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From the CEO's Desk



Dear Partners,

We are determined to provide you high standards of commitment towards Responsible Travel.

With this determination, we have joined the WTTC India Initiative to revive the image of Goa and showcase it as a safe and tourist friendly destination. The Company donated a Tata Sumo which will be used as a Tourism Security Vehicle. Leading Hotels, Tour Operators and Airline companies have united for this cause and donated a fleet of Tata Sumos and Honda Splendour Motorcycles in Goa. This fleet of vehicles are equipped with tracking and monitoring devices to help strengthen the security system in Goa.

My team and I look forward to seeing you in Goa or any other part of India where you will experience instants that endure and leave a lasting positive impression.

Come explore with us.

Regards,

Dipak Deva



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Stay At *Ramgarh Fresco*

The Ramgarh Fresco, formerly known as the Khemka Haveli, has been recently renovated and converted into a boutique hotel. The haveli is profusely covered with frescoes. The paintings are truly captivating. The hotel has 14 rooms, ranging from a cosy single room for individual privacy to opulent suites. The rooms are spread interestingly across the property. The décor is simple and tasteful - everything from the elegantly hand crafted wooden furniture to lampshades to the colourful bedspreads enhances the vibrant paintings that cover the haveli. Candlelight rooftop dinners with Rajasthani cuisine and a café offering Indian and continental dishes; an internet café and a massage parlour are among the facilities available. The hotel is conveniently located at walking distance from the town's various attractions.

Le Sutra, Mumbai

'Le Sutra' is India's first art hotel. The property has 16 tastefully decorated rooms. Each of the three floors of the hotel depicts different characteristics, Sattvic, Rajasic, Tamasic (The 3 Gunas in Ayurveda) and each of these 16 rooms are based on either 'characters' (Ravana, Ashoka, Buddha) or 'characteristics' (sensuality love, purification) inspired by Indian mythology. 'Sutra' in Sanskrit means a rope or thread that holds something together. In this case, Le Sutra is the thread that binds Indian art and Indian hospitality together. Le Sutra depicts the creativity of 13-25 designers who worked together to give meaning to this art hotel. Each room is covered with artistic impressions and a story behind each art form.

Samode Safari Lodge at Bandhavgarh

The Lodge is located in the heart of the tiger country, adjacent to the 450 sq. km. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. The Lodge is a divine getaway designed around a series of individual villas, where the inspiration is African, the decor and setting are Indian with a magnificent ambience and outstanding hospitality. Two main lodges with spacious lounges on the top floor open onto wooden decks to offer spiritual relaxation in a tree-top setting. Machans or observation towers provide opportunities for bird and wildlife sightings. The Samode Safari Lodge is committed to privacy and relaxation with the individual villas being large, light and luxurious. Imagine an elegant and inspired living space with a spacious sitting room, a bedroom with a modern en-suite bathroom and a dressing area, a unique open-air bath court, a private verandah with striking views of nature in its wildest beauty. Everything at the Samode Safari Lodge is created to combine the amazing experience of Bandhavgarh's natural splendour with the surreal sophistication of luxurious living space.



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Rekindle Spirits, Heritage Liquors of India

This Rajasthani tale starts at the end! Legend has it, that a wounded king was lying on his deathbed. Afraid that he might die without naming a successor, his worried advisors summoned the royal physician to revive the comatose king, at least for a few minutes. But nothing worked. Then the royal bartender offered to help with a concoction he had, to prevent this crisis. He poured a glass of the mysterious potion down the royal gullet. Within minutes, the king was up and standing steadily enough to name an heir. An hour later, after the effect of the alcohol wore off, he was dead.

In Rajasthan, Mahansar, a powerful land of royalty up till Independence, is almost synonymous with heritage liquor. The brewers, who were handed down the secret techniques by their forefathers, were also sworn to never break the liqueur code. The exotic ingredients included aniseed, mint, honey, coriander, orange, lemon, grapes, apple, rose, cumin seeds, saffron, cardamom, cinnamon and peppermint.

The quality of liquor distilled by the people of Mahansar is considered at par with top international brands and is in great demand amongst connoisseurs. To name a few of the exotic brews sold, Mahansar Gulab Saunf, Orange, Rose, Mint and Ginger under the brand names Royal Mahansar, Maharani Mahansar and Maharaja Mahansar; Sodawas Mawalin made from dates, dry fruits and two dozen spices, Kanota Chandrahas made from nearly 165 spices, kesar, awlah and dry fruits, Shyopur Narangi Ginger and pineapple flavours.



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Responsible Tourism



Setrawa Village Project

Setrawa, a village of traders in rural Rajasthan is located 108 km west of Jodhpur. A school was set up in Setrawa by the Sambhali Trust three years ago, initially to provide basic education to girls who couldn't afford traditional schooling. Today classes are held for young girls between 6-12 years to improve their basic knowledge of English and help them prepare for their English exams. A male and a female teacher have been employed by Sambhali Trust to help these young girls. The school operates 5 days a week. A women's sewing group has been set up, which also acts as a drop-in centre, where women can discuss various issues along side learning sewing techniques that may help them to become financially independent in the coming days.

In 2009, The Sheerni Project, a Micro-credit scheme was established in Setrawa. Under this scheme, there are 39 women in 3 self-help groups who are saving a regular sum of money every month to enable them to receive a government loan in order to start their own business. Vocational training and a variety of workshops on health, business training etc are given to these women on a 6 month basis as well.

We are working in close association with the Sambhali Trust to help empower the women in the region. With the help of their volunteers, we run health camps and conduct workshops on health and nutrition.

We encourage your clients to take part in this programme (minimum 7 days) where you will have an opportunity to become a volunteer and help the Sambhali Trust. Responsibilities offered to each volunteer will be proportionate to their level of experience. Participants who are new to development work may predominately support and assist current project agendas, while those with much more applicable experience may be able to assume greater responsibility. You will interact with the girls in the school and the women of the sewing group, listen to them talk about their lives; improve their knowledge about the world and describe the role of women in other countries. You will get to know their lifestyle better and give them the joy of your interaction.



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Destination Insider



Dear Friends,

I am off to Assam for two weeks to join my wife, who is enjoying the rains back home. She has finally managed to convince my mother to share her secret recipe, river fish slow cooked, wrapped in a banana leaf with the hottest chilly in the world, Bhut Jolokia. In my native tongue, Bhut means Ghost, so it is the Ghost Chilly (try doing a Google search). We are developing an exclusive gourmet tour, where there will be exotic food cooked with Bhut Jolokia. It will be a no fuss; no sauce kind of gourmet tour, plus it will be super hot. We will keep you posted.

During my recent trip to Deogarh in Rajasthan, I realised that our Company chauffeurs are such a huge resource pool when it comes to "experiences on the road," impromptu and unpretentious. My chauffeur Pappu from Jodhpur added so much to the journey. From Jodhpur railway station, on Pappu's recommendation, we went straight to the shrine of the Bullet Baba. Faithfuls come from far and wide to pay respect to, believe it or not, a 350 CC Royal Enfield motorbike. The story goes that Om Bana, the son of a local feudal lord died in an accident while driving this 350 CC Royal Enfield motorbike about two decades ago. Pappu shared stories of the "miracles" of Om Bana who had helped and "continues to help" chauffeurs in distress. Whenever Pappu passes this route he has to, like all other chauffeurs, pay respect to Bullet Baba and his 350 CC Royal Enfield. For me, it was amazing to see undiluted faith in motion, especially as the shrine is sustaining a number of people and their livelihoods. Please include a stopover here in all itineraries of your Deogarh bound clients from Jodhpur. It's an oddity that your clients will treasure.

Did you know that the nondescript town of Sojat enroute to Deogarh supplies 40,000 tons of Mehendi (Heena) worldwide? Many of your clients must have given you a feedback about how thrilled they were to apply Mehendi on their hands and feet in Rajasthan. Well, that Mehendi comes from Sojat. When we passed Sojat, Pappu told us that the tiny town is world famous for its Mehendi. We stopped there to buy some Mehendi and met the amiable Vikas Tak. Vikas was kind enough to show us around his Mehendi factory. We would be happy to organise a stopover at Sojat for your clients, should they be interested in knowing more about a local business that is rocking globally. Vikas is willing to organise local village women who are expert Mehendi artists for your clients who don't mind doing a temporary Mehendi tattoo as well and that too at no extra cost. Thank you Pappu, you are a rock star!!

We reached Deogarh around lunch time and checked into Seengsagar. Meghmallar my favourite room was looking stunning and inviting as before.

Kuntil Baruwa

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Impression



From: malti savani
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Karnik, Sagar
Subject: THANK YOU

Hi Sagar,

First of all I must apologize for not meeting you and your wonderful team as my stay was very short whereby it was difficult to do everything. I would like to thank you so much the wonderful treatment I got from your side where it would have been difficult for me to arrange all this in a short time.

All the arrangements made by u were really very efficient and it would have not have been possible for the wonderful planning and lovely hotels u arranged for me and my family.

Thank you once again and would highly recommend any of my friends or family visiting India to arrange all the travel/hotel/tours by your company.

It was a pleasure to associate with you and also thanks for arranging my hospital appointment also.

Kind regards,

Malti Savani



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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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