud of our team's progress over the years. This award motivates us to further enhance our digital services across Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, SWISS, and Brussels Airlines."

Oliver Schmitt, Head of Digital Customer Solutions, added, "The mobile experience is crucial for our guests. The app has evolved into an essential travel companion. Recently, we've focused on improving service



offerings, especially during irregularities, and simplifying processes to benefit our frequent flyers."

The World Aviation Festival is a premier global conference for the aviation industry, spotlighting advancements in technology, passenger experience, digitalization, and sustainability.

Etihad Airways Unveils New Skypad Technology

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, is launching Skypad, an innovative digital tool to enhance the inflight experience.

The airline is committed to continuously developing Skypad, with future upgrades aimed at personalising guest experiences and expanding its capabilities. Etihad envisions a fully connected journey for passengers, integrating all touchpoints for a seamless travel experience from booking to arrival.

Elevating Customer Service

Developed by Etihad's Digital Transformation and Innovation team, Skypad marks a significant advancement in personalised and efficient air travel service. Cabin crew in premium cabins

are now equipped with tablets running the Skypad application, allowing them to access real-time flight updates and anticipate guests' needs more effectively.

"At Etihad, we are dedicated to leveraging technology that enhances our guests' journeys," said Turkey Alhammedi, Director of Product Development & Hospitality. "Skypad reflects our commitment to excellence, merging innovation with our renowned hospitality."

Streamlined Dining Experience

The Skypad's Meal Order Taking feature



simplifies the ordering process, enabling cabin crew to efficiently manage meal requests. Its real-time inventory tracking enhances resource management, minimizing waste and bolstering sustainability efforts.

"The launch of Skypad signifies a new chapter in our service evolution," Alhammedi noted. "We are continually exploring new functionalities to enhance this tool, always aiming to provide an exceptional guest experience."

Finding Solace



Breakups can be challenging, often leaving us in need of a reset—a chance to reflect, rejuvenate, and rediscover ourselves. Travelling solo can be one of the most rewarding ways to navigate this transition, providing a fresh perspective and new experiences.

• **Vedika Sharma**

Choosing the right hotel is crucial to enhancing this journey. Here's a curated list of remarkable hotels worldwide that offer comfort, inspiration, and opportunities for self-discovery.

Travelling solo after a breakup can be a transformative experience, offering opportunities to heal, reflect, and rediscover yourself. The hotels listed above provide not just luxury and comfort, but also the chance to explore new cultures and landscapes. Embrace this journey with an open heart, and allow these unique destinations to guide you towards renewal and self-discovery.



The Standard, High Line – New York City, USA

Nestled in the trendy Meatpacking District, The Standard, High Line boasts spectacular views of the Hudson River and the Manhattan skyline. Its modern design and vibrant atmosphere make it a favorite among solo travellers.

The hotel features a lively rooftop bar, perfect for unwinding with a cocktail as the sun sets. With art galleries, shopping, and a plethora of dining options nearby, you'll have plenty to explore. Embrace the city's energy while also finding quiet moments in the hotel's serene spaces.

Activities

- Explore the High Line Park for a peaceful walk.
- Visit the Whitney Museum of American Art.
- Treat yourself to a spa day or indulge in a solo dinner at one of the hotel's acclaimed restaurants.



The Retreat at Blue Lagoon – Iceland

This luxury spa hotel is set against the backdrop of Iceland’s stunning landscapes. With geothermal baths and serene surroundings, it’s an excellent choice for rejuvenation.

The Retreat offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature while indulging in spa treatments. The magical landscapes provide a perfect setting for reflection and introspection.

Activities

- Take a dip in the famous Blue Lagoon.
- Explore Iceland’s stunning natural wonders, including waterfalls and geysers.
- Engage in wellness workshops focusing on mindfulness and relaxation.



Amanpulo – Palawan, Philippines

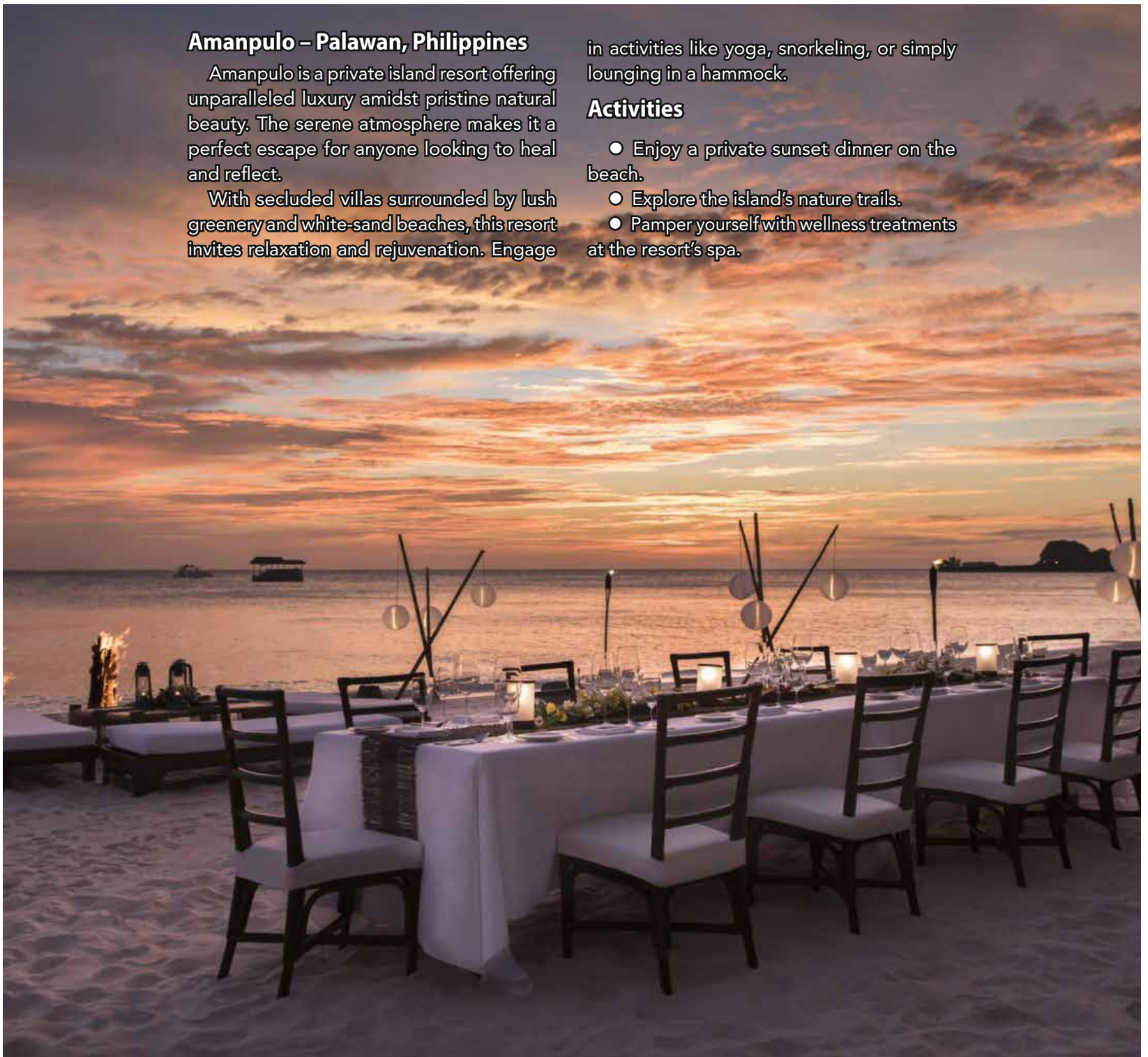
Amanpulo is a private island resort offering unparalleled luxury amidst pristine natural beauty. The serene atmosphere makes it a perfect escape for anyone looking to heal and reflect.

With secluded villas surrounded by lush greenery and white-sand beaches, this resort invites relaxation and rejuvenation. Engage

in activities like yoga, snorkeling, or simply lounging in a hammock.

Activities

- Enjoy a private sunset dinner on the beach.
- Explore the island's nature trails.
- Pamper yourself with wellness treatments at the resort's spa.





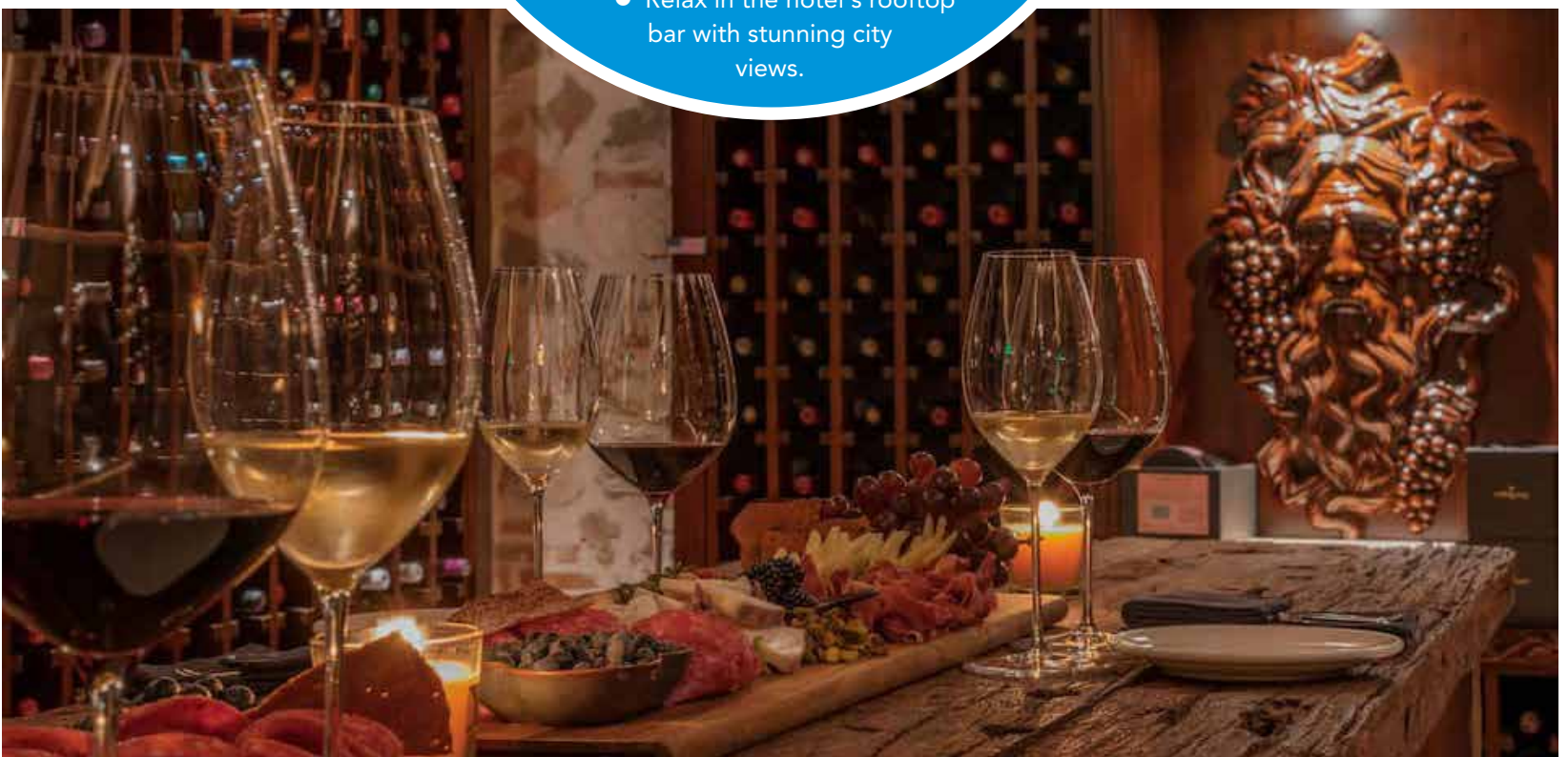
**Hotel
La Compañía –
Panama City, Panama**

Located in the historic district, Hotel La Compañía beautifully blends modern luxury with rich cultural heritage. Its vibrant surroundings offer a perfect backdrop for solo exploration.

This boutique hotel is known for its personalised service and unique decor. Wander through the lively streets, sample local cuisine, and immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Panama.

Activities

- Discover the Panama Canal and its history.
- Explore local markets and enjoy street food.
- Relax in the hotel's rooftop bar with stunning city views.





The Chedi Muscat – Oman

The Chedi Muscat combines modern design with Omani heritage, offering a luxurious beachfront escape. The serene atmosphere makes it ideal for solo travellers seeking peace and relaxation.

With its stunning views, sprawling gardens, and multiple pools, this hotel encourages introspection and self-care. Indulge in world-class dining and spa treatments to enhance your rejuvenation journey.

Activities

- Take a day trip to the stunning Musandam Peninsula.
- Explore the local culture at the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque.
- Relax at the hotel's spa or unwind by the beach.



Envisioning the Future of Ayurveda: Amara Ayurveda Retreat's Pioneering Role in Global Wellness



Flemin Welben, CEO, Amara Ayurveda Retreat

In an era where global wellness is increasingly shaped by a quest for natural and holistic solutions, Ayurveda stands out as a beacon of balance and preventative care. As the world turns to ancient wisdom for modern health challenges, the future of Ayurveda looks exceptionally promising. Leading the charge in this transformation is Amara Ayurveda Retreat, a sanctuary dedicated to merging traditional Ayurvedic practices with contemporary wellness approaches. In this exclusive interview, we delve into how Amara Ayurveda Retreat plans to set new standards in Ayurvedic wellness, combining authenticity with innovation to cater to a global audience seeking profound and personalized well-being.

"How do you envision the future of Ayurveda in the global wellness industry, and what role do you see Amara Ayurveda Retreat playing in shaping this future?"

"As the global wellness industry continues to evolve, I see Ayurveda gaining even greater prominence due to its holistic approach and focus on balance and prevention. People worldwide are increasingly seeking natural and personalized wellness solutions, and Ayurveda, with its rich heritage and comprehensive practices, is uniquely positioned to meet these demands.

At Amara Ayurveda Retreat, we are committed to being at the forefront of this transformation. Our role is not only to offer traditional Ayurvedic treatments but also to integrate them with contemporary wellness practices to create a unique and

transformative experience for our guests. We envision Amara Ayurveda Retreat as a global leader in setting new standards for Ayurvedic wellness, emphasizing both authenticity and innovation.

We are actively investing in research and development to further understand the benefits of Ayurveda in modern contexts and to refine our offerings. Our goal is to make Ayurveda accessible to a wider audience while preserving its core principles. By fostering education, embracing technological advancements, and continually enhancing our programs,

we aim to elevate the practice of Ayurveda and its impact on global health and well-being.

In essence, we see ourselves as a bridge between ancient wisdom and modern wellness, shaping the future of Ayurveda by combining tradition with innovation to meet the evolving needs of our global community. We warmly invite you to experience an ecologically sustainable living space, designed to be in tune with the Earth in order to heal the body, mind and spirit. It would be our pleasure to welcome you and share the enriching benefits of Ayurveda with you."

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Moving on from a breakup is a journey of self-discovery and empowerment. By embracing these strategies, you can transform pain into purpose, emerging stronger and more resilient. Remember, this chapter is just one part of your story—there are countless pages waiting to be written. Embrace the possibilities ahead, and let your heart heal and grow.



Breakups can feel like a storm, turning your world upside down. But just as the skies clear after rain, there's a brighter horizon waiting for you. This edition, we explore empowering ideas to help you move forward with grace and confidence, transforming heartache into growth.

Here are some insightful strategies to navigate this journey:

Rediscover Your Passion

Breakups often lead us to forget what we love. Take this time to reconnect with hobbies

and interests that ignite your spirit. Whether it's painting, hiking, or dancing, dive back into activities that bring you joy. As wellness expert Sarah Jenkins says, "Engaging in what you love is not just a distraction; it's a way to rediscover yourself."

Create a New Routine

Routine can be a comforting anchor. Establish a fresh daily schedule that incorporates self-care, exercise, and new activities. "Routines give your day structure and purpose, helping you regain control," advises therapist Dr. Maya Roberts.



Shop for a Fresh Start

Retail therapy can be surprisingly uplifting. Treat yourself to new clothes or accessories that reflect your new chapter. "Shopping can boost your mood and help you express your evolving identity," notes fashion stylist Mia Hart.

Explore New Places

Travel, even if it's just a day trip to a nearby town. New environments can provide fresh perspectives and rejuvenate your spirit. "Traveling opens your eyes to new experiences and helps you let go of the past," says travel blogger Ethan Gray.

Connect with Friends and Family

Lean on your support system. Reconnect with friends and family who uplift you. Organize gatherings or simple catch-ups to share your thoughts and feelings. "Isolation can amplify sadness. Surround yourself with





those who bring positivity," emphasizes life coach Lisa Tran.

Hobbies and Happenings

Engage in activities that bring excitement back into your life. Attend local events, workshops, or classes where you can meet new people. Whether it's cooking, art, or fitness classes, these activities can spark new friendships and experiences. "Meeting new people can invigorate your social life and broaden your horizons," suggests community organizer Jenna Brooks.

Practice Mindfulness and Meditation

In the midst of chaos, mindfulness can be a powerful tool. Incorporate meditation, yoga, or deep-breathing exercises into your routine. "Mindfulness helps you stay grounded and

focused on the present, making it easier to process emotions," explains mindfulness instructor Ava Chen.

Set Personal Goals

Use this time to set new personal and professional goals. Whether it's advancing your career or starting a new fitness journey, having objectives gives you something to look forward to. "Goals provide motivation and a sense of direction, transforming heartbreak into a springboard for growth," says motivational speaker Jamie Lee.

Embrace a New Look

Sometimes a change in appearance can reflect inner transformation. Experiment with a new hairstyle, wardrobe, or even a fresh skincare routine. "A new look can boost your confidence and symbolise a new chapter in

your life," notes stylist Mia Hart.

Journaling for Clarity

Writing can be cathartic. Start a journal to express your thoughts and feelings. Reflect on the lessons learned and what you want for your future. "Journaling helps you process emotions and provides clarity, making it easier to move forward," advises psychologist Dr. Amy Carson.

Limit Social Media Exposure

Social media can often trigger painful memories. Consider taking a break from platforms that remind you of your ex. "Curating your digital environment is just as important as your physical one," says digital wellness expert Mark Taylor.

Hobbies and Socialising

Explore casual dating or "hooking up" if you feel ready. Meeting new people in low-pressure settings can help rebuild your confidence and provide a fresh perspective on relationships. "Just remember, the goal is to have fun and rediscover your social self," adds relationship coach Tessa Lane.

Seek Professional Help

If feelings of sadness persist, don't hesitate to seek professional support. Therapy can provide valuable tools for healing and self-discovery. "Therapists can help you navigate your emotions and build resilience," emphasizes Dr. Roberts.



Fashion Accessories to Investment Assets

Luxury handbags have long been seen as a symbol of status, style, and sophistication, but over the years, they have evolved into more than just fashion accessories—they've become investment assets.

The value of certain high-end purses appreciates over time, making them a reliable store of wealth. From iconic designs that transcend trends to limited-edition releases, these purses have garnered cult followings, allowing them to maintain or even increase their value in the resale market.

As luxury handbags have proven, their allure is not only in their beauty but also in their ability to increase in value over time. Purses like the

Hermès Birkin, Chanel Classic Flap, and Louis Vuitton Neverfull have shown that fashion can be a worthwhile financial investment. With price increases of 5-14% annually, owning these bags isn't just about making a style statement—it's about securing a valuable asset. Many of these purses increase in value due to their rarity, craftsmanship, and brand prestige, with some appreciating by double or even triple their original price.



The Hermès Birkin: The Ultimate Status Symbol

The Hermès Birkin is the pinnacle of luxury handbags, a piece so exclusive that it's often regarded as more valuable than gold. First designed in 1984 for actress Jane Birkin, this bag quickly gained legendary status due to its impeccable craftsmanship and exclusivity. With long waitlists and limited availability, demand for the Birkin has skyrocketed, and it consistently resells for up to 200-300% above its retail price.

- **Resale Value Increase:** A Birkin that cost \$9,000 in the early 2000s can now fetch between \$15,000 and \$500,000, depending on the material and rarity, with some models appreciating by 14% annually.

The Hermès Kelly: A Royal Favorite

Another coveted Hermès piece, the Kelly, became iconic after being named for Princess Grace Kelly of Monaco. Introduced in 1935 and renamed in the 1950s, it embodies elegance and refinement. Over the years, its value has steadily increased.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Originally retailing for around \$7,000 in the past decade, Kelly bags now resell for \$12,000 to \$18,000, with an annual increase of 12%.



Louis Vuitton Neverfull: Everyday Luxury

First introduced in 2007, the Louis Vuitton Neverfull quickly became one of the brand's best-selling bags. Its spacious design and durable construction made it a favorite among fashionistas, and it retains much of its value in the resale market.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Originally priced at around \$700, a new Neverfull today can retail for over \$2,000, and used versions can resell for \$1,200 to \$2,000, increasing by about 3-6% annually.

Lady Dior: Royalty Reimagined



The Lady Dior, designed in 1995 and named after Princess Diana, has become one of the most recognizable symbols of Dior's elegance. Known for its refined craftsmanship and quilted texture, this bag has become a sought-after piece for collectors.

- **Resale Value Increase:** The Lady Dior has seen a 5-7% annual increase in price, with bags that retailed for \$3,500 a few years ago now selling for over \$5,300, and used models reselling between \$3,500 and \$4,500.



Gucci GG Marmont: The New Classic

With its bold GG logo and quilted leather, the Gucci GG Marmont became an instant favorite after its introduction. It's a contemporary classic that holds its value well in the resale market.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Originally priced at \$1,200, it now retails for over \$2,400, with resale values ranging between \$1,500 and \$2,000, an annual price increase of 5-7%.

Louis Vuitton Pochette Metis: Versatile and Popular

The Pochette Metis is one of Louis Vuitton's more recent hits, beloved for its compact yet functional design. Due to its high demand and limited availability, it has become a staple in the resale market.

- **Resale Value Increase:** The Pochette Metis, which retailed for \$1,800 in 2018, now costs \$2,500 new, with resales ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,800—an annual increase of 8-10%.



Celine Luggage Tote: Minimalist and Chic



When Phoebe Philo took over Celine in the 2010s, she introduced the Luggage Tote, which became a signature piece for the brand. Its minimalist design and high-quality materials have made it a strong contender in the luxury market.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Retailing for around \$2,700 in 2010, new models now cost over \$3,900, and resale prices range between \$2,800 and \$3,400, with annual increases of 5-7%.



Fendi Baguette: The Iconic 90s Revival

Immortalized by the character Carrie Bradshaw in *Sex and the City*, the Fendi Baguette became one of the first "it" bags of the 1990s. With the revival of 90s fashion, the Baguette has made a comeback, reclaiming its position as a sought-after luxury item.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Early models retailed for about \$1,000, but today they sell for \$3,000 and above, with some rare versions reaching \$2,000 to \$3,500 on the resale market.

Chanel 2.55 Reissue: History in a Bag

A reissue of Coco Chanel's original 1955 design, the Chanel 2.55 Reissue is a collector's dream. Its vintage appeal and limited production make it highly valuable.

- **Resale Value Increase:** Similar to the Classic Flap, the 2.55 Reissue has seen consistent growth, with resale values at 80-120% of retail price. Bags that sold for \$4,000 a few years ago now resell for \$6,000 to \$8,500.



SMART STUFF



CITTA

Free of harmful chemicals and toxins, CITTA's Complete Baby Care Combo Set comprises Nourishing Baby Massage Oil, Tender Foaming Baby Wash, Gentle Foaming Baby Shampoo, Moisturizing Baby Balm, and Soothing Talc-Free Baby Powder. The entire range is gently formulated to protect your little one's delicate skin and intensely nourish and moisturize it from within. Backed by grandma's wisdom and modern science, this Complete Baby Care Combo Set is suitable for children aged 0-10 years.

Comment: Complete Baby Care Set to protect your baby from Chemicals

Rating: 8/10



Smoor

The Smoor Chocolate Box is a delightful treat for any chocolate lover, offering a luxurious assortment of carefully crafted chocolates that exemplify quality and flavor. Each piece in the box feels like a small work of art, showcasing the brand's commitment to using premium ingredients and thoughtful, meticulous design. The variety is impressive, with flavors ranging from rich, velvety dark chocolate to creamy milk options, all infused with subtle notes like caramel, nuts, or exotic spices, making every bite unique yet balanced.

The presentation of the box itself is elegant, making it a wonderful choice for gifts or special occasions. The packaging

preserves the freshness and flavor, while the chocolates inside maintain a perfect texture—smooth, rich, and satisfyingly creamy. Smoor's emphasis on natural ingredients and minimal preservatives also stands out, adding a touch of purity and authenticity to each piece.

Smoor's Chocolate Box offers an indulgent experience that satisfies both the eye and the palate. It's clear that each detail, from packaging to flavor variety, has been crafted with care.

Comment: For those seeking a luxurious chocolate experience, Smoor delivers a delightful balance of flavor, texture, and artistry that is well worth trying.

Rating: 8/10



Swiss Military

The Swiss Military SM RAPLI Bluetooth speaker stands out as a compact yet powerful option for those seeking quality sound and durable construction in a portable form. This speaker boasts a rugged design, perfect for outdoor activities, travel, and daily use, and its IPX7 waterproof rating ensures it can withstand splashes or even brief immersion, making it ideal for poolside or beach settings.

With Bluetooth 5.0 technology,

the SM RAPLI provides a stable and extended range connection, allowing seamless pairing with multiple devices. The audio quality is rich and balanced, with deep bass that doesn't overpower the mids and highs, delivering clarity across various genres. Its impressive battery life, lasting up to 10 hours on a single charge, means it's reliable for extended listening without frequent recharging.

For added convenience, the SM

RAPLI includes a built-in microphone, enabling hands-free calling directly from the speaker. Additionally, its lightweight and compact design make it easy to carry anywhere.

Comment: Swiss Military SM RAPLI Bluetooth speaker combines durability, excellent audio quality, and versatile features, making it a solid choice for those looking for an affordable yet high-performing portable speaker.

Rating: 9/10

ASEGO: Travel with Confidence

Asego sets a new benchmark for elite travel with a One Million Dollar Cover-Signature Plan.

Ever been stuck in a foreign country, dealing with a sudden medical emergency or a missing bag while you're supposed to be closing a big deal? It's every business traveller's nightmare. When you're travelling for work or pleasure, the last thing you want is to be bogged down by unexpected hassles.

Asego launches the Signature Plan – a new and exclusive travel protection plan designed specifically for those who expect nothing but



Dev Karvat, Founder & CEO, Asego



the best. Whether you're a corporate jet-setter or a frequent luxury traveller, this plan is crafted to meet your high standards and keep your journey smooth and stress-free.

Imagine a travel protection plan that covers you with global travel assistance including \$1 million for emergency medical expenses, anywhere in the world. It even extends its coverage to India, with up to \$30,000 in medical support. Whether you're

hopping between continents for meetings or taking a break at a luxury resort, you can rest easy knowing that if something goes wrong, you're covered.

But it's not just about medical emergencies. Delayed flights, missed connections, or lost luggage – these are the kinds of things that can ruin your trip. With Asego's Signature Plan, claims for baggage issues or trip delays are handled without any fuss. No need to

justify your loss – it's settled. Plus, with their real-time baggage tracking service-TrackMate, you'll always know where your luggage is, so you can focus on what really matters.

What's even better? There are no medical deductibles, and you get express claims assistance whenever you need it. This isn't just travel insurance; it's a safety net for those who refuse to compromise.

So, next time you're jet-setting across the globe, wouldn't it be nice to have a plan that understands the way you travel?

For those who don't settle for less, Asego's Signature Plan offers a level of security that's hard to find elsewhere. It's like having a safety net designed specifically for the way you travel – one that takes care of the details so you can focus on the journey. Because when you're on the move, especially for business, knowing you're protected in every possible way isn't just a luxury – it's a necessity. Travel smart, travel safe, and travel with the confidence that you've got the best protection there is.

#NextStepsAsia

Petra Hedorfer, CEO of the GNTB shared about German National Tourist Board intensify activities on the Indian market #NextStepsAsia

How you portray Indian market for Outbound Tourism?

PH: India's importance as a source market for international tourism is growing. According to analyses by Skift India, spending on international travel grew by 17% annually between 2008 and 2019, four times faster than global tourism as a whole. For 2027, Skift forecasts further growth of 230% compared to 2019. This puts India in the top 5 source markets for global tourism.

In order to continue participating in the rapid growth of the Indian outbound market, the German National Tourist Board (GNTB) is systematically expanding its market activities on the subcontinent.

Shed light on strategic approaches to future market development in India.

PH: We have been working in the Indian market with a sales agency for two decades. In 2015, we initiated an India pool for the first time, which has been extremely successful in supporting the activities of German partners in India. The number of overnight stays by Indian guests in Germany rose by almost 40 percent from 693,000 to 962,000 by 2019. With a new edition of the India Pool and market-specific activities, we are building bridges between the demand from Indian travelers and the tourism offering in Germany. In view of the changing conditions - especially technological developments - we are also organizing a high-profile delegation trip with top managers from the German travel industry next spring with the GNTB

India Digital Travel Knowledge Tour.

What you would like to say about increasing importance of India as a source market for German inbound tourism.

PH: The flow of travellers from India to Germany has been growing steadily for many years. After the end of the coronavirus pandemic, Indian guests generated 826,000 overnight stays in hotels and guesthouses in 2023 - an increase of 33% compared to 2022.

With a recovery rate of 86%, the Indian market is recovering much faster from the Covid pandemic than all other Asian countries. Tourism Economics forecasts 1.6 million overnight stays from India in Germany every year by the end of the decade. The Indian market is also promising in terms of value creation. According to IPK International, the total turnover of all Indian tourists in Germany in 2023 was 900 million euros.

Please elaborate about DZT India Digital Travel Knowledge Tour - 04. bis 09. Mai 2025.

PH: Technological innovation and networking with the international travel industry are the central themes of the delegation trip. CEOs from the German travel



industry will meet forward-looking Indian tech and travel companies in Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai. They will gain valuable insights into the specific needs of the Indian target group and current trends that are characterised by the rapid digital transformation in the market. At the same time, there are opportunities to initiate collaborations with leading Indian market players in order to tap into the full potential of this dynamic market for German inbound tourism.

Please share about the special campaigns for the Indian market.

PH: With the 'Live like a local' project, Indian influencers immerse themselves directly in the local customs and traditions of various regions in Germany and share their authentic impressions with a wide reach on their social media channels. The project takes up the high digital competence of Indian tourists with an interactive personalized travel guide that combines interactive map material with the points of interest from the user's profile.

Germany offers numerous hotspots and romantic locations for the lavishly organised events of Indian wedding parties. The GNTB is targeting this specific group with a special wedding campaign.

Share some insight about GNTB India-Pool 2025.

PH: The GNTB is launching an India Pool for the second time in 2025 to bundle its market development efforts in India. The GNTB is investing in the Indian market together with the German travel industry, which is predominantly made up of SMEs, in order to increase brand awareness of Germany as a travel destination and thus tap into the market potential even more effectively.



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