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A NEW YEAR. NEW ADVENTURES!

Happy New Year! 2025 has begun with a bang and we look forward to a year full of amazing adventures in the Indian Subcontinent. The new year is the perfect time for a new beginning.

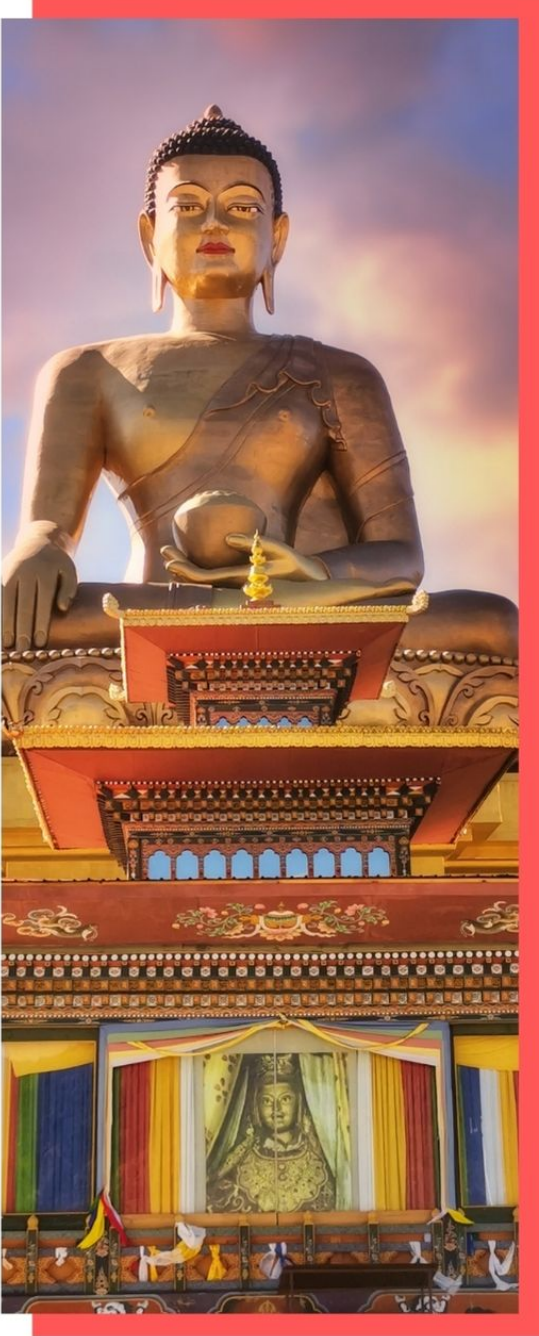
Are you thinking of making a major change or life transition? It helps to go on a solo adventure or a sabbatical, and reconnect with yourself.

What better place to do so than in South Asia? From deep spirituality to incredible adventure, fantastic wildlife to rejuvenating wellbeing, this the perfect region to rekindle that spark in your life. January - April are some of our favourite months to explore South Asia. From sunny skies and rolling surf in Sri Lanka, to pristine snowcaps in the Himalayas, vivid festivals in Bhutan, and terrific events in India, there's a ton of experiences just waiting for you to dive right in!

Thinking of a few months overseas with your family? There's no better classroom than the world out there! Take a few weeks off and head into the jungle, immerse yourself in colourful culture, or head out on an incredible active adventure! From a slice of rural India to Nepal's wilderness, discovering ancient history to a sporty trip in Sri Lanka, there's so much to explore.

Are you ready to plan that trip of a lifetime? Call us today and let's get a jumpstart on 2025!

Best Regards,
Manan Mahajan



SOLO SOJOURNS...

2025

RECONNECTION



THE PEKOE TRAIL, SRI LANKA

Explore rugged and rural corners of Sri Lanka's highlands and tea country. This incredible hiking trail zig-zags through Sri Lanka's heart for 300 kilometers. From plantations to cloud forests to remote settlements and national parks, this adventure opens your eyes to the most authentic facets of Sri Lanka.



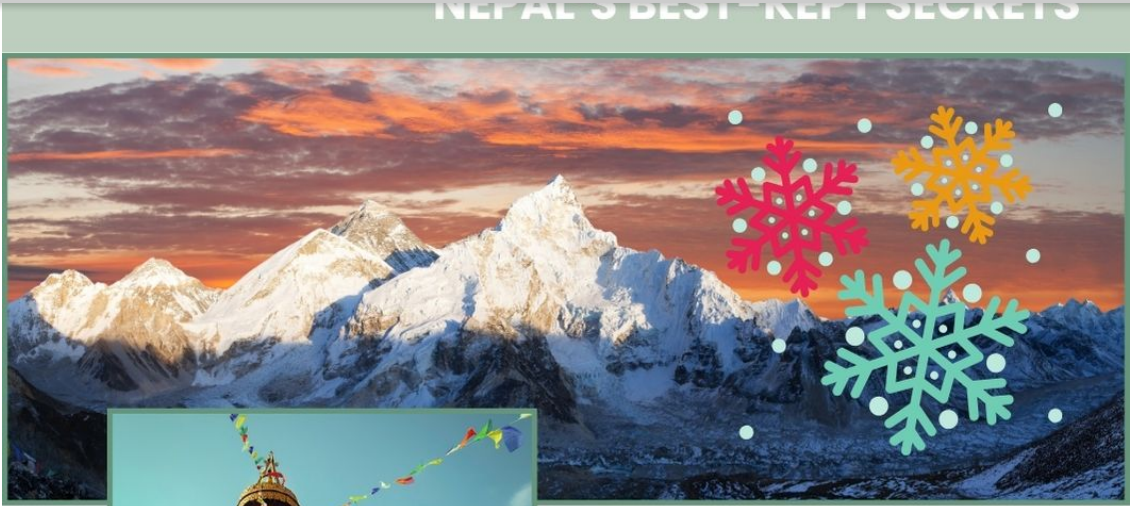
PARO, BHUTAN

Surrounded by mighty mountains, the Paro Valley feels like heaven. This is the place where your Bhutanese adventure comes full circle. From hiking to Tiger's Nest to indulging in Bhutanese wellbeing, Paro is the perfect place to rekindle your spirit.



HAMPI, INDIA

Rising out of the rugged boulder landscape of the Deccan Plateau, Hampi's beauty is mesmerising. Ancient temples and the ruins of empire immediately transport you back centuries. Hampi is the perfect place to recalibrate your mind, body and soul. Indulge in yoga and meditation in this stunning landscape, and soak up its magical energy. This is one place that will leave you feeling completely rejuvenated.



01. *Kathmandu*

From elegant palaces to funky cafes, bustling markets to serene stupas, Kathmandu is one of the most dynamic destinations in South Asia! Explore an array of art, handicrafts, history, culture and cuisine tucked away in its by-lanes and squares.

02. *Bhaktapur*

Known for its deep spirituality, Bhaktapur is one of the most picturesque cities in Nepal. The central square is full of ancient temples, shrines and monasteries. This town is renown for its crafts and you'll find incredible artisans here. From stone and wood carvers to weavers and potters explore Nepal's incredible architectural and cultural heritage.



THE JUNGLE IS THE BEST CLASSROOM
REWILD WITH YOUR CHILD



01. *Panna*

Nature is the best classroom and the jungle has much to teach us! Begin your wildlife immersion in Panna National Park. Rugged cliffs, a rushing river and thickets of trees make this a gorgeous park. Keep an eye out for the snapping gharials (alligators) and the incredible birds of prey! From local tribes to tiger conservation, discover this stunning ecosystem.

02. *Bandhavgarh*

Known for its high tiger density, Bandhavgarh is known for its sightings of this magnificent feline. It's a beautiful park, dense with Sal, Mahua and wild Bamboo. At the top of a steep cliff lies a sprawling statue of the Hindu deity, Lord Vishnu, offering a unique opportunity to experience spiritual solace amid dense wilderness.



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Kanha

03.

Few parks in the world are as iconic as Kanha. Forested thickets are interspersed with ponds and waterbodies, dotted with vast meadow and grassland. Ideal habitat for tigers, leopards, wild dogs, and a variety of other birds and animals. For sheer abundance of species, Kanha is hard to beat!



Pench

04.

The rolling range of Pench is studded with thickets of Teak and the surreally beautiful "ghost tree". Waterholes and ponds often draw an incredible variety of wildlife. Primates to leopards, wild dogs, and even the odd wolf, and of course the tiger, this park is a treat. Excellent naturalists share a wealth of knowledge about its flora and fauna.

05. *Tadoba*

While Tadoba is known for its tigers, it has other best-kept secrets. From its incredible butterflies to hairy spiders, this park is full of awe-inspiring species! From the soft-footed Gaur to its magnificent bird-life, sereptitious reptiles and amphibians, dive into a world of untold wonder in this beautiful jungle.

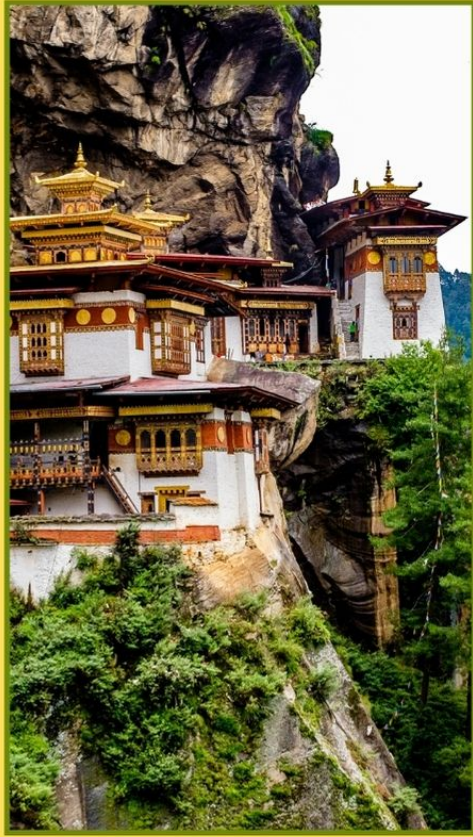




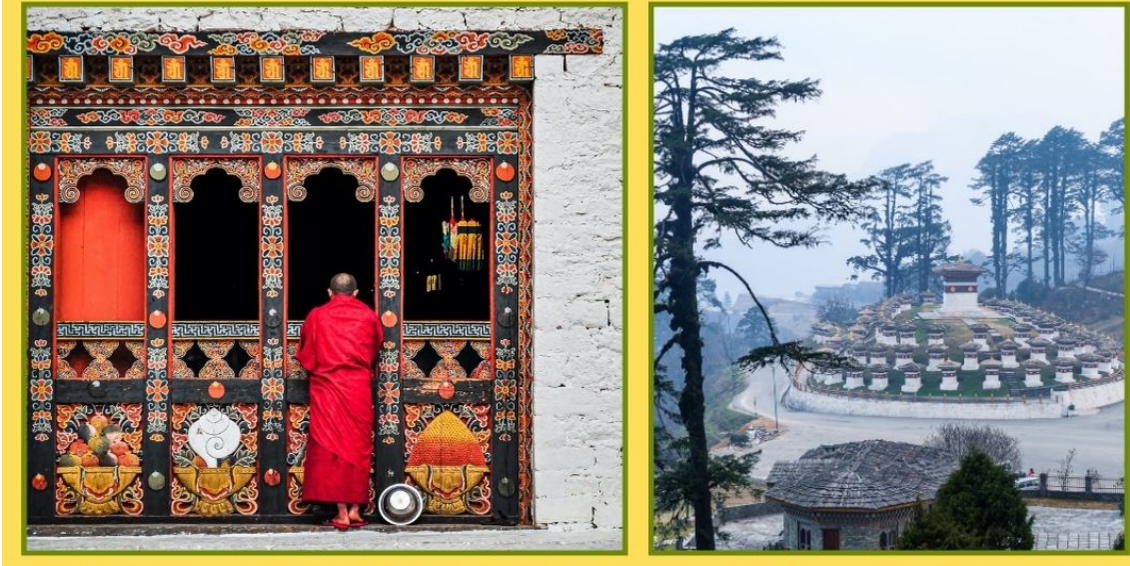
DHARMA. KARMA. THE MAGIC OF BHUTAN.

Amid the folds of the Himalayas, Bhutan is a sanctuary for the soul. Meditate to the song of the gongs. Discourse with a Rimpoché. Dance at a festive Tsechu. Walk along the Trans-Bhutan Trail.

For those who are looking to rekindle their wellbeing, Bhutan is known for its unique Bhutanese Traditional Medicine. Certified practitioners prescribe healing treatments and offer nutritional guidance to help you address a variety of conditions. Just want to relax? A hot stone bath will do the trick. Experience a deeper connection when you visit some of Bhutan's monasteries. A conversation with a Rimpoché might change your perspective. Discover how monks go about their day to day lives. Bhutan is full of inspiring culture and none more so than its vivid Tsechu festivals. Drama, dance and music come together to retell the myths and legends that make up its cultural landscape. Feel like pushing yourself a little further? There's no better way than to walk along the Trans-Bhutan Trail. Stretching from one end of the country to the other, you can hike, bike (and even go rafting in some parts) and explore the incredible beauty and biodiversity of this hidden kingdom. Don't wait. It's the trip of a lifetime. One that takes your breath away.



Wellbeing Meets Spirituality. Culture Meets Adventure.



QUIRKY & CREATIVE




OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT HOTEL, SRI LANKA

Looking for some creative impetus? What better place than a hotel inspired by a nonsensical poem? Owl and The Pussycat Hotel in Thalpe, Sri Lanka is just the place. Quirky, creative and utterly charming, it's waterfront location is idyllic. Walking distance from Unawatuna, it offers a tranquil oasis away from the buzz of the main beach. A large pool, delectable cuisine, and comfy suites make this the perfect place to park yourself and let the creativity flow!



BIG THRILL OR JUST CHILL? EMERALD ISLE ESCAPES



Did you know...

Sri Lanka is one of the best places to observe Olive Ridley Turtles? Don't miss the hatching season as thousands of baby turtles make their way into the ocean!

RENEW THE CONNECTION

The Emerald Isle a.k.a. Sri Lanka is the ideal place to reconnect with yourself and the ones you love.

HIKING IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS:

Venture off the beaten path and embark on the adventure of a lifetime as you step out into these craggy mountains. From cloud forests to remote communities, get beneath Sri Lanka's skin.

WILDLIFE WANDERLUST:

Sri Lanka is home to several endemic species and many of its parks are truly unique. Head into the forest and discover a world of flora and fauna.

RUGGED COASTLINE:

Beyond the beaches of Unawatuna and Hikkeduwu, head far down Sri Lanka's coast. Raw, rugged and romantic, it's the perfect place to reconnect with nature and your loved ones. Wellness to wildlife, romance to adventure -- it's just waiting for you.



RESPLENDENT CEYLON CAPE WELIGAMA

Perched atop a dramatic cliff, overlooking the Indian Ocean, Cape Weligama is the perfect place to come home. A member of Relais & Chateaux, lush grounds, serene environs, plush villas and discreet service are the hallmarks of your stay.

For those who want to indulge in spa treatments and yoga, this is a great place to unwind and indulge your body, mind and soul. Delicious cuisine, prepared by a team of expert chefs, lends itself to your stay.

A large deck area is the ideal place to soak up the sun. Lounge in the crescent-shaped moon pool, or relax with a soothing massage. If you feel more adventurous, activities like surfing or boating are easily arranged.



RESPLENDENT CEYLON WILD COAST

With its distinctive cocoon like tented suites, Wild Coast is a luxury lodge with a sustainable footprint. A Relais & Chateaux property which is the winner of a UNESCO award for its design, Wild Coast is one of the most iconic places to stay in Sri Lanka.

Tucked away at one end of Yala National Park, Wild Coast offers an unusual blend of forest and beach. Untouched and untamed, this part of the park is very special.

A team of experienced naturalists take you on nature walks, sunset game drives and introduce you to Yala's rich biodiversity. Experiences such as dining by the ocean add a touch of romance to the wilderness experience.

Each tented suite offers four-poster beds, free-standing copper bath-tubs and stunning vistas over the breathtaking landscape.

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