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stay at *Tunga Regale*



Tunga Regale is a premium deluxe hotel tucked away amidst beautifully landscaped greenery. Just five kms from Mumbai International Airport and seven kms from the Domestic Airport, Tunga Regale offers travelers the highest standards of comfort and luxury along with a rejuvenating and a stress free environment. The rooms have been categorized exquisitely with detailed modern design features teak floors, oversized mirrors & windows.

The hotel offers two specialty restaurants one with authentic far-eastern cuisine and the other a rooftop, poolside bar and grill.

Designated with striking graphic elements & textures that defines Mumbai's vibe, Tunga Regale aims seamlessly to merge style with substance through an unique space that offers a complete urban experience.

Maison Perumal

Mansion Persumal is CGH Earth's new resort in Pondicherry. Maison Perumal opened its doors to guests on 05th February 2009. It is a combination of the best of French and Indian styles. Situated in the Tamil Quarter of Pondicherry, the old house gets its name from Rue Perumal Kovil, the street that it is situated on. It is one of the rare heritage structures that has been restored and opened its doors to the hospitality sector.

With just 10 rooms, Maison Perumal offers personalised services with the backdrop of a very cosy atmosphere. The resort has limited staff, who tend to all your needs and create a very homely environment.



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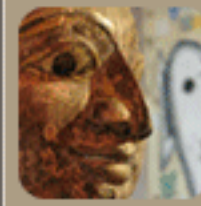
Swiss International Airlines To Operate New Long-Haul Aircraft To India

The new aircraft will be introduced in April on the New York route followed by the second in Dubai and then Mumbai and Delhi. The aircraft coming to India will operate only in the second semester. The new aircrafts will be scheduled on long-haul routes.

The two main features of these aircraft is in it being first class especially for the business passengers with yet another unique feature of the flat bed system. The other state-of-the-art feature includes customisable soft and hard air cushions, frontal seats and open cabins with screens. The airline has recorded more than average growth last year.

Star Aviation To Take Off In April

Chennai based Star Aviation is set to launch its operations in the middle of April, providing air connectivity to mostly cities in south India. The airline promoted by Dubai based real estate company ETA Star, plans to take to the skies by covering seven cities initially, Madurai, Vishakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram from its Chennai hub. Being a regional airlines, Star Aviation will not operating connecting flights to the metros in north, east and western part of the country.



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Interesting



Tamil Nadu Launches Hop-On-Hop-Off Coaches For Tourists

Tamil Nadu has introduced hop-on-hop-off service for tourists. Under the hop-on-hop-off scheme tourists can board any of the four coaches on the 70 km route from Chennai to Mamallapuram. All the four coaches are air-conditioned and tourists can travel by any coach throughout the day. The route covers 13 tourist spots between Chennai and Mamallapuram. Each coach has 18 seats and one ticket is valid for all the four coaches. Tourists can get down from one coach at any of the tourist spots and catch the next one.



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Contact Zone At Indira Gandhi International Airport

A new facility has been set up at Indira Gandhi International Airport to cater to passengers with special needs. Contact Zone, a first of its kind service to come up at any Indian airport, has been established near Gate no 1 of Terminal 2. It will provide passengers with special needs, such as wheelchair assistance for physically disabled passengers and assistance for unaccompanied minors. Till now facilitations for passengers needing special assistance was coordinated by the airline. However, As those accompanying the passengers are not allowed inside the terminal, passengers face difficulty in the drop off zone. The Contact zone is aimed at bridging this gap.



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Eating Out



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Destination Kolkata

Kolkata formerly known as Calcutta is one of the greatest colonial cities of India. It ranks amongst the four major metropolis along with Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. As Kolkata is near the sea, the city has uniform temperature throughout the year.

Food is Kolkata greatest indulgence. Bengalis love to eat, ending each meal with a mouth watering dessert, generally coated in a rich sugar syrup.

Festivals are an intrinsic part of the city - more a socio-cultural phenomenon than a religious one. Besides these, Calcutta is also home to a variety of fairs, film festivals, music conferences and folk fairs. For visitors, Kolkata holds a plethora of places to see, museums, galleries, heritage buildings, amusement parks, temples, churches, synagogues - there's something for every one.

Established in 1814, the Indian Museum is the oldest museum in Asia and has vast collection of Indian natural history and Indian art. The Victoria Memorial, one of the major tourist attractions in Kolkata, has a museum documenting the city's history. The National Library of India is India's leading public library in Kolkata. The Academy of Fine Arts and other art galleries hold regular art exhibitions in the city as well.



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Subject : India trip!

Hello,

We just wanted to thank SITA and especially Subir Konar: 0091-9818237215-Team Leader and Pawan Tanwar: 0091-9212778098- for making our recent trip to India so safe and enjoyable. Our children enjoyed the trip immensely and this was in large part to the well organized travel itinerary arranged by SITA, including tours, hotels, transportation, travel advice, etc. Also, any time there were any issues, help was just a (mobile) phone call away.

Subir Konar and Pawan Tanwar were especially helpful at trouble-shooting any glitches that arose. So we wanted to send our personal thanks and had just one issue left to clarify. We left the Clarks Shiraz hotel in Agra and apparently they forgot one room service bill in the amount of Rs 666. They contacted me by phone a day or two later and I spoke with the SITA rep in Pushkar and gave him the money and he said he would forward it to the SITA main office (so the Agra rep could deliver the money to the Clarks Shiraz in Agra). I just wanted to confirm that this had been done and that our account at the Shiraz was now clear.

Thank you again and we plan to recommend SITA to our friends and family travelling to India

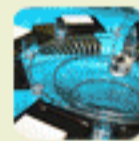
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Fairs and Festival



Elephant Festival

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This year, Rajasthan Tourism is celebrating Elephant festival on 10th March at Chaugan Stadium in Jaipur. The agenda of the function is mentioned below:

Venue-Chaugan Stadium, Jaipur
10th MARCH, 2009

Time	Event
4.05 p.m.	Inauguration of Gajshringar Exhibition
4.10 p.m.	Elephant Procession
4.50 p.m.	Chang, Aangi Gair & Child Gair Dance
5.00 p.m.	Elephant Decoration Competition
5.20 p.m.	Desert Symphony
5.35 p.m.	Tribal / Sahariya Dance by Sh. Harikesh
5.45 p.m.	Tug of War (Elephant – Tourists)
6.00 p.m.	Algoza, Kalbeliya Dance
6.20 p.m.	Prize Distribution
6.40 p.m.	Braj Holi by Sh. Lalit Sharma
6.55 p.m.	Holi on Elephants
7.00 p.m.	Fire Works

Most of the Festival dates are decided by Solar / Lunar calendars practiced in India, due to which the dates are subject to change. You may plan some special departure based on these festivals.

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Trade Show	Place	Date	Booth No	Whom to Meet
EMITT	Istanbul	12th -15th February	Salon No 1, IT 12, Booth No. 2523	Prabhat Verma
BIT	Milan	19th -22nd February	Pavilion 2, Booth no M14 - N 21	Sanjeev Ticku
ITB BERLIN	Berlin	11th -15th March	Booth No 208, Hall No. 5.2b	Prabhat Verma
MITT	Moscow	18th -21st March	Awaited	Ernest Dias & Deepak Sharma
TUR	Sweden	19th -22nd March	No Booth	Prabhat Verma
Adventure Travel Show	London	20th -22nd March	No Booth	Prabhat Verma
Mundo Libao with Abreau	Lisbon	4th-5th April	Awaited	Seraj Anwar
Great India Travel Bazar	Jaipur	19th -20th April	Booth No. 37	Prabhat Verma
SATTE	New Delhi	23rd -25th April	Awaited	Prabhat Verma