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NAMASTE 2024!

New year, new you! We are excited to kick off 2024 with a wish list of all our favourite destinations! We hope you'll be so inspired that you pull out that passport and start planning your next trip with us!

In this edition of ZEST, we bring you a news update on two amazing destinations – the temple town of Ayodhya in North India and the Lakshadweep islands in the Indian Ocean. Set out on the trail of the Snow Leopard in Ladakh, or head off the beaten path to discover Rajasthan's best design hotels! Immerse yourself in the beauty that is Bhutan or reignite that spark of romance in Sri Lanka!

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, there's never been a better time to start planning that romantic escape! Island getaways? Wilderness romance? Eclectic heritage? Or a superb blend of all? All you've got to do is get on the phone and tell us what inspires you. You can leave the rest to us!

We look forward to planning your perfect holiday soon!

Best regards
Manan Mahajan



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EXOTIC ENCHANTMENT



It's a new year, and we have news for you!

Ayodhya

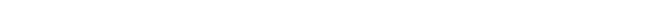
After many years, Ayodhya is back on the map as a tourist destination. A new temple is the crucible for ancient Hindu heritage. Discover the untold stories of Lord Rama in this evocative old city.

Lakshadweep

The Government of India has taken a decision to open up the Lakshadweep atoll to more tourists. Previously restricted, these pristine islands are now available to all those who wish to visit. Sharing a reef with the Maldives, Lakshadweep is a marine lover's dream. Dreamy lagoons, incredible corals and a vibrant marine ecosystem put it at the top of our list!

'Tis The Wildlife Season

From the elusive snow leopard in Ladakh to migratory birds in the Rann of Kutch, there's never been a better time for wildlife lovers and photographers.





EXPLORER'S CORNER: LAKSHADWEEP

Island life has its own charm and where better than the Lakshadweep atoll! Where is that? You may well ask, because it is the Indian Ocean's best-kept secret. Tucked away between Sri Lanka and the Maldives, this magnificent marine ecosystem is simply breathtaking. Turquoise waters, unspoiled beaches, and a vibrant coral reef make it sheer delight.

With SpiceJet gearing up to start flights to Agatti (the main island) and several top notch hotels lining up to open resorts this promises to be a winner on our 2024 Dream List. Stay tuned for more!



BIKANER. MIHIRGARH. SHAHPURA.

RUGGED YET ROMANTIC

WHILE PLACES LIKE JAIPUR, JODHOUR AND UDAIPUR ARE ON EVERYONE'S RADAR, OUR FAVOURITE PARTS OF RAJASTHAN ARE THOSE THAT ARE LESS EXPLORED. WHERE EXPERIENTIAL SOPHISTICATED INTERSECTS WITH AN ETHNIC TOUCH. FROM THE ROYAL CAPITAL OF BIKANER, TO THE RUGGED OUTPOST OF MIHIRGARH, TO THE SERENE OASES OF SHAHPURA, THIS IS WHERE NATURE AND NURTURE COME TOGETHER SEAMLESSLY.

NARENDRA BHAWAN, BIKANER
ELECTIC DESIGN MEETS OLD WORLD HERITAGE TO CREATE A CHIC, SLEEK STAY.

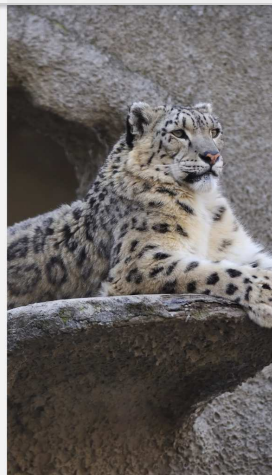
MIHIRGARH
A MAGNIFICENT FORTRESS TURNED BOUTIQUE HOTEL WITH AN EQUESTRIAN AESTHETIC.

SHAHPURABAGH, SHAHPURA
A STUNNING SUMMER PALACE WITH A TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED POOL THAT IS MADE FOR LOUNGING IN THE RAJASTHAN SUN.

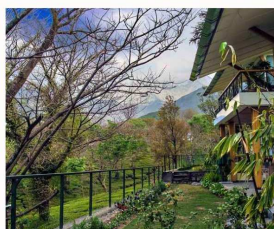
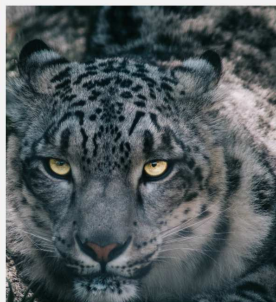
HIMALAYAN WILD

At the roof of the world, we bring you a wildlife experience unlike any other. Track the grey ghost of the Himalaya, a.k.a. The Snow Leopard, a mysterious and elusive feline that descend into the valleys of Ladakh during the winter season. Stealthy, camouflaged and quiet, tracking these incredible felines is a challenge — but a sighting is well worth the wait.

Head into the Ladakhi wilderness and stay in a cozy, comfy lodge with great guides, food and service. A once in a lifetime encounter.



SNOW LEOPARDS IN LADAKH



HIMALAYAN HIDEAWAYS

THE DHAULADHAR REGION

SITUATED IN AND AROUND THE KANGRA VALLEY, THE DHAULADHAR MOUNTAIN REGION IS ONE OF INDIA'S BEST KEPT TRAVEL SECRETS. THE AREA IS FULL OF TEA ESTATES, TINY FOREST SHRINES, AND A GORGEOUS LANDSCAPE THAT IS IDEAL FOR HIKING, MOUNTAIN BIKING, AND YOGA. TAKE IN A LUNGFUL OF CRISP MOUNTAIN AIR, SCENTED WITH PINE. LISTEN TO THE BIRD SYMPHONY. SOAK IN STUNNING VISTAS OF THE DHAULADHAR RANGE OF THE HIMALAYAS. A TRAVELER'S DREAM!

THE LODGE AT WAH
EXQUISITE GASTRONOMY AT A BOUTIQUE HOTEL NESTLED WITHIN THE TEA GARDENS.

DARANG TEA ESTATE
STUNNING VIEWS, PRISTINE ENVIRONS AND A HOMELY AMBIENCE.

LAMRIN NORWOOD GREEN
DELIGHTFUL COTTAGES THAT ARE COZY AND COMFY, SET WITHIN A LUSH LANDSCAPE. ENJOY A CUP OF TEA FROM THE BUNDLA ESTATE'S FRESHEST PICK!



Bhutanese Majesty!

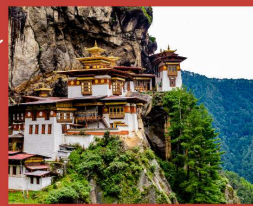


01. Adventure

Known for its trekking trails, biking paths and rushing streams, Bhutan is the ideal playground for adventure seekers.

02. Monasteries

Bhutan is famous for its magnificent monasteries, many of which are adorned with intricate paintings and carvings, and are ancient centers of learning.



Why Visit Bhutan?

Wellness 03.

Bhutan is famous for its ancient healing traditions. Discover a whole world of wellness that originates in the mountain kingdom and indulge in unique therapies from the Himalayas.



Bhutanese Majesty!



Spirituality 04.

Bhutan follows the tenets of Vajrayana Buddhism, and is a wonderful place to understand the deep philosophy and origins of this incredible faith.

05. Culture

Bhutan is known for its vivid and vibrant festivals, full of dance, drama and music. Processions, performances and storytelling form the essence of each event, making it an eye-opening experience!





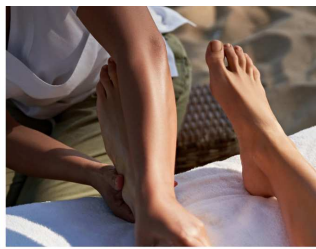
SRI LANKA ROMANCE

“Sri Lanka is an island that everyone loves at some level inside themselves. A very special island that travellers, from Sinbad to Marco Polo, dreamed about. A place where the contours of the land itself forms a kind of sinewy poetry.”

— Romesh Gunsekara

Every relationship needs variety to keep it alive — and that’s why Sri Lanka is such a great place to go to reignite the spark! The Emerald Isle is so diverse that within a couple of weeks you can literally have an array of incredible experiences! Stunning nature and wildlife, to adventure and the outdoors. Satisfy your culinary curiosity, and indulge your cultural side. Unwind with spectacular spa, or immerse yourself in architecture and art. Then head out for a great night on the town and some super shopping!

Oh! Did we also mention amazing hotels and friendly service? Now, what’s not to love!



SUN-DRENCHED. SECLUDED. SERENE.



AMANWELLA

Tucked away in its own cocoon of tranquility in Tangalle, Amanwella is a haven for those who want to get away from the hustle and bustle. Sophisticated. Seamless. Secluded. This beautiful resort in Tangalle is the ideal place to recalibrate mind, body and soul, while soaking up the charms of Sri Lanka’s south coast. Elegant and exclusive, this is a stay that’s one of a kind.

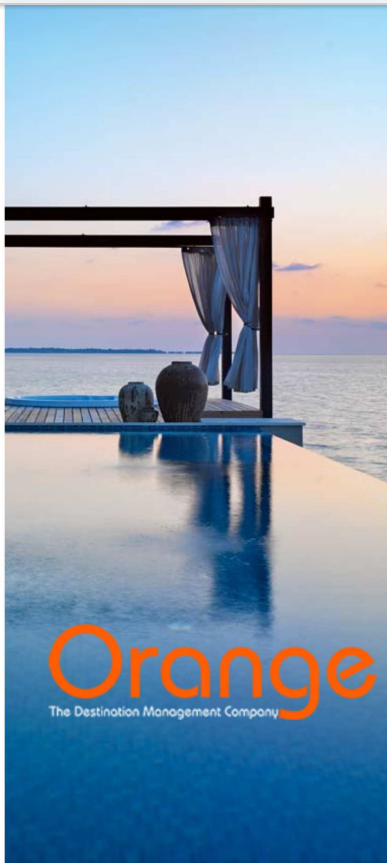
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