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ZEST

TRAVEL IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT
BY ORANGE DMC

INDIAN SPIRIT!

As we celebrate yet another year since the world's largest democracy came into its own, the spirit of India is flying high. From stunning landscapes to vibrant festivals, exquisite wildlife to inspiring architecture, there are so many incredible reasons to visit!

In this issue of Zest, we celebrate some of our favourites juxtaposed against one another. Whether it is wildlife + wellness, or music + mindfulness, the beauty of South Asia is maximised when you experience a variety of its nuances.

Discover the best of culture, cuisine, art, nature, healing and more when you travel with us. At Orange, we believe in creating a holistic holiday that covers a variety of touchpoints, so that you experience the true depth of what the subcontinent has to offer.

Hands-on experiences, engaging interactions, unusual stays, and a variety of terrain makes a trip with us extremely inspiring.

Reach out to our team to discover how we can create a unique journey that hones in on your preferences and interests. Don't wait! Contact us now to imbibe the spirit of the subcontinent!

Best regards
Manan Mahajan





HIDDEN REALMS

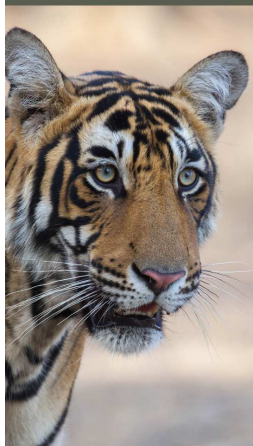
INDIAN SPIRIT

JUXTAPOSITIONS IN THE SUBCONTINENT



WELLBEING
+
WILDLIFE

Rajasthan



Nestled in the rugged landscapes of rural Rajasthan, Amanbagh Hotel is a sanctuary of peace and luxury. Enclosed by flourishing nature and intricate architecture, this lavish retreat serves as a vessel for the utmost relaxation and immersion of culture.

Indulge in the array of comfortable suites studded with elements of history and culture. Lounge in the limitless labyrinth of spacious relaxation. At Amanbagh, rejuvenation and relaxation are a priority. Sign up for incredible treatments and therapies offered at the amazing spa. Unwind with yoga and meditation, in pure serenity.

Aman-i-Khás is a true haven of calmness and comfort. Surrounded by the Ranthambore National Park, you are able to plunge into the wonders of India. Bask in the elegance of extravagant Mughal tents adjacent to the wilderness. Luxurious accommodations and irreplaceable sights accompany this breathtaking experience.

Aman-i-Khás coexists with the wildlife of the area. As you venture deeper into the forest, keep your eyes peeled to witness the powerful presence of the Bengal tiger, an icon of the Indian jungles.

At the end of the day, relax amidst the elegant communal spaces of the resort, where you can savour delectable cuisine inspired by local flavors and enjoy the company of fellow travelers. The impeccable service and attention to detail ensure a truly unforgettable stay.

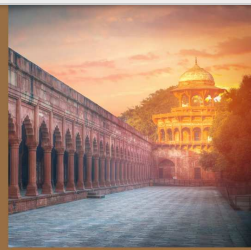
Begin your culinary journey with Mughlai flavors at Dharmapura Haveli in the heart of Old Delhi.

Dharmapura Haveli's on-site restaurant, Lakhori, has incredible chefs who intricately prepare dishes that were enjoyed by Mughal emperors. Diversify your palate with rich flavours, ranging from street food to fine dining. And indulge in slow-cooked techniques and subliminal tastes inspired by ingredients that define Mughlai cuisine, like saffron and cardamom.

Immerse yourself in the historic ambiance of Dharmapura Haveli. Dine against the backdrop of traditional architecture and elegant interiors that date back to the Mughal era. The warm and attentive staff ensures a memorable experience, taking you on a journey that celebrates the culinary heritage of Old Delhi.

Mughal history is at the center of the vibrant life in Old Delhi. This enchanting district is decorated with the legacy of the Mughal Empire. It left an impactful mark on India's cultural, architectural, and culinary heritage.

Old Delhi, once known as Shahjahanabad, was established by Emperor Shah Jahan. The rich tapestry of Mughal history comes alive as you wander through its busy lanes, embellished with ancient designs that tell the tale of the vibrant history of the district. Old Delhi offers a captivating journey into the past, where Mughal history merges with contemporary life's vibrancy.



CULTURE
+
CUISINE

Delhi



MUSIC
+
MINDFULNESS

Tamil Nadu

The Margazhi Music and Dance Festival is a sacred and cherished event that occurs every December. Its vibrant performances and rich traditions are enhanced by the sound of trained Carnatic singers and the grace of Bharatanatyam, Kathakali, and Mohini Aattam dancers.

There is no shortage of cultural celebrations and auspicious gatherings, an incredible display of the heritage rooted in the festival. The Margazhi Music and Dance Festival is a vivid celebration commemorating a love for classical art forms. Experience this brilliant display of ancient traditions and performance art. Get ready to be swept away by the commitment to preserving and celebrating the rich culture of South India.



Head out on a mindful journey along the Tamil Temple Trail. Connect with your spiritual centre as you absorb the artistic elegance and solace amid serene environs. Pause to meditate at the Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram. Listen to the harmony that resonates from the musical pillars at the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai. Lose yourself to the rhythm and soul of tabla beats and soft strains of the Veena in Thanjavur.

As you cross the Tamil Temple Trail, engage with the stories and legends behind each temple, deepening your understanding of Tamil music, art and spirituality.

Book a hotel to the laid-back south coast

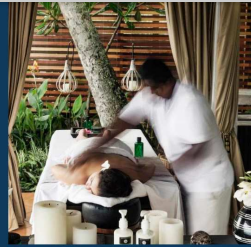
Lanka and stay at The Owl and Pussycat Hotel. Located along the coastline, this hotel is a haven of tranquility, overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Step into beautifully designed rooms and suites, each decorated with a plethora of thoughtful details. Dive into a world of vibrant colors and stylish Sri Lankan contemporary art, solidifying a welcoming environment.

If you seek authentic Sri Lankan spa treatments, look no further than The Owl and Pussycat Hotel. They prioritize each guest's well-being in the form of extraordinary hot oil and deep tissue massages that overlook the ocean. Locally sourced, organic ingredients are used to soothe your body.

Visit numerous art galleries along the Galle coast, just a short drive or bike ride from your hotel. Begin at the Saskia Fernando Gallery to get a glimpse at the stunning works of Sri Lankan artists. Then make your way to the Hempel Galleries to view contemporary art pieces from local artists. There is no shortage of extraordinary art in this area. Explore colonial history and evocative architecture within the walls of Galle Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Owl and Pussycat Hotel in Sri Lanka promises an unforgettable escape. Immerse yourself in a world of whimsy, warm hospitality and natural beauty, creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.



ART + SPA

Galle Coast



THE FINER TOUCH

INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

DELHI
THANJAVUR



Dharampura Haveli
Delhi
#01

Tucked away in a corner of Chandni Chowk, Dharampura Haveli has been beautifully restored to reflect its former glory. Graceful archways, bold floor tiles, and artistic touches give it immense atmosphere. The food is divine and reflects authentic flavours from the Mughal kitchen. The rooftop terrace is a delight, the perfect place to have a drink and a delightful meal after a day spent exploring Old Delhi.



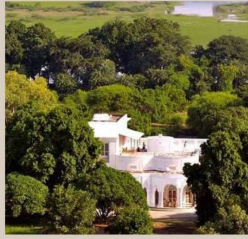
Svatma
Thanjavur
#02

Svatma is a tribute to Tamil culture, fine arts, music, and the performing arts. Situated in the town of Thanjavur, it reflects the artistic culture and traditions that originate here. We love the wholesome and delicious cuisine that is lovingly prepared by hand. The interiors are embellished with original pieces of art and handwoven textiles for which Tamil Nadu is famous.

THE FINER TOUCH

INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

SHAHPURA
TALPE



Shahpura Bagh
Shahpura
#03

Shahpura Bagh is one of Rajasthan's best kept secrets. Tucked away amid a region on full of waterbodies and wetlands, it is a magnificent summer palace that has been sustainably restored by its owners. Immerse yourself in a unique blend of nature and culture, as you relive the lifestyle of the Shahpura royals. A dip in the temperature controlled infinity pool makes it a perfect stay.



Owl and The Pussycat Hotel
Talpe
#04

Chic, sleek and extremely boutique, the Owl and The Pussycat Hotel is inspired by a poem! This charming property overlooks the Indian Ocean, set within its own tropical garden. Vivid artwork, quirky design, delicious cuisine, and a terrific location make this a fabulous option on the Galle Coast. Explore your surroundings or relax with a Sri Lankan spa treatment. A stay to remember!



We have a whole lot of festivals coming up in the next few months. It's time to celebrate the spirit of the Indian Subcontinent!

SEPTEMBER:

Ganesh Chaturthi in Mumbai

Lord Ganesha is the elephant headed God of wealth and prosperity. Explore how these vividly painted idols are made, and participate in the local celebrations!

OCTOBER

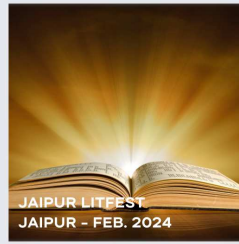
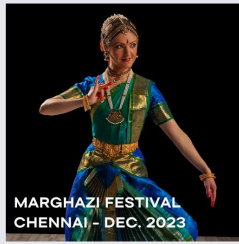
Navratri in Gujarat

Dance the night away to Bollywood hits and classics as you shake a leg to traditional Garba and Dandiya Raas beats!

NOVEMBER:

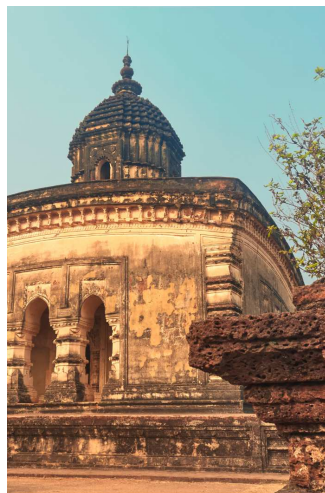
Diwali in Rajasthan

Watch stunning fireworks displays, light a lamp by the water's edge, and enjoy a terrific celebration as you bring in the new year!



CULTURAL EVENTS

2023-24



THE BACKROADS OF WEST BENGAL



MURSHIDABAD,
BAWALI, SERAMPORE

West Bengal is full of surprises, and some of them are so well tucked away, that it takes an expert to find them! Discover the history and heritage of East India as you explore the backroads of Bengal. Visit Murshidabad, known for its fabulous manor homes, Bawali, full of authentic Bengali culture, and Serampore, a tiny slice of Danish colonial culture in India! From Baul musicians to mouthwatering cuisine, to art, architecture, spirituality and more... this is a journey that is simply unforgettable.



INDEPENDENT STAYS



WEST BENGAL

GLENBURN PENTHOUSE, KOLKATA

Refined elegance, a central location, and service that is attentive yet discreet.

THE RAJBARI, BAWALI

A restored mansion with chic touches, innovative design elements, and fab food.

BARI KOTHI, MURSHIDABAD

Lovingly restored, warm service and an authentic ambience.

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