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Dear Industry Friends,

India: A Feast of All Senses

The kaleidoscope of vibrant colours dazzle the eyes; the confounding mix of perfumes and aromas of spicy, tangy & sweet entice the sense of scents; the uninhibited chatter of 22 languages, thousands of dialects and the rhythm of Bollywood tunes take over the ears, the textures of soft fruits and the variety of spices in every dish that the tongue relishes and the touch of the softest of cottons and the smooth silks that adorn the body...Every sense comes alive in India!

In the month of February when the world celebrates love on Valentine's Day, India becomes an ideal destination to propose for Honeymooners and for couples who want to renew their vows. In fact India is a rich destination to propose to all who want their senses to come alive!

Often a cultural destination, India also has great appeal as a romantic retreat. The grand and luxurious Palace hotels and charming 'havelis' in Rajasthan, the superb spas at the Beach resorts down South and the authentic hotels in majestic mountains up North allow clients to pick their favorite ambiance.

Check out various possibilities with our team of experts and we shall tailor-make the dream vacation for your clients, at any time of the year.

Warm regards,



Kiran Joti
Executive Director

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Royal Orchid Hotels presents Regenta Central to Jaipur

Royal Orchid inaugurated its new property in Jaipur – Regenta Central on 27th January 2013, located at the heart of the city. This 48 room hotel offers a wide array of choices ranging from deluxe and premium rooms to suites.

Hotel Courtyard Marriott Kochi Airport: Flyers' delight

Opened on 15th December 2012, Hotel Courtyard Marriott is situated within a convenient 5-minute drive from Kochi International Airport. It is a contemporary 4-star hotel that features 2 dining options, an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. 100 rooms & 7 suites are precisely divided on 2 floors. Hotel also houses 3 meeting rooms, comprising 1,496 sq ft of total meeting area.

Temple Tiger Green Jungle Resort: A new roar in wildlife hospitality

Just opened, the Temple Tiger Green Jungle Resort is a traditionally luxurious resort built on stilts offering a good ambience of the jungle. Designed on a typical jungle safari format, it features 22 single and double air-conditioned villas each with private balcony overlooking the lush Chitwan National Park, surrounding Bote villages and the Narayani River.

Atithi Resort & Spa now open in Pokhara

Atithi Resort and Spa is a unique resort seated at the heart of the city of lakes Pokhara. It has 51 spacious and contemporary rooms (47 deluxe, 3 luxury and 1 suite) fully equipped with modern facilities and luxurious ambience.

Bhairav Garh Resort gave new heights to Aravalli

Operational since the last 02 months, the 'Bhairav Garh Resort' is perched on top of the picturesque Aravali hills in the heart of Mewar Region. The Hotel has total 40 rooms in totality comprising 4 deluxe, 33 super-deluxe room and 3 suites. It is located 20 kms from Udaipur airport.

Hyatt group to take over Ista Hotels from 1st March 2013

Taj group acquired Naveen Hotel, Hubli, from 1st March 2013

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Etihad to decide on Jet

Etihad Airways' Board is expected to take a decision on acquiring a stake in Jet Airways once due diligence is completed next week, said James Hogan, President & CEO, Etihad Airways, while addressing a press conference in Abu Dhabi.

Spice Jet set to expand its wings

Spice Jet airline will soon commence its service between Dharmshala and Delhi via Chandigarh. The airline has also launched daily, direct flights from Delhi to Allahabad on 4th February, 2013. 78-seater Bombardier Q-400 aircraft are deployed on this route.

India's highest airport to become operational by the end of 2014

Gangtok Airport, Sikkim, is scheduled to become operational by the end of 2014. Located at an altitude of 4,700 ft and flanked by deep valleys on both ends of the runway, the airport would rank one among the five highest airports in India.

Indi'Go' to Trivandrum- Dubai & Mumbai-Dubai, daily and directly

IndiGo Airlines recently introduced new daily and direct flights connecting Trivandrum with Dubai along with its second daily and direct flight between Mumbai and Dubai with effect from 1st March 2013.

Pondicherry airport became operational from 13th January 2013.



Mauni Amavasya

Mauni Amavasya is one of the most auspicious days to perform ritual bath at Triveni Sangam / Prayag at Allahabad. Thousands of Hindu pilgrims from all around the world arrive at Prayag to take the sacred bath. This year Mauni Amavasya is on Sunday, 10th February. Fasting on Mauni Amavasya is considered very auspicious.

Magha Purnima

The full moon day of Magha (January-February) is known as Maghi Purnima. Magha or Maghi is a month during which the famous Kumbh Mela and the annual Magh Mela are held at Sangam in Prayag or Allahabad. It is believed that taking baths on the day of Magh Purnima relieves a person from problems related to the Sun and the Moon. This month is believed to be related to Puja, austerities etc. Even Sadhus and Saints consider this month to be very sacred. This year it will be celebrated on 25th February.

Basant Panchmi

The festival date usually falls mid-February and marks the beginning of spring season. Basant Panchami also referred to as Saraswati Puja, is a Hindu festival. On this day Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture is worshipped. Customarily during this festival Brahmins are invited for lunch and ancestor worship is performed. Children celebrate it by flying kites.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day's origin can be traced back to the Christian Middle Age. Today, Valentine's Day is a popular observance in India too and is becoming a major fiesta in the metro cities of the country. On this day, radio, television, shops and malls all remind the city dwellers that expression of love is worth celebrating.





Suraj Kund Crafts Mela (01 Feb to 15 Feb):

This Annual Mela is held on the outskirts of the Delhi. This 15 day fair attracts national and international visitors. It is a showcase of various states' cultures depicted by art forms mainly handicrafts & folk dances. .



Khajurao Dance Festival (20 Feb to 26 Feb):

This week long fiesta is known for its exotic setting. Various Indian Classical dances are performed against the backdrop of magnificently lit Khajuraho temple. This annual festival features - Kathak, Bharathanatyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri and Kathakali.

Goa Carnival (09 Feb to 12 Feb):

Every year the state of Goa organizes a week long carnival comprising of lively processions, floats, the strumming of guitars, graceful dances and non-stop festivity. The carnival gives a new look to entire Goa. Goa carnival is celebrated at very high scale that not only locals, but also people across the world participate in the Carnival. It was introduced by the Portuguese.

Beneshwar fair (21 Feb to 25 Feb):

It is a twin celebration. One celebration is to pay tribute to Lord Shiva and other celebration if for completion of the Vishnu temple. Beneshwar is situated 24 kms. from Aspur in the district of Dungarpur.

Jaisalmer Desert Festival (23 Feb to 25 Feb):

Jaisalmer Desert Festival is all about camel races, polo matches, puppeteers and men with long moustache. The major attraction of Jaisalmer Desert Festival is the display of cultural and traditional heritage of Rajasthan. Jaisalmer fort has the honors of being festival's backdrop.



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A few of our team members took a personal trip to Allahabad to witness the grand Kumbh Mela. They returned with astounding tales to narrate, superb photographs to show and memories to cherish forever.

GITB | 14-17 April | Jaipur, India

THE TRAVEL WEEK | 16-19 April | Sao Paolo, Brazil

TOP RESA | 24-27 September | Paris, France

IMEX | 15-17 October | Las Vegas, USA

EIBTM | 19-21 November | Barcelona, Spain

ILTM | 02-05 December | Cannes, France

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