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IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT  
BY ORANGE DMC

## WELCOME SPRING!

The flowers start to bloom and the birds start to sing, as we launch into spring. This is one of the best times to explore the beauty of the Lower Himalayas.

One of our favourite parts of the country is Uttarakhand, in the central Himalayan range. The scent of pine wafts in the breeze as you ascend into the cool mountain air. Earthy and simple, yet deeply spiritual, the region is dotted with tiny hamlets, small shisnes, and covered in fields of mustard. As you delve deeper into the region, you will find dense forests of rhodendron blooming with wild abandon.

This month, we celebrate Holi, to mark the triumph of good over evil and herald the onset of Spring. This festival is celebrated with love and laughter across the country, as one playfully throws coloured powder to symbolise the burst of nature's colours and charm.

March into April and May is an excellent time to visit our national parks. Thanks to the heat, the animals come out of the undergrowth into the open in search of water, giving visitors fantastic sightings and photographic opportunities.

As the ice starts to thaw, we get ready to return to the Himalayan kingdoms of Ladakh, Bhutan and Nepal. We are passionate about the mountains of the subcontinent. Explore the majesty of the Himalayas with Orange DMC. Ask us today to plan your ideal Himalayan getaway.

Best Regards,  
Manan Mahajan

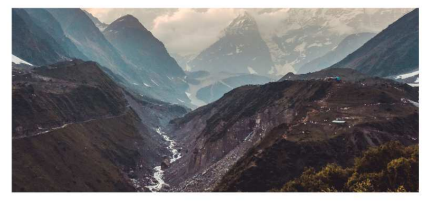


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THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING



THE RAMGANGA RIVER



RINGING IN SPRING!

**OUR FAVOURITE MOMENTS OF SERENDIPITY IN THE HIMALAYAS**

**CHITAI GOLU DEVTA BELL TEMPLE**

Ring in Spring—literally when you go to the Chitai Golu Bell Temple in Almora. This charming shrine is covered in bells in every nook and cranny. Resonate with the mystical energy of the Himalayas.

**RHODODENDRON COUNTRY**

As winter recedes, the rhododendrons turn the forests of Uttarakhand into a riot of colour! From pale pink to deep red, these blossoms add a vivid touch to the stunning landscape.

**MOTORCYCLING INTO THE MOUNTAINS**

If you're a motorcycling enthusiast, then the Central Himalayas hold a special allure. Bike through the Kangra Valley, through the Lake District of Nainital, or trace the journey of the Ramganga River. Stunning vistas and curving roads make for a wild ride!

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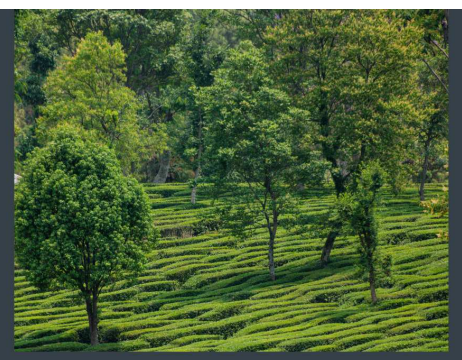
The regions known as Gahrwal and Kumaon make up the heart of the Central Himalayas. Stunningly beautiful, the area is ideal for soft-adventure activities.

One of our favourite trips involves walking from one hamlet to another, while staying in beautifully converted village homes, and experiencing ethnic cuisine and authentic local hospitality and culture.

Mountain biking is another terrific activity, as you pedal along the winding landscape, before coming to rest for the evening at a gorgeous hotel.



**ADVENTURER**



**EXPLORER'S CORNER: PALAMPUR**

This delightful town in the heart of the Kangra Valley is simply bliss. Surrounded by vast tea estates and with 360 degree views of the Dhauladhar mountain range, you are immediately transported into Himalayan heaven. For those who like getting out and about, Palampur is ideal. Explore the tea estates in an ATV, trek up to Triund, discover local monasteries, visit the pottery village at Andretta and discover Kangra cuisine, which is absolutely exquisite. After a day out exploring the valley, come home to a soothing spa treatment, or a delightful cup of tea, plucked from Palampur's estates, while soaking up the mountain views. Such a breath of fresh air!



TEA BUNGALOW

THE LODGE AT WAH

THE LODGE AT WAH IS A TINY GEM HIDDEN AMID THE TEA BUSHES ON ONE OF PALAMPUR'S OLDEST AND FINEST TEA ESTATES. THIS CHARMING ABODE HAS JUST A HANDFUL OF ROOMS, AND HAS A RUSTIC CHARM THAT'S HARD TO BEAT. IT'S AN IDEAL RETREAT TO BEAT THE HEAT OF THE PLAINS, OR TO HOLE UP AND SOAK IN THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF ITS ENVIRONS. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A RETREAT WHERE YOU CAN WRITE, PAINT, OR MEDITATE — THIS IS IT.

**ETHNIC CUISINE**  
THE KANGRIA VALLEY HAS SOME OF THE FINEST FOOD IN THE COUNTRY! DEVOUR TRADITIONAL HOME COOKING MADE WITH LOCAL INGREDIENTS.

**TEA TRAILS**  
STEP OUT FOR A DELIGHTFUL WALK OR BIKE RIDE ALONG THE TRAILS THAT WIND ACROSS THE TEA ESTATE.

**PERSONAL TOUCH**  
YOUR HOSTS ARE THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AND THEY GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE YOU FEEL AT HOME.

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A Walk On The Wild Side



The Terai Arc

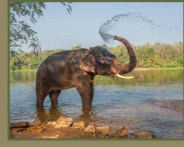


01. Chitwan

This iconic national park in Nepal, with immense tracts of grassland and a dense forest is prime territory for animals like the rhinoceros and predators like the tiger.

02. Bardia

Bardia is situated on the banks of the river in the south of Nepal, and is home to herds of Asiatic Elephants, as well as felines, rhinos, and waterfowl.



A Walk On The Wild Side

### Rajaji 03.

This gorgeous park in North India is just a short drive away from Haridwar. It is known for a large population of Asiatic Elephants, as well as leopards, tigers, birds and primates.



### The Terai Arc



### Dudhwa 04.

Dudhwa lies on the Indian side of the Indo-Nepal border, a short distance from Lucknow. A dense jungle, Dudhwa is truly wild, teeming with felines, elephants, reptiles and birds. It is also famous for the Tharu Tribe, known for their innate ability to tame a wild elephant.

### 05. Corbett

The very first tiger reserve in India, Corbett retains pride of place as one of India's largest national parks. The range of biodiversity that co-exists here is mind-boggling. From tigers to bears to gorals and more, it's wildlife at its best!



**WILDERNESS ESCAPES**

## THE TERAI ARC

**THE TERAI ARC IS A VAST BIOSPHERE THAT IS LITTERLY UNIQUE, THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD. IT IS FAMOUS FOR ITS VAST TRACTS OF GRASSLAND, JUXTAPOSED WITH DENSE FORESTS THAT ARE IDEAL HABITATS FOR TIGERS, ELEPHANTS, LEOPARDS, RHINOS, AND SEVERAL OTHER UNUSUAL SPECIES. LYING AT THE FOOT OF THE HIMALAYAS, IT IS ALSO HOME TO SEVERAL BIRDS AND ANIMALS THAT ARE ENDEMIC TO THE MOUNTAINS OF INDIA AND NEPAL.**

**MEGHAULI SERAI - A TAJ SAFARIS LODGE**  
VAST VILLAS ON A LOVELY PROPERTY OVERLOOKING THE RAPTI RIVER, THIS LUXURIOUS WILDLIFE LODGE IS THE IDEAL RETREAT IN CHITWAN.

**JAGIR MANOR BY IHCL SELECTIONS**  
JAGIR MANOR IN DUDHWA EXUDES A SENSE OF COZY LUXURY, AND A LAID-BACK WELCOMING FREL WHEN YOU COME BACK AFTER YOUR FORAYS INTO THE JUNGLE.

## WHY KUMAON?

**FIVE REASONS WHY WE LOVE KUMAON**

- **AMAZING ADVENTURE**
- **STUNNING NATURE**
- **EXQUISITE CUISINE**
- **EARTHY SPIRITUALITY**
- **INCREDIBLE WILDLIFE**

Once you visit Kumaon, it stays with you forever. There's an incredible warmth to the hospitality of its people that goes hand in hand with its absolutely stunning natural beauty. The views of the Himalayan peaks that surround you take your breath away, and as you walk along the forested trails, you will come across small shrines, prayer flags, monasteries and temples that evoke a deep-seated sense of simple spirituality. The freshest fruit and farm to fork cuisine will leave you feeling replete. Exquisite birding and endemic species of flora and fauna leave you awe-inspired.



**RUSTIC ELEGANCE  
WITH HIMALAYAN  
WARMTH**



**ITMENAAN ESTATE**

Situated on the edge of Almora, bordering the Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary, Itmenaan Estate is a delightful retreat for those who want to explore this magnificent region. The rustic cottages are made of local stone, while the rooms are embellished with oak, pine and deodar wood, and local textiles. Farm to table cuisine, and warm hospitality create a rustic yet charming ambience.

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