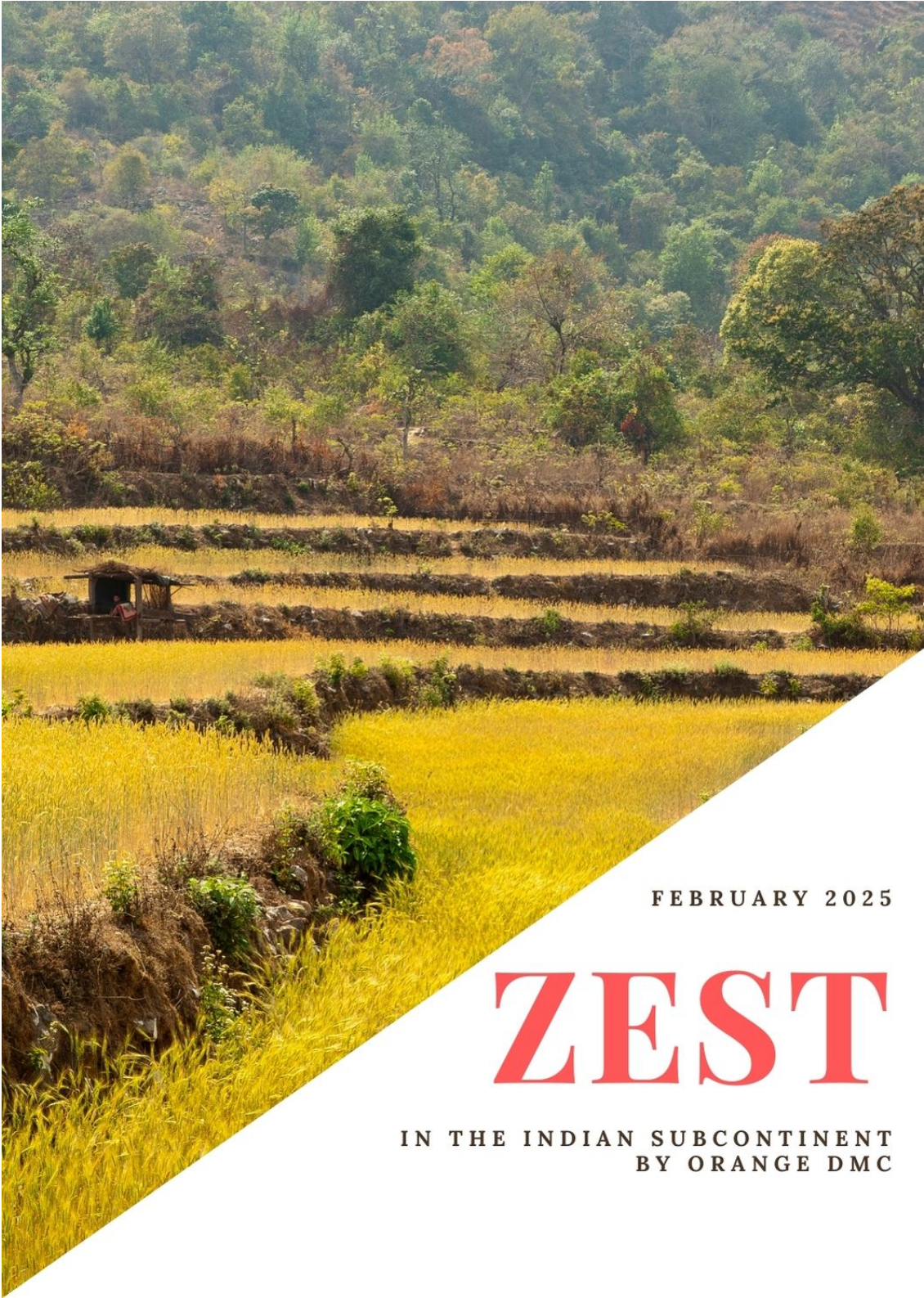


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SPRING ZING!

Spring is just around the corner! Immerse yourself in the amazing energy that this seasons infuses across the Indian Subcontinent.

Head up into the Himalayas and watch the pink and crimson rhododendron forests come into bloom. Meander through mustard fields shaded gold and green. Discover mountain shrines, earthy hamlets, and colourful prayer flags as you hike through the countryside.

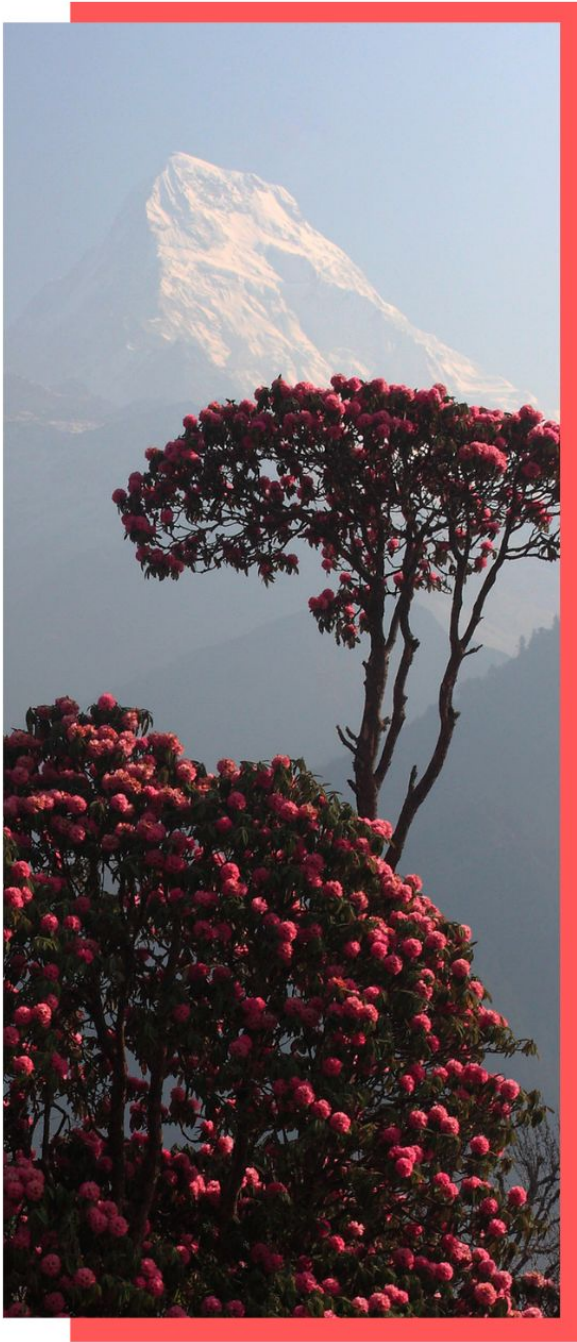
This is also an excellent time for wildlife. As the winter cold eases up, and the animals come further out into the open, discover an array of incredible biodiversity.

Head deep into the Deccan Plateau and discover the rugged landscape and ancient cities of Badami and Kalaburaga (Gulbarga), as well as the cosmopolitan city of Hyderabad, known for its fine cuisine, elegant palaces and beautiful monuments.

In India, celebrate the vivid colours of spring during Holi in Rajasthan! Let your hair down and sway to the rhythms and beats of the Thar Desert.

Are you a photographer or an outdoor enthusiast? Ask the Orange team to help you pinpoint the most eye-catching and heartwarming moments. From incredible festivals to stunning architecture, there's so much to capture your lens and your imagination. So, call us today to start planning your spring vacation!

Best Regards,
Manan Mahajan



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SRINAGAR, KASHMIR

Heritage architecture, stunning lakes and surrounded by mountains and gardens, Srinagar is a slice of heaven on earth. Head into the heart of the historic district to discover ancient shrines and palaces, then head into the countryside to immerse yourself in nature.

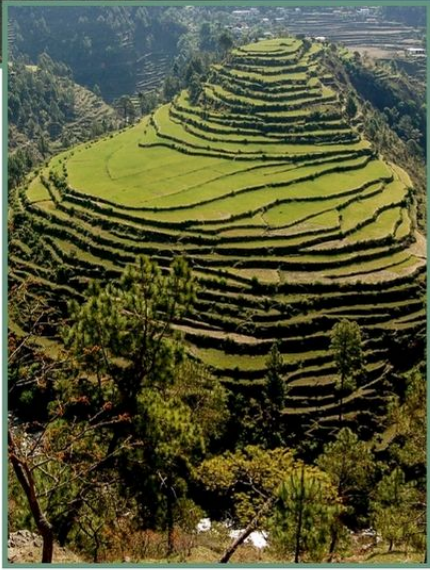
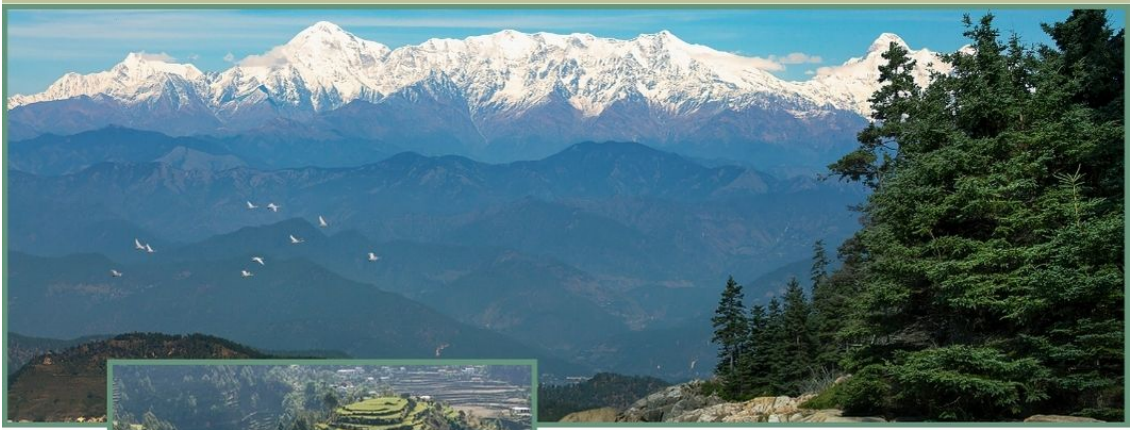
▼ **SHAHPURA, RAJASTHAN**

With over 250 waterbodies, and lush green countryside, Shahpura is the ultimate oasis in the desert. But that's not all. Discover a bustling town in the heart of rural Rajasthan, incredible architecture and wonderful, warm people -- a fascinating insight into rural Rajasthan.



▼ **MYSORE, KARNATAKA**

Mysore is a magical city, and the oiginal capital of the Wodeyar dynasty. Magnificent palaces and temples are juxtaposed against a buzzing market place and bustling by-lanes. The highlight is the flower market -- a morning stroll is delightful, with blooms of every hue.



01. VILLAGE TO VILLAGE WALKS IN KUMAON

Kumaon is one of India's best-kept secrets. Situated in the Himalayas, this beautiful mountainous country is ideal for walking and hiking. Take a guided walking trip through the rolling landscape. Stay overnight at charming home-stays, thoughtfully outfitted for guests. Pass through fields, villages and forest paths. Pause at a local shrine, and discover the earthy charm of the Himalayan lifestyle.

02. RIVER RAFTING IN RISHIKESH

Rishikesh is known for its rapids. Take an exhilarating white-water rafting trip down the River Ganges as it gushes down from the mountains. Stunning vistas of the mountains will leave you inspired. Add in a touch of spirituality with a visit to Rishikesh's famous temples. Unwind after your adventure with a few spa treatments.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES WE LOVE...

MOUNTAIN BIKING IN NEPAL

03.

While most people think of trekking in Nepal, the country offers incredible terrain for mountain-biking. Explore a vast network of trails that take you through the countryside. From colourful villages to forest, mountain-scapes to rushing rivers, soak up Nepal's rugged landscape.



ZIP-LINING IN COORG

04.

The rainforests of Coorg offer the perfect tree canopy for zip-lining. Take a wild ride across the lush, tropical jungle and mountainous landscape. The ecosystem is rife with bird-life and you'll enjoy the rush as you take in aerial views of this breathtaking region.

05. PARA-GLIDING IN BIR

Bir is a delightful town in the Kangra Valley. Steep cliffs and verdant valleys make it ideal terrain for para-gliding. Soar into sunny, blue skies and soak up inspiring views of the Dhauladhar mountains and the valley below.



DOWN TO EARTH



KIPLING CAMP, KANHA

Kipling Camp is a legend on the wildlife circuit. Headed by Belinda Wright, a highly experienced wildlife conservationist, this lodge is ideal for photographers and those who have a passion for wildlife. Situated on the border of Kanha National Park, the camp is such a serene environment that the animals frequently wander in! Cozy cottages with tiled roofs, open spaces to relax, and earthy, wholesome cuisine create a welcoming ambience. The highlight by far, is Tara, the resident elephant! Experienced naturalists take you deep into the jungle to share their love for Kanha's incredible biodiversity. Ask us today to know more!



DIAMONDS OF THE DECCAN

BADAMI & KALABURAGI

In the north of the Deccan Plateau, red sandstone boulders rise dramatically out of the earth, creating a stark, surreal and utterly beautiful landscape. Against this backdrop are two ancient settlements, Badami and Kalaburagi (formerly known as Gulbarga) which have their own story to tell.

BADAMI

The former capital of the Chalukya Empire, Badami is an ancient city. It was chosen for its strategic location, because the large rocks formed a natural wall of protection. Magnificent Hindu and Jain architecture, as well as some of the most incredible cave paintings can still be found here.

KALABURAGI (GULBARGA)

This city has a fascinating history, and dates back to the 6th century. Once a Chalukya stronghold, it later fell into the hands of the Sultans of Bidar and Golkonda, until it was conquered by Emperor Aurangzeb and became a part of the Mughal Empire. The city is known for its Sufi culture and stunning architecture, and is one of the last surviving vestiges of the Deccan Sultanate. It was known as Gulbarga (city of flowers) right until 2014, when its name was changed to Kalaburagi (city of rocks) alluding to the drama and beauty of its landscape.

DIAMONDS OF THE DECCAN

WEEKEND IN HYDERABAD

Dynamic. Dramatic. Hyderabad has an energy that is hard to beat. From couture to cuisine, sport to music, there's never a dull moment.

Take a stroll through old Hyderabad. The colourful markets and bustling by-lanes captivating. Pause to gaze at the incredible architecture of the Char Minar, a towering gateway, and say a small prayer at the Jama Masjid. If you feel up to it, the local food is fabulous. Tuck into samosas, kebabs, and fragrant biryani at some of Hyderabad's legendary eateries. In the evening, enjoy a spectacular Qawwali performance, as Hyderabad's incredible musicians play melodic Sufi music.

Hike up to Golkonda Fort and learn about its incredible history. The views of the city from the top of the fort are incredible. Don't miss the Qutb Shahi tombs, a marvelous work of restoration, and Chowmahalla Palace in the heart of the city.

Feel energetic? Then go rock-climbing with a guide across some of the most incredible boulders on the outskirts of Hyderabad and learn about the city through its geology! Then visit Ramoji Film City to discover the incredible world of Telegu Cinema. Time to relax? Enjoy a cocktail at the Col Bungalow at Taj Falaknuma Palace, overlooking the lights of the city below.



WHERE TO STAY?

Taj Falaknuma Palace, of course! This stunning former residence of the Nizam of Hyderabad is breathtaking. Exquisitely restored, authentic interiors, magnificent furniture and stunning artefacts transport you to another world. Elegant rooms and suites, a gorgeous spa and a stunning pool, as well as legendary spaces like the 101 Banquet Room, the Hookah Bar and the Col Bungalow make it spectacular. A museum-worthy hotel, with the renown Taj hospitality. The stay of a lifetime!

NATURAL. CULTURAL. THE KANGRA VALLEY.

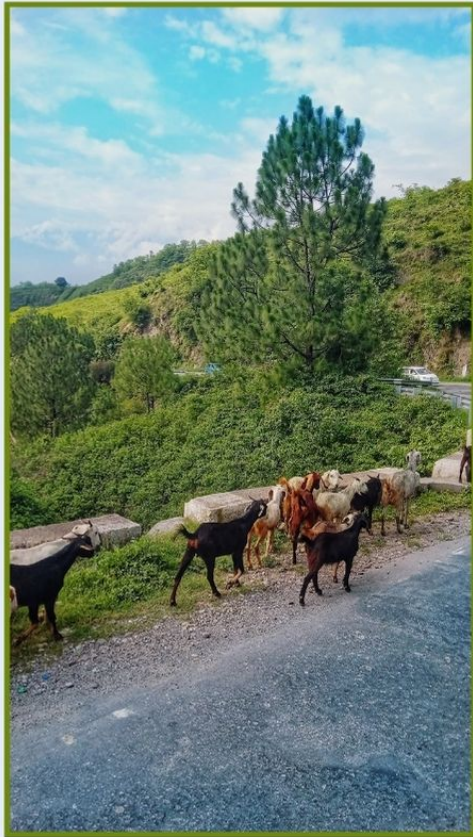
The Kangra Valley is one of the most peaceful and serene regions of the Western Himalayas in Himachal Pradesh.

The capital of the region is Dharamshala, which is known as a melting pot of culture, spirituality, and cuisine. An ancient town, Dharamshala has been mentioned in Vedic texts. From the Mughals to the Sikhs, several rules held sway in Dharamshala, and during the British Raj, it was an important colonial outpost.

Massive ramparts of the Kangra Fort sprawl out over the hillslopes, giving it a distinct aura. It is the oldest dated fort in India and has a picturesque location, between two rivers.

McLeodganj, once ruled by the Katoch Rajputs, the Gurkhas, and the Sikh empire, is now the center for the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Buddhists in exile. It is colloquially known as "Little Lhasa".

Head into Palampur, famous for its tea-gardens and delectable cuisine. Take a trip to the Andretta Pottery Studio a short distance away or explore the tea-trails or hike up the famous trail to Triund. Its salubrious climate makes it ideal for a wellness break. Ask us to learn more!



Mountains. Tea Gardens. Monasteries. Tibetan Culture.

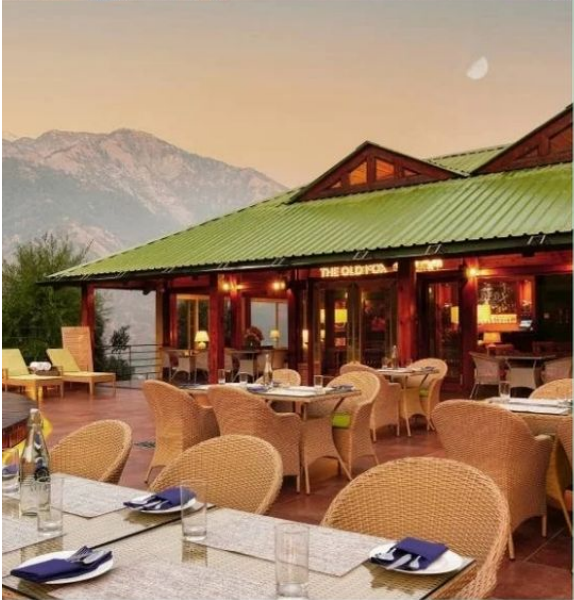




The Shalimar Gardens on the shores of Dal Lake were built by Mughal emperor, Jahangir, for his beloved wife, Nur Jahan.

Intrigued? Enquire with us to learn more.

Ask us today to know more.



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