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GET ON THAT JET PLANE!

Dear Colleagues and Travel Partners,

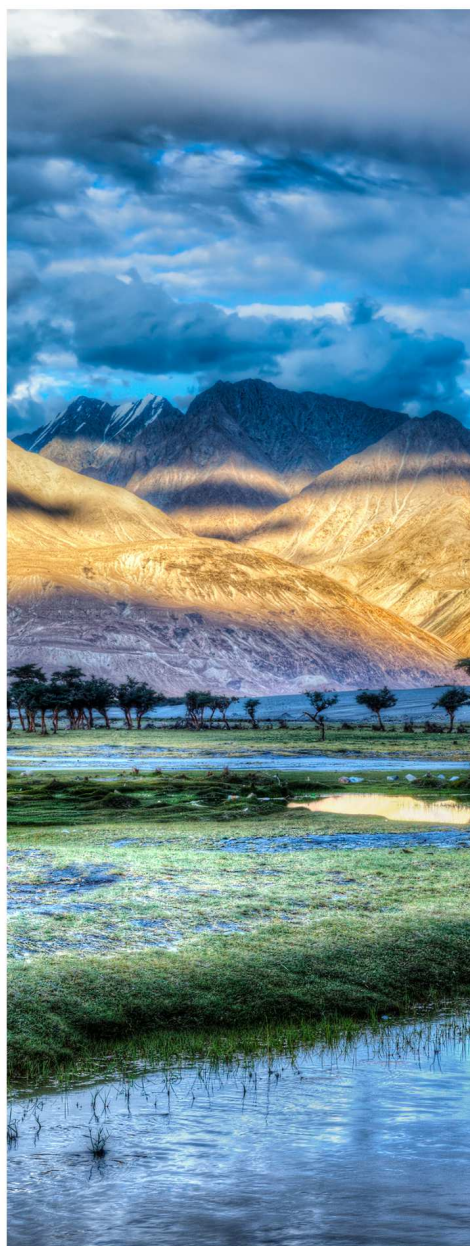
Happy Holi! As the winter chill abates, and with COVID 19 numbers rapidly declining every day, we are thrilled to welcome Spring and announce that scheduled flights are due to resume their arrivals into India on March 27, 2022, and that the e-visa for all countries has been restored (with the exception of travellers from the UK and Canada).

We are bursting with ideas on what you can do and where you can go, as you explore the length and breath of the country with us. The summer is the ideal time to head into the Trans-Himalayan region and visit the kingdom of Ladakh.

Explore the stunning valleys and mountains of Sikkim and West Bengal, as you explore tea-gardens and forest hiking trails. Or soak up some well-deserved relaxation with an authentic Ayurveda retreat on the Kerala coast. Grab your binoculars and cameras because the summer is the best time to photograph India's wildlife in its natural habitat.

Grab that passport and pack your bags. It's time to get on that jet plane!

Best Regards,
Manan Mahajan





If there’s ever been a time to do the epic journey of a lifetime – it’s now. As India’s skies reopen after the pandemic hiatus, it’s time to head to one of the most exotic parts of our planet – the Himalayan kingdom of Ladakh. Summer is an amazing time to experience the surreal beauty of the Trans-Himalayan region. Turquoise skies, brilliant sunshine dazzling off the snow-caps, wild flowers in bloom, rushing rivers, and a whole host of colourful festivals and cultural events that will boggle your mind. There’s no better place to start than Leh, the capital of Ladakh, and a window to the culture of the entire region. From ancient monasteries to a bustling market place, Leh is also a great place to catch some of Ladakh’s traditional summer festivities like high-altitude polo and vivid Tsechu revelry. For those who love their adrenaline, head into the Nubra valley, or visit tranquil Pangong Tso for a touch of absolute serenity by the lake. There’s never a dull moment! Ask us to plan the perfect Ladakh getaway.



MOUNTAIN MAGIC

THE ULTIMATE TRAVELLING CAMP

LEH + DIKSIT, LADAKH

Head to Ladakh for a glamping experience unlike any other. Park yourself amid the serene environs of the Thiksey Monastery, as you ‘glamp it’ at The Ultimate Travelling Camp in Leh. Situated in the heart of Leh, yet far removed from the crowd, this luxurious camp is a serene oasis in the midst of Leh’s hustle and bustle.

Then for a touch of adrenaline and adventure, venture further into the stunning landscape of the Nubra Valley. From sand-dunes to orchards to rushing rivers, this part of Ladakh is simply breathtaking. It’s also ideal for adventure activities like biking, river-rafting, and hiking. If you’re a nature lover, there’s no place quite like this.

Bed down at The Ultimate Travelling Camp in Diksit from where you can explore the best of Nubra. Return to your camp and soak up the stunning landscape, tuck into delectable gourmet cuisine, and finally turn in to your sumptuous tented suite, kitted out for the ultimate luxurious stay. En suite bathrooms, white-glove service, and a fabulous experience await your arrival!

BANDHAVGARH

THE JUNGLE BEAT

IN THE EYE OF THE TIGER



The heat is on and the tiger is on the prowl. As summer approaches and the mercury starts to rise, it's the best time to get on the tiger's trail. What better place than Bandhavgarh National Park, which has the highest density of tigers in the world?

But while tigers are certainly its star attraction, Bandhavgarh is teeming with animals. Keep an eye out for leopards, primates, deer, antelope and the Gaur (Indian Bison). If you're a birdlover, you'll fall in love all over again as the birds are simply spectacular. Bandhavgarh is a gorgeous forest, full of tall trees, bamboo, gorgeous meadows, and running rivulets. An ancient fortress at the top of its cliffs adds to the charm of the place.



RAAS DEVIGARH

DELWARA, UDAIPUR

Chic, edgy and unique— that's Raas Devigarh for you. This gorgeous 18th century palace turned design hotel has an eclectic style that just works perfectly, setting it apart from the other hotels in Udaipur. Perched atop a hill a short distance from the city center, it's the ideal place to unwind, or pause to soak up some serious spa therapy and some chill time, while you pace yourself during your journey in India. Immerse yourself in luxurious suites, candle-lit courtyards, and the delicate flavours of the gourmet cuisine from its kitchen. If you just want to kick back and relax, amid Rajasthan's gorgeous environs, you really couldn't find a better spot than this.



SOHO HOUSE

JUHU BEACH, MUMBAI

It's hot, hip and happening. SoHo House in Mumbai is the place to be to get a feel for the 'maximum city' party vibe. Casual yet sophisticated, the club has become a go-to spot for Mumbai's young and restless crowd. A rooftop pool and bar adds to the charm of the place, while sweeping views of the Arabian Sea and Juhu Beach from the restaurants and rooms, creates a relaxed beach-chic atmosphere.

The service is warm, friendly and welcoming and the food is simple but flavourful. Situated in North Mumbai (NoBo) this residence is a stone's throw away from great restaurants, shopping and nightlife.



HOLA MOHALLA

A SIKH CELEBRATON

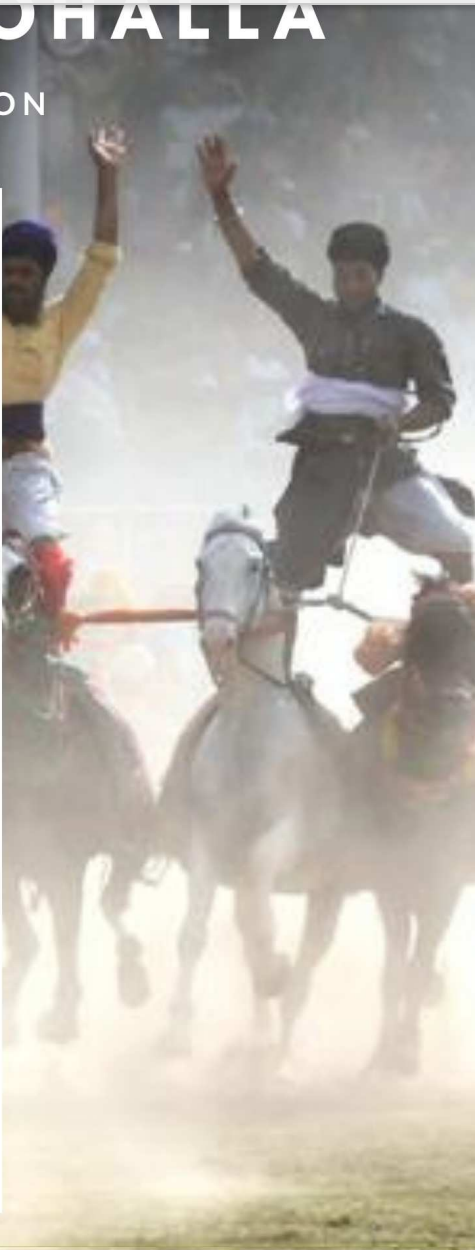
FESTIVE FUN



Hola Mohalla is a dynamic festive event which takes place in March in Punjab. A vibrant Sikh celebration, it pays tribute to the martial prowess of the Sikhs, their organizational capability – and of course, their fun-loving, gregarious nature.

With its roots in myth and legend, the festival is an eye-opening showcase for martial arts, music, poetry and equestrian expertise. From poetry contests to mock battles, the competition is fierce, yet friendly.

Traditional ‘Langar’ meals are served, community style, for all those who attends the festival. Dig into delicious Punjabi cuisine, that is cooked in enormous community kitchens on site! The biggest celebrations take place in Anandpur Sahib. Ask us to know more!



SUBTLY SOPHISTICATED TAJ FALAKNUMA PALACE

HYDERABAD

Relive the decadent lifestyle of the Nizams of Hyderabad, once the richest royals in the world! This gorgeous grand palace is hard to beat and exudes a touch of drama. Originally built to resemble a scorpion, the palace has two wings which house its exquisitely elegant rooms and suites, while the main building is home to a jaw-dropping collection of antiques, worthy of the world’s finest museums. From the world’s longest dining table, to a fantastic hookah lounge, and an enchanting gazebo that overlooks Hyderabad’s bright lights, a stay here is like something out of a fairy tale. Touches like a fabulous afternoon tea, Sufi music performances, and a Nizam spa treatment just add to its appeal – oh and did we mention the cuisine? Its simply divine.

WHY VISIT HYDERABAD?

The diamond in the Deccan Plateau, Hyderabad exudes immense charm, culture and some of the finest cuisine in India! You will be amazed by the fantastic architecture, art, textiles and performing arts that you will uncover as you explore the city. From highlights like the Char Minar and Golkonda Fort, to lesser known gems like the Qutb Shahi Tombs, this city is an eye-opener. But there's much more. Engage with fascinating people who are passionate about their city as you discover the fantastic geological rock formations, visit Ikkat weavers’ studios, and interact with local artists and designers who make the city come to life. And Hyderabad has a dynamic social scene, with fabulous restaurants, art galleries, shopping and more! Did we also forget to mention its amazing film studios? That's right - it's home to a dynamic movie industry!

Custom travel is an art – finely honed by years of experience. We are all explorers in search of discerning moments that become our raison d'être.

Knowing us is knowing you. Planning the perfect vacation is a meticulous task. One that takes a tremendous eye for detail and in-depth knowledge of a destination.

Just like an onion, there are thousands of layers of nuance wrapped around each other to make the whole. The Indian subcontinent is not just a region, it's a feeling - a sensory explosion that you cannot ignore. There's no other place quite like it.

A 300 year old palace, a luxury train, a bespoke tented camp, or a fully kitted out houseboat? Camel safari or dune buggy? Himalayan trek or helicopter ride? Vintage car or speedboat?

From the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean, the deserts of Rajasthan to rainforests in the Andamans, both the cultural and the natural landscape are breath-taking. Sometimes incredibly complex, at other times unbelievably simple. Sometimes blissfully peaceful, at other times frenetic. It's not another tick on your bucket-list. It's a once in a lifetime journey that touches your soul – every single time. That's when you come to us – when you are ready to take a step beyond the ordinary. Are you ready to unleash your imagination? Visit our website: www.orangedmc.com to start planning your journey today.



Asia

Leading Luxury Operator- Indian Subcontinent

India



The Destination Management Company



A perfect balance between red's fiery energy and yellow's warm happiness. Exuberant, Orange instills a sense of enthusiasm, creativity and a powerful zest for life that is visible in all that we do as a luxury travel operator based out of India. The Indian Subcontinent is the perfect playground of fascinating and unusual elements which constantly stimulate our creativity and curiosity. At Orange we believe that "custom travel is in the experience". Our curated holidays with a 360 degree approach provides all travel solutions in the Indian subcontinent and is driven by our desire to make a global family of gratified travellers who come back to us each time they think of a holiday that tailor-made & transformational.

Over the last 7 years we have curated holidays for guests from over 50 luxury travel companies and consortiums from over 10 countries. With over 300 years of collective experience in the travel industry and a true passion for authentic travel, we pride ourselves in crafting truly bespoke, luxury trips where each journey is made from scratch, and is seamlessly tailored with the clients' interests and preferences in mind.

Offering a selective range of intimate and inspiring journeys across the Indian subcontinent, Orange is known for crafting trips that are seamless and combine amazing hotels, lodges, villas, yachts, private jets, glamping, with great places to see, feel, experience, explore and all of this is possible as we are backed by an excellent on-ground support team. We began in the year 2014 with an India office, over the years we had repeat guests wanting to explore the Indian subcontinent beyond India with this we decided to expand our operations to Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and Myanmar. To gain a more hands-on approach and to enable us to reveal the true-spirit of a region we decided to open offices in Sri Lanka, in the year 2016.

I believe, we all have an inherent desire to travel, its in our DNA and hence, Orange is the right choice for discerning as well as luxury traveller. Our primary source markets have been UK, Germany, Switzerland, Nordic Regions, France, South Africa, Russia and Korea. With a growth in business from UK and around we decided to open a branch office in London that operates as an extension of our business partner's offices to assist them with destination stories, product understanding, planning, itinerary connect and execution. While our primary source business market is UK, Europe and Scandinavia we witnessed a growth in 2019 from the American market too.

With a true passion for travel, the Orange team prides itself in providing a personal travel service management and

concierge to all our clients (individual travelers or groups), working in partnership to impartially inspire and inform.

We travel extensively to get under the skin of new and exciting destinations, to uncover experiences and hand-selected local experts, that will immerse our clients in some of the most exotic places and authentic experiences. And because we don't do anything off the shelf, even a regular touristy circuit or itinerary will be hand-crafted journey and will always be one-of-a-kind. To fuel exclusively authentic focus, we believe that alongside planning and seamless operations, a travel itinerary must combine first-rate dining, top-notch accommodation and elegant transport with regional / native themes.

We are all navigating the multiple crises that have defined 2020 and 2021. The impact of COVID pandemic is likely to cost the tourism industry over USD 22 billion and a loss of over 50 million jobs worldwide. Therefore it comes as no surprise to say that for Orange or for that matter any travel company (small or large scale) the challenges has been many - irregular flights, intermittent closed borders, changing travel requirements, visa, including the ongoing effort to address cancellations, refunds and rebookings with just little or no compensation at all.

At Orange we have strived to hold on to our core team and used this time to perfect our offerings, build on our technology and successfully venture into new business segments that due to the paucity of time and under normal circumstances we had not ventured into.

We have extended our client base to select corporates and as intimate wedding curators. Our team, vendors and partners have been trained to fit into the current health and safety protocols and expectations. Also encouraged colleagues to expand their horizons with exploring their passions, pursuing a degree course and even launching small scale business from home.

Having said this I am certain the long term prospect of a travel company is positive. Travellers are anxious about traveling again and are looking for professional travel advisors with expert consultation on what is safe, what is open, which hotels have implemented hygiene measures and a fall back support if something happens before, during or after their trip.

What differentiates Orange DMC is the balance between our personal and professional qualities. Our expertise lies in effective communication and agility, coupled with the right technology and operational processes. Our team brings together a formidable and diverse mix of skill sets and experiences, each one is a seasoned traveller along with being a specialist in planning trips but above all they are passionate about the Indian subcontinent and they display a keen eye in detailing that not just differentiates us but also helps us stay one step ahead of our competition.

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