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IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT
BY ORANGE DMC

WITH LOVE FROM THE SUBCONTINENT...

February is one of the most beautiful months in India. The monuments shimmer under clear skies while the animals come out into the open to bask beneath the winter sun.

In this edition we bring you a snapshot of some new and exciting destinations that have made their mark on the Orange DMC map!

The ancient city of Ayodhya, the birth place of Lord Rama, is seeing a remarkable resurrection. If you're a cultural aficionado, and have an eye for temple architecture, this city in North India is now connected to the world, and awaits your visit.

For those who are intrigued by India's spiritual depth, the Tamil Nadu temple trail is a fascinating immersion into stunning architecture, ancient rites, and deep philosophy, myth and legend. Throw in some incredible cuisine and an incredible artistic and textile tradition, as well as a touch of nature and wildlife — it's a corner of the country that captivates our imagination.

February to June is also an incredible time for wildlife lovers and photographers. Journey with us into the heart of Central India to Tipeswar and experience untold beauty and wilderness. Journey deeper into the heart of India with a visit to Ahilya Fort and the ancient kingdom of Mandu.

Destinations that will capture your heart and take your breath away. Contact us today to start planning a trip to Incredible India!

Best Regards,
Manan Mahajan



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HOLI IN RAJASTHAN



**FESTIVE
SPRING!**

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

HOLI

It's an epic celebration of colour, exuberance and love. Dance around a bonfire and throw a little colour around to celebrate the onset of Spring!

Where? Jodhpur is our favourite!

SHIGMOTSAV

A celebratory fortnight of colour and culture in Goa's tropical paradise. From folk music and dance to processions and a vibrant float parade, this not to be missed!

Where? Margao gives you an authentic touch of culture.

HOLA MOHALLA

A three day extravaganza of sport, music and poetry, this festival celebrates the martial arts of Punjab.

Where? Anandpur Sahib, the centre of the celebration.

TAMIL & SINHALA NEW YEAR

A vibrant and colourful celebration of Sri Lankan folklore, music and the performing arts. Traditional sports contests and culinary cook-offs add to the charm.

Where? Kandy is the cultural heart of Sri Lanka.

HOLA MOHALLA



WHAT'S HOLA MOHALLA ALL ABOUT?

- **PUNJABI MUSIC**
- **SIKH POETRY**
- **EQUESTRIAN SPORTS**
- **MARTIAL ARTS**
- **SIKH CUISINE**

A cultural extravaganza that is celebrated over three days in Anandpursahib, Punjab, this event is a must. Vibrant and colourful, it is a remarkable display of Sikh culture. From music to equestrian sports, martial arts to poetry, it's a mind boggling array of activities. In between acts, sit down to dine in traditional Langar-style as you feast of delicious dishes from the community kitchens. The celebrations conclude with a dramatic display of martial prowess in a long military style procession. This festival is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get a bird's eye view of authentic Sikh traditions.



EXPLORER'S CORNER: TIPESHWAR

Tucked away in the heart of India, Tipeshwar is a secret escape that is hidden so deep, that one has to really unearth it! Explore an untrammelled wilderness, within easy reach of Kanha National Park, which is not only home to a range of flora and fauna, but also is a cradle for indigenous communities and their authentic ethnic customs and traditions.

Fly into Nagpur airport and then head into the heartland of Madhya Pradesh. Stay at the charming Tipai wildlife lodge, and venture deep into the jungles landscapes of Central India.



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TIPAI

TIPAI IS A VISION BORN OUT OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH IT IS ENTRENCHED. RAMMED EARTH CONSTRUCTION AND STONE MASONRY DEFINE THE ARCHITECTURE. VAULTED ROOFS MADE OF TERRACOTTA TILES HAND MADE BY LOCAL POTTERS. ETHNIC CUISINE MADE BY THE LOCAL WOMEN. TIPAI IS NOT JUST ANOTHER WILDERNESS LODGE—IT'S A THRIVING COMMUNITY IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SUSTAINABILITY.

HYPER-LOCAL CUISINE
FROM LOCAL CHUTNEYS TO INDIGENOUS INGREDIENTS, THE HOMEGROWN PRODUCE AND LOCAL COOKING TECHNIQUES ADD A SPECIAL FLAVOUR.

LOCAL CRAFTSMANSHIP
BEYOND THE EXTERIORS, THE INTERIORS ARE ALSO FULLY FURNISHED WITH LOCAL TEXTILES AND FURNISHINGS.

BESPOKE SERVICE
THE STAFF IS ALL LOCALLY EMPLOYED AND ON HAND TO ASSIST GUESTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

AYODHYA

The birthplace of Lord Rama, who has been immortalised in the epic Ramayana, Ayodhya is the place of incredible legend, history and mythology.

The city has had a recent resurrection, and a whole host of new hotels and air connectivity has put it back on the map as a place to be visited.

Explore ancient temples and architecture. Discover ancient spiritual traditions and texts. Explore the rich history in the Hindu tradition in North India.



SPIRITUAL SKYLINE





Southern Spirituality!



01. Architecture

Be awed by the towering *gopurams* and intricate stone carving on Tamil Nadu's ancient temples in Madurai, Kancheepuram, Thanjavur, Chidambaram and Mahaballipuram.

02. Bharatnatyam

Some temple towns are renown for their dance academies which train students in the rigorous art of Bharatnatyam dance from a very early age.



Tamil Temple Trail

03. Music

This region of Tamil Nadu is also known for its ancient musical traditions. The last Veena makers continue to practice their craft in places like Thanjavur.



Southern Spirituality!

04. Spirituality



The sanctum Santorum at Chidambaram is known for its "dance of the cosmos" legend, immortalised in the Nataraja bronzes – just one of the many myths surrounding the worship of Lord Shiva and the goddess Parvati.

05. Art

The Tanjore school of art and the Nataraja bronzes are just a few famous examples of the arts and crafts from this region. Kancheepuram is known for its incredible weaves and textile designs.





RESTIVE RETREATS

TAMIL NADU

TAMIL NADU IS FULL OF AMAZING PLACES TO STAY, EACH ONE WITH ITS OWN UNIQUE CHARM. EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE SPIRITUAL AND ARTISTIC TRADITIONS OF THIS REGION AND THEN COME HOME TO A DELIGHTFULLY RELAXING RETREAT. FROM THE HILL SLOPES OF MADURAI TO THE SEASHORE AT MAHABALLIPURAM AND THE DELTA REGIONS OF THANJAVUR, EACH OF THESE HOTELS OFFERS EXEMPLARY SERVICE, A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AND A WARM WELCOME.

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A RESTORED HERITAGE MANSION WITH A STRONG ETHNIC ETHOS.

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SWEEPING VIEWS, A LUSH ESTATE AND OLD WORLD CHARM.

RADISSON BLU TEMPLE BAY, MAMMALLAPURAM
EXPANSIVE AND ELEGANT, A BEAUTIFUL RESORT RIGHT ON THE SEA SHORE.



CULTURAL KANDY

FIVE CULTURE-CURIOUS REASONS WHY WE LOVE KANDY

- **THE ROYAL PALACE**
- **THE TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH RELIC**
- **THE BOTANICAL GARDENS**
- **FOLK DANCE & MUSIC**
- **KANDYAN CUISINE**

Kandy is the cultural heart and soul of Sri Lanka and the capital of the Hill Country region. This charming city was also the stronghold of the last surviving kings of Sri Lanka and continues to be an important centre of Buddhist belief and study. It is also an important cradle of folk culture in the country. From dance to music to storytelling, Kandy is a great place to explore Sri Lanka's myth, legends and tribal traditions. Take a stroll through the botanical gardens which tell their own story through the incredible variety of plants and trees that are found on the island. If you're a foodie, don't miss the traditional Kandyan cuisine, known for its delicious flavours and unique preparation.



COLONIAL CHARM WITH KANDYAN HOSPITALITY



KANDY HOUSE

Situated on the outskirts of the city, Kandy House is a nine room manor that exudes understated sophistication. It's a great place for couples and honeymooners, and is surrounded by a wooded estate filled with birdsong. Dating back to 1894, it's graceful arches and gently sloping roofs give it an elegant ambience. Wooden beams, antique furniture and lush gardens add to the charm.

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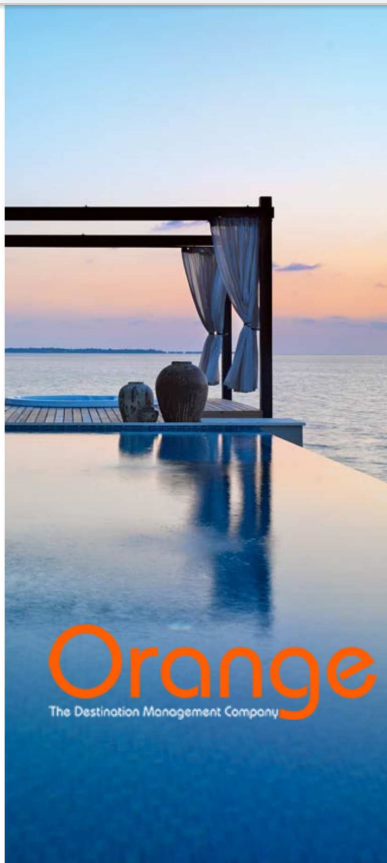
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