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TRAVEL IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT
BY ORANGE DMC

CELEBRATIONS!

This week, we celebrate International Red Panda day! This adorable creature is a sight to behold and a critically endangered species. There are only a handful of them left in the north eastern forests of India. However, the Red Panda is not the only one! The Indian Subcontinent is home to a vast variety of endangered and endemic flora and fauna – unique species that can only be found in our part of the world. As the monsoon's fury starts to fade, the wildlife parks open up again, lush and green after the rains, waiting to welcome you back. September and October is also the time of the Great Harrier Roost in The Rann of Kutch, when thousands of these magnificent raptors fly in from the north.

What's more? We celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, heralding in a season of festivities galore! There's a terrific line-up of cultural events taking place in 2023-24, so make sure you mark your calendar today. From music to dance, literature to urban culture, dive deep into the heart and soul of India's cultural landscape, full of vivid colour and character.

So if you're wondering where to start, give us a call today and let us start planning a fantastic holiday to our part of the world!

Best regards
Manan Mahajan





HIDDEN REALMS

INDIA CELEBRATES!

EVENTS IN THE SUBCONTINENT

GANESH CHATURTHI



Lord Ganesha is a much-loved figure in Hindu mythology, and the elephant-headed God is celebrated with a lot of fanfare every September during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.

While the festival is celebrated across India, the city of Mumbai really springs to life. Watch grand processions of song and dance as they accompany the idol to its home. This is a unique cultural immersion unlike any other!





*It's time
to celebrate!*

**OUR
CULTURAL
CALENDAR**

We have a whole lot of events coming up in the next few months. Mark your calendar and join in the fun!

**OCTOBER:
RIFF in Jodhpur**

The Rajasthan International Folk Festival is a fabulous display of ethnic music, dance and culture. The setting, at Meherangarh Fort, only adds to the drama!

**DECEMBER:
Serendipity in Goa**

The Serendipity Art Festival is a fantastic display of art and culture. The event takes place in Goa, the perfect place for a creative, lively event!

**JANUARY:
Jaipur Literature Festival**

What better place for a gathering of the country's finest cultural minds, hearts and souls than Jaipur? Soak up literature, music and art at this spectacular event!



DANCE FESTIVAL
KHAJURAHO - FEB. 2024



HORNBILL FESTIVAL
NAGALAND - DEC. 2023



KALA GHODA FESTIVAL
MUMBAI - FEB. 2024



INDIA ART FAIR
DELHI - FEB. 2024

CULTURAL EVENTS

2023-24



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HAMPI - FEB. 2024

THE GREAT HARRIER ROOST

GUJARAT

KEY WILDLIFE PARKS

- RANN OF KUTCH
- VELAVADAR

Come September, and an epic migration of these magnificent birds of prey marks a change in the season. Head down to the westernmost frontiers of the subcontinent, to watch the Harriers fly in from the Northern Hemisphere and come to roost for the winter. This is a sight to behold for bird lovers, as thousands of these powerful birds fly in together. Explore the wild lands of Velavadar and Kutch, as you watch these gorgeous birds swoop in!





JUNGLE BEAT

MADHYA PRADESH

KEY WILDLIFE PARKS

- Tadoba
- Pench
- Kuno
- Kanha
- Bandhavgarh
- Panna

The Central Indian jungles are known for their unique species. Home to the Royal Bengal Tiger, the Sloth Bear, Wolves, the Gaur and many other large animals, these forests inspired Kipling to write his epic Jungle Book!

These parks are terrific for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers. If you enjoy being in nature, immersed in flora and fauna, explore these wild lands with us! The parks reopen to the public from mid-October onwards.





SNOW LEOPARD SAFARI

LADAKH

KEY WILDLIFE PARKS

- HEMIS NATIONAL PARK

There are some animals that take your breath away. The Snow Leopard is one of these. Feral, stealthy, it is one of the most beautiful and rare felines in existence.

Snow Leopards live amid the craggy mountain tops of the Trans-Himalayan region. They come to lower altitudes in the winter months. Heavily camouflaged, and wraith-like, it's called the Ghost of the Himalayas. December to February is the best time to see them.



WILDERNESS LODGES

RUGGED + ROMANTIC

BANDHAVGARH KANHA



Singinawa Kanha

#01

With twelve cottages and two jungle bungalows, Singinawa is a haven in the heart of the wilderness. Spacious and luxurious, with a relaxed ambience, this is the perfect place to base yourself in Kanha and explore the forest. The Meadow Spa is an added plus, as you can return after your game drive to kick back and be soothed with relaxing spa treatments. A dip in the pool is the perfect way to cool off and chill.



Samode Safari Lodge Bandhavgarh

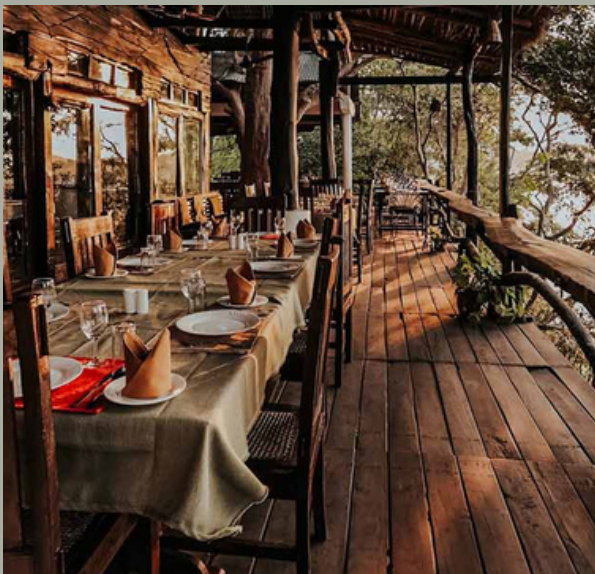
#02

Twelve suites and a beautiful main lounge area, make Samode one of our favourite places to stay in Bandhavgarh. The interiors are beautifully designed, and the atmosphere is laid back luxury. Enjoy exquisite meals, excellent service, and relax with facilities like a pool, and a spa between game drives. The environs are perfect for nature walks and moments of quiet contemplation..

WILDERNESS LODGES

RUSTIC CHIC

PANNA TADOBA



Ken River Lodge
Panna
#03

This delightful lodge is one of the first in Panna, and is unique for its delightful treehouse lounge and dining area, which overlooks the river. Enjoy lazy afternoons watching waterfowl swoop on, or gharial sunning themselves on the banks. The rooms are cozy, and have a delightful rustic charm. The food is wholesome and the service top notch.

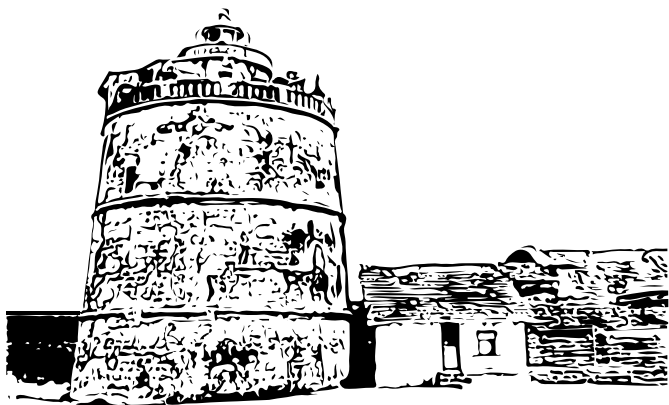


Svasara
Tadoba
#04

A quiet hideaway amid the forests of Tadoba, Svasara is a delightful wildlife retreat, the ideal place to locate yourself and soak up the natural beauty of Tadoba. Set off on game drives in the mornings and afternoons, and then return to a lovely bonfire evening beneath the stars. Fabulous food, polite staff and charming accommodations make this a top choice in Tadoba.



THE KONKAN COAST



ARAMBOL, TIRACOL & SAWANTWADI

The border region where the southern tip of Maharashtra meets the northern tip of Goa, is vastly unexplored. But if you scratch beneath the surface you will be amazed at the depth of history, architecture, art, culture and cuisine which lies beneath the surface! From ancient palaces and fortresses, to beautiful river and mangroves, to colourful villages and delectable cuisine, this is one part of India that is just waiting to be explored. A new airport in North Goa makes accessibility a breeze! Ask us now!

SAWANTWADI PALACE



FORT TIRACOL



SAWANTWADI PALACE

INDEPENDENT STAYS



KONKAN COAST

SAWANTWADI PALACE

Old world charm with an ethnic touch. Magnificently restored architecture and delectable cuisine.

FORT TIRACOL

An ancient fortress converted into a boutique hotel overlooking the sea. Gorgeous suites with a dollop of romance, delicious food and discreet service.

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