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Munnar



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Dear Readers,

If you have never been to Asia in August, now it is the perfect time to visit. Asia has some of the most naturally gifted places. Asian countries have vibrant cultures and rich history that make it more appealing to tourists.

In this issue, we are focusing on outstanding attractions of some of the most popular destinations in Asia. We are featuring the Neelakurinji Flowering season at Munnar that blooms from August to November once in 12 years.

Indonesia has some pristine sandy beaches. But this nation also has more than 80 geo parks which are worth visiting. On July 12, 2018, Indonesia held its first Geopark National Conference where the country considers geo parks crucial for sustainable economic development, tourism potentialities and nature conservation. On this note, we are highlighting tourism opportunities of four UNESCO listed geo parks.

Endless beaches, lush green tea plantations, fun train rides and numerous adventurous activities make Sri Lanka irresistible. Our Destination Diary covers the scope of adventure and leisure activities of this tear-drop shaped country.

Phuket, Thai's largest island is focused in our "Meetings Point". Thailand is a country of contrasts and Phuket sets as an example. This dramatic karst island offers intensely divine delights, nourishing their wayfaring fantasies delightfully. But it has luxurious convention facilities too. We are exploring Phuket as a unique MICE and leisure tourism destination.

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Legendary Blossoms: Showstopper 'Neelakurinji' is Back!

Unfurl your soul to nature's peerless appeal.

Lush canopy of bluish-purple floral blossoms bathe the rolling Nilgiri hills, beautifying the vast expanse of these majestic mountains in southern Indian state of Kerala.



Beauty that Bewitches, Once Every 12 years!

If you ever imagined you have discovered the exquisite thrill of Munnar – Kerala's most picturesque hill station nestled in the Western Ghats, think again!

Think and wait till you catch Munnar in all its exclusive glory of the highly anticipated 'Neelakurinji Bloom'. An amazing climate blending with widespread tea plantations, this former retreat of the British Raj elite glistens with a dreamy shade of blue – once in every 12 years!

Rare spectacle.

Awe-inspiring ambiance.

'Neelakurinji' Blossoms of Elegance

Did you know?

The 'Paliyan' tribals residing in Indian state Tamil Nadu used Neelakurinji as a ready reckoner to calculate their age.

'Kurinji' or 'Neelakurinji' (*Strobilanthes kunthianus*) is a shrub growing in Shol forests of Western Ghats. Nilgiri Hills, literally implying 'the blue mountains', derived their name from the purplish-blue flowers of Neelakurinji blossoming only once in 12 years.

Starting late July, the resplendent Nilgiris are clad in layers of purplish-blue carpets, weaving their way into classical Tamil poetry!



What makes NeelaKurinji Bloom so Special?

Neelakurinji is a Malayalam term, meaning blue flowers.

Though Neelakurinji shrubs are found in a sparse amount across other south-Indian hill stations, Munnar boasts of profuse blooms, sprawling magically across its green mountains in abundance.

This stunning showstopper turns the place absolutely ethereal with its treasure trove of azure flowers.

Sight of the valley decked in blue presents a sight too heavenly to be true. Imagine 3,000 hectares of rolling hills radiating unsurpassed extravagance luring nature addicts from all across the planet. Thousands of enchanted tourists, especially from Europe and the United States throng this hilly terrain to witness this rare phenomenon, generally lasting until October!

When to visit Munnar for *NeelaKurinji* Viewing?

As mentioned earlier, the Kurinji blooms once in 12 years, the last bloom was in 2006 and finally 2018 marks the next blossoming. It will be followed by a flowering season in 2030 and thereafter.

Therefore, the best time to explore this blue wonder is right now!

As monsoon clouds gradually recede, azure blooms start enveloping the mountains and grasslands. The magic commences from August ending in November and the peak blooming period is in September and October, beautifully coinciding with Kerala's spring season.

As flowering progresses, it is likely to spread like wildfire on social media forums, attracting large tourist footfalls.

NeelaKurinji: Interesting Facts

- Prime attraction factor of the flower is its soothing blue hue and upon ageing, it turns purplish-blue.
- Kurinji flowers grow in high altitude, about 1300 to 2400 m.
- Due to late monsoons in India this year, the blooming is likely to start in first week of August 2018.
- Tourists can book tickets via the official website of Munnar Tourist Division or Eravikulam National Park.
- There are 250 species of Kurinji and 46 varieties of the flower are found in India, including red and maroon ones.
- Nectar collected in Munnar during Neelakurinji blooming is believed to be enriched with taste and nutritional value.



The Perfect NeelaKurinji Viewing Plan

For the perfect view, explorers should visit the place at dawn.

During the early morning, the valley is blanketed in mist imparting a surreal halo to the hills! The Nilgiris resemble a piece of paradise on earth at this moment. As sun rises, visitors can experience a lovely fusion of chill and warmth.

Check out the dewy Neelakurinji flowers, wading through lush grasslands.

Neelakurinji blossoms at Munnar leave the lovers of nature in a trance, spellbound at outstanding sights of infinite grace!



*Book your tickets immediately...
and Happy Romancing!*

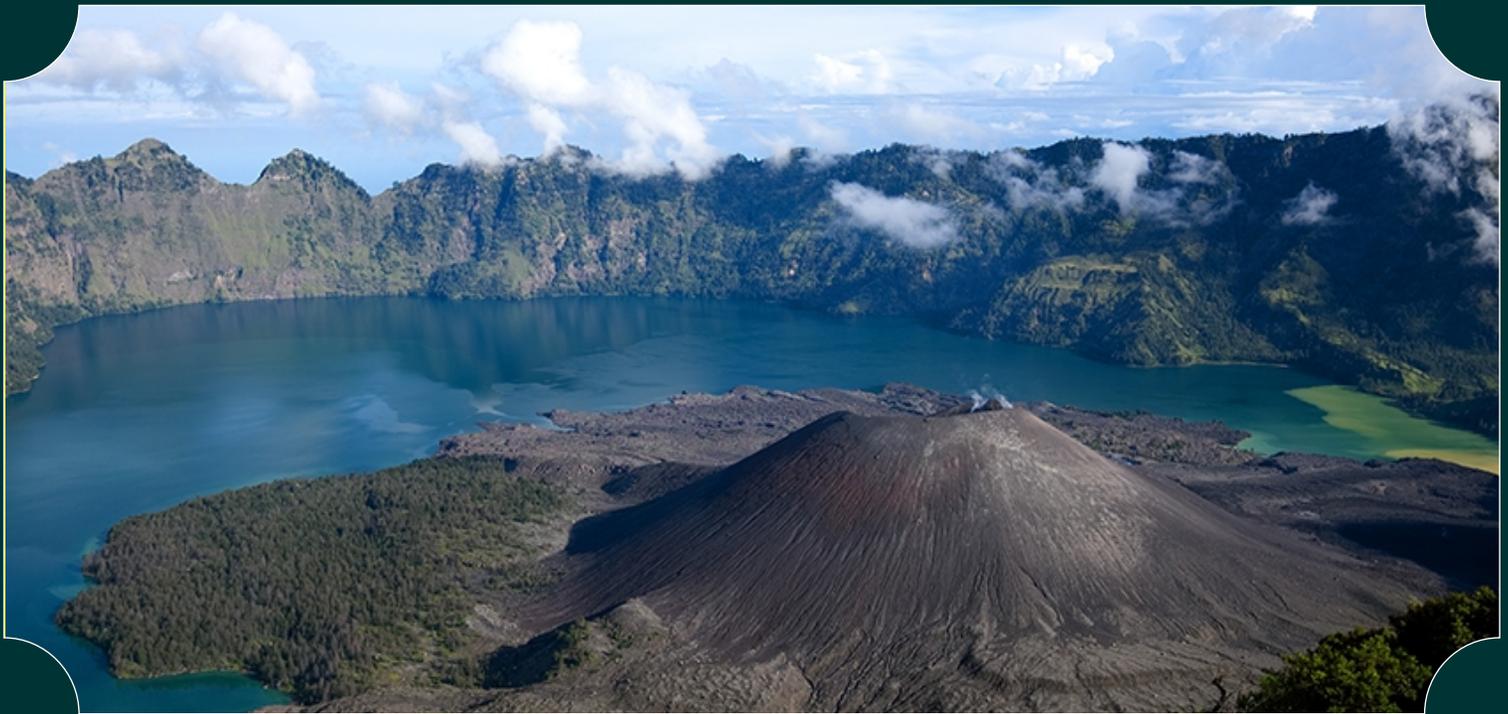


Cover Story



Visit Indonesia's **UNESCO-listed Global Geoparks**

Indonesia is known for its pristine beaches and turquoise waters. But, this nation has other natural wonders too. The volcanic mountains and forest landforms nearby will attract any nature lover. Some of the forest lands and local settlements are well preserved. These are known as geoparks. The country now has four geoparks of international standard, listed as UNESCO Global Geoparks. There are more than 80 potential geopark locations that will be followed up in the future. The development of geoparks helps in the improvement of sustainable economy and nature conservation.



What is Geo Park?

A single unified geographical area where landscapes of international geological significances are managed with holistic approach to protect the natural and cultural heritages.



Batur Global Geopark in Bali

Listed in September 2012, Batur is located in Bangli Regency. It is the only regency that has no beaches. It features two volcanic calderas as well as a complete volcanic mountainous landscape with caldera walls, cones and craters, geothermal phenomena, a lake, lava flows, pyroclastic flows and tephra. This has unique biodiversity managed by the Natural Tourist Park. This eco space has thousands of species living around the crater. Kintamani dog, called Gembrong, is the cynosure of this place. The volcanic eruption that occurred 29,000 years and 20,000 years ago has now made a landform. The local communities include 15 villages. They depend on agriculture, tourism and civet coffee. Visit the nearby Batur Volcano Museum. It provides education on volcanic science along with cultural components of the area.



Gunung Sewu Unesco Global Geopark

Stretching from Gunung Kidul Regency to Tulungagung Regency, Gunung Sewu Unesco Global Geopark has a deep extension from Central to East Java. Recognised by UNESCO in 2015, this geopark has Merapi and Lawu active volcano limits in the mountain ranges of Upper Paleogene rocks and limestone hills. It welcomes international tourists with classic tropical karst landscape in the south central part of Java Island. It includes three provinces — Yogyakarta, Central Java and East Java.



Mount Rinjani Geopark

Listed in UNESCO Global Geopark in 2018, Mount Rinjani boasts a variety of cultural and geological sites. It is believed that this geopark buried an old civilisation and led to the start of a new cultural era. Enjoy visiting local homes, seeing early morning activities and learning about farming methods. See the sun rising from sea beneath the spectacular sweeping views of North Lombok from the summit of Mt. Rinjani to the coast. Mount Rinjani is a part of the Mount Rinjani National Park (TNGR) that encapsulates four districts throughout the Lombok Island starting from North Lombok District, West Lombok, Central Lombok and East Lombok.



Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark

Located in the island of West Java (Sukabumi), this UNESCO listed park features waterfalls, beaches, geysers, rivers, mountains, wilderness reserves and turtle conservation sites. Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu Geopark allures the tourists with surfing, paragliding, rafting, canoeing and waterfall rock climbing activities. These rock formations in Ciletuh-Palabuhanratu are composed of ophiolite, metamorphic, deep sedimentary rocks and mélangé complexes and are known as the oldest rock formations on the surface of West Java. Here the community developed near Ciletuh River and Palabuhanratu (Queen Harbour) comprises 74 villages engaged in fishing and farming.



Geoparks promoting “green-tourism”

The European and Asian geo parks use these geological heritages to promote awareness of key issues facing society. It also promotes awareness of geological perils, including volcanic activities, earthquakes and tsunami. Geoparks also help to prepare disaster mitigation strategies with local communities. These embody the records of previous climate changes and indicate the current climate changes as well as demonstrate the practices in using renewable energy. These employ the best standards of "green tourism".

Empowering local communities

Geo Parks help in empowering local communities. It also gives an opportunity to develop consistent partnerships with a common mission of promoting the area with significant geological processes, historical themes linked to geology, or outstanding geological beauty.

Tourism is identified here with exploration of natural wonders. Tourists from all over the world can experience geological heritage along with cultural belonging of the region. Geoparks also give local people a sense of pride and strengthen their identification. The creation of innovative local enterprises, new jobs and high quality training courses stimulate as new sources of revenue generation through ecotourism, while geological resources of the area are protected.

Spellbinding

Sri Lanka

Get smitten by the beauty!

The island nation is diverse and culturally rich and will make you wonder of the possibilities this destination has. Astounding myth, legend and history, magnificent landscapes, ancient cities, temples, mountains and beaches — there is no place like Sri Lanka. The epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata document more than 2,000 years of its rich history.

If you love pondering in the lap of nature, relishing walking along trails, relaxing in sun-kissed beaches feels like perfect escapade and trying your luck at casino gives you an adrenaline rush- this country will

thrill you to the core.

The tear-drop shaped country located near India is in close proximity to ancient trade routes. Immigrants, invaders, missionaries and travellers from across India, East Asia and the Middle East visited Sri Lanka for ages.

Sri Lanka has 8 UNESCO World Heritage sites. There are several religious places, national parks and tea estates here that are worth a visit. Its colonial architecture, Catholicism pronounces the occupation of the Portuguese, Dutch and the British.



Lace up your boots for the following activities:

Go sailing in Bentota: Hire a chartered boat, sail through the sea and get picturesque views of the Bruwela and Bentota. Make most out of the environment and when the boat stops at the beautiful cove, jump in the water, go snorkelling and paddle.

Whale Watching: Witness Blue Whale jumping out of water at the Mirissa harbor. Depending on sight-seeing the activity takes around 2-4 hours.

Experience Luxury camp safari at Wilpattu: The expedition camp in Wilpattu is on a peninsula in the forest which is surrounded by two rivers. Go for bird watching or short hiking after which you can opt for jeep safari in the dense forest.



Bike ride in the mountains : Akuressa offers a leisurely journey with small uphill climbs and terrains. The 35 km bike ride through the tea plantation is more than enthralling. Explore the local biodiversity — the working tea plantation, topical palms, ferns and a plethora of coconut trees.

Feel the essence of Riverstone Gap in Sri Lanka: Riverston is almost 30 km from the Matale town. Get refreshed by the view of two great waterfalls — 'Sera Ella' and 'Bambarakiri'.

Enjoy the enticing elephant safari: The transit point for wild elephants at the National Parks of Minneriya and Kaudulla is 210 km north east from Colombo. Elephant safari is an exciting 4-hour activity covering the main road, pathways and villages and takes you through jungles, swamp and river.

Learn diving in Sri Lanka: Get all the necessary gears and set out for Colombo for underwater fun. PADI certified experts give a 5-day diving course.



Visit to the Yala National Park : Rich in wildlife, Sri Lanka's most famous national park is spread across an area of 1268 sq km and is made up of scrub, light forest, plains and lagoons. Be prepared to encounter elephants, crocodiles and monkeys.

Kandy beach: The last Royal Capital of Sri Lanka has the sacred Temple of the Tooth and is one of the holiest Buddhist sites. It is resplendent with fine Raj Era buildings and Kandyan architecture. The

Kandy Lake is nerve centre of the town and can be viewed from Lake Drive from high up on a hill.



**So, next time you
plan your vacation,
think only Sri
Lanka!**

Asia Festivals

Want to experience new adventure mixed with culture? If you want a vacation to see the social lifestyle of Asia, then head to these places, which are popular for unique culture and traditional experiences. Just check out these festivals in Asia.



This spiritual festival is celebrated by Tibetans with traditional songs, musk dances and Tibetan operas at Norbulingka Palace, located in Lhasa. It is also known as Yoghurt festival. Here during this festival, you can see local lifestyle and culture of Tibet.

Sho Dun Festival

Date: 11th -17th August, 2018

Place: Tibet



It is a 500 years old Japanese Buddhist custom to honour spirits of one's ancestors. Obon Festival marks revisiting of the ancestors' spirits to the world in order to visit their close relatives. This religious festival begins with traditional Japanese dance, Bon Odori and ends with floating of lanterns.

Obon Festival

Date: 11th -19th August, 2018

Place: Japan



Raksha Bandhan marks as a lovable and inseparable bond of trust between brothers and sisters. Though Raksha Bandhan has religious significance, but now it has a multi-cultural impression to the global populace.



Raksha Bandhan

Date: 26th August, 2018

Place: All over Indian States



Known as the Independence Day of Malaysia, Hari Merdeka is celebrated with a spirit of patriotism and is a reminder how freedom fighters fought for the sovereignty of Malaya.

Hari Merdeka

Date: 31st August, 2018

Place: Malaysia

Study finds airlines collapse will affect nearly one million passengers by 2030

A study by Airline Insolvency Review revealed that one in 200 passengers will be affected by the airline collapse over next 15 years.

The report also says, a typical airline failure could affect nearly 900,000 passengers, compared with half a million today; roughly the number caught up in the Monarch collapse. There are around 110,000 Monarch passengers when their airline company collapsed.

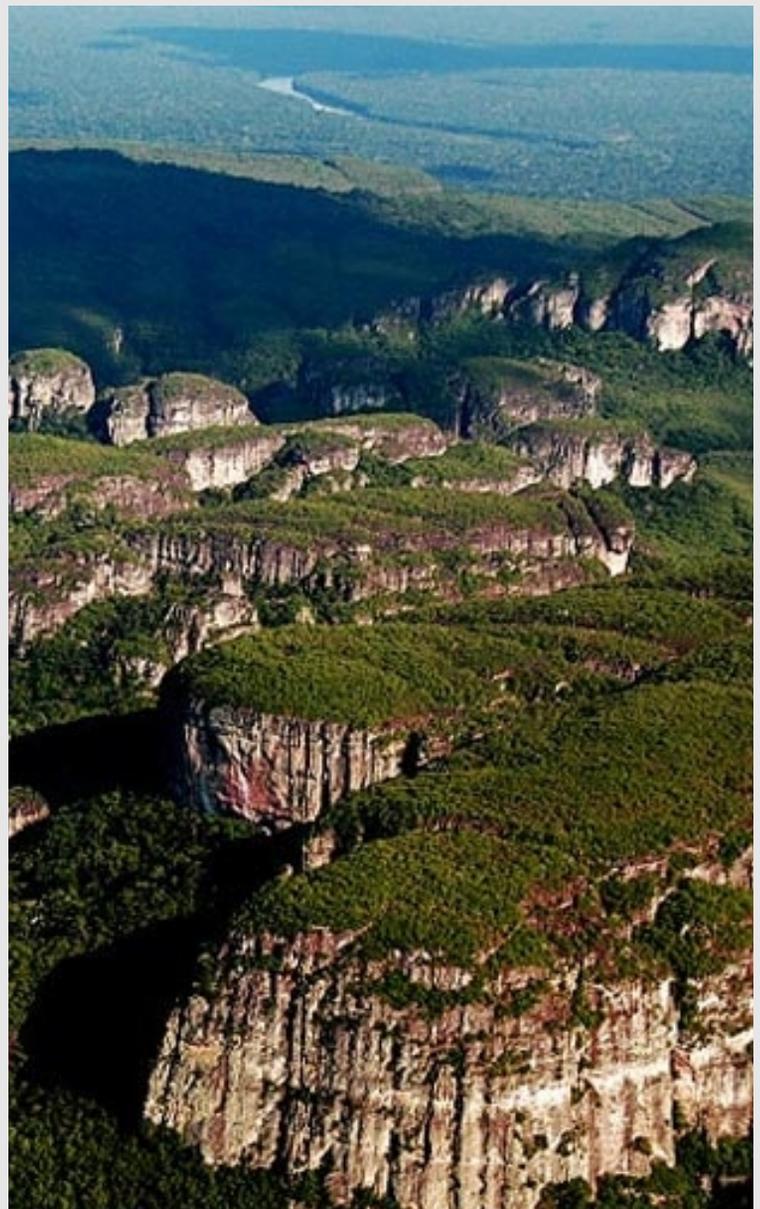
The Monarch Airlines collapse revealed that the widespread confusion over consumer protection happened. Mark Tanzer, chief executive of ABTA, said that the association has been highlighting for some time that the lack of any formal protection arrangements for scheduled flights leave many passengers at risk.

Colombia's largest tropical rainforest, Chiribiquete National Park declared as World Heritage Site

Colombia's Chiribiquete National Park has been named as the UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the last remaining national environmental treasures and expanded recently to approximately 4.3 million hectares. It spans across the Caqueta and the Guavaire departments of the northwestern region of Colombia's Amazon forest.

In 1989, the area was declared as a national park and is now named as country's ninth World Heritage Site

along with Mompox and Cartagena's Walled City. This national park houses a major portion of the country's biodiversity, tepuis (Native American for table-top mountains) and sheer drops of sandstone plateau which is of the same length of the Eiffel Tower. The new UNESCO World Heritage Site was earlier used for coca production. It is now the abode of around 300 species of birds and 313 butterfly species.



Chinese travellers paid US\$115 billion digitally in international market

In 2017, Chinese outbound travellers spent US\$115 billion in different overseas destinations along with 130 million outbound trips. With this, China became world's biggest source of outbound tourism. Thailand, Japan and Singapore were the top three destinations for Chinese travellers using WeChat Pay.

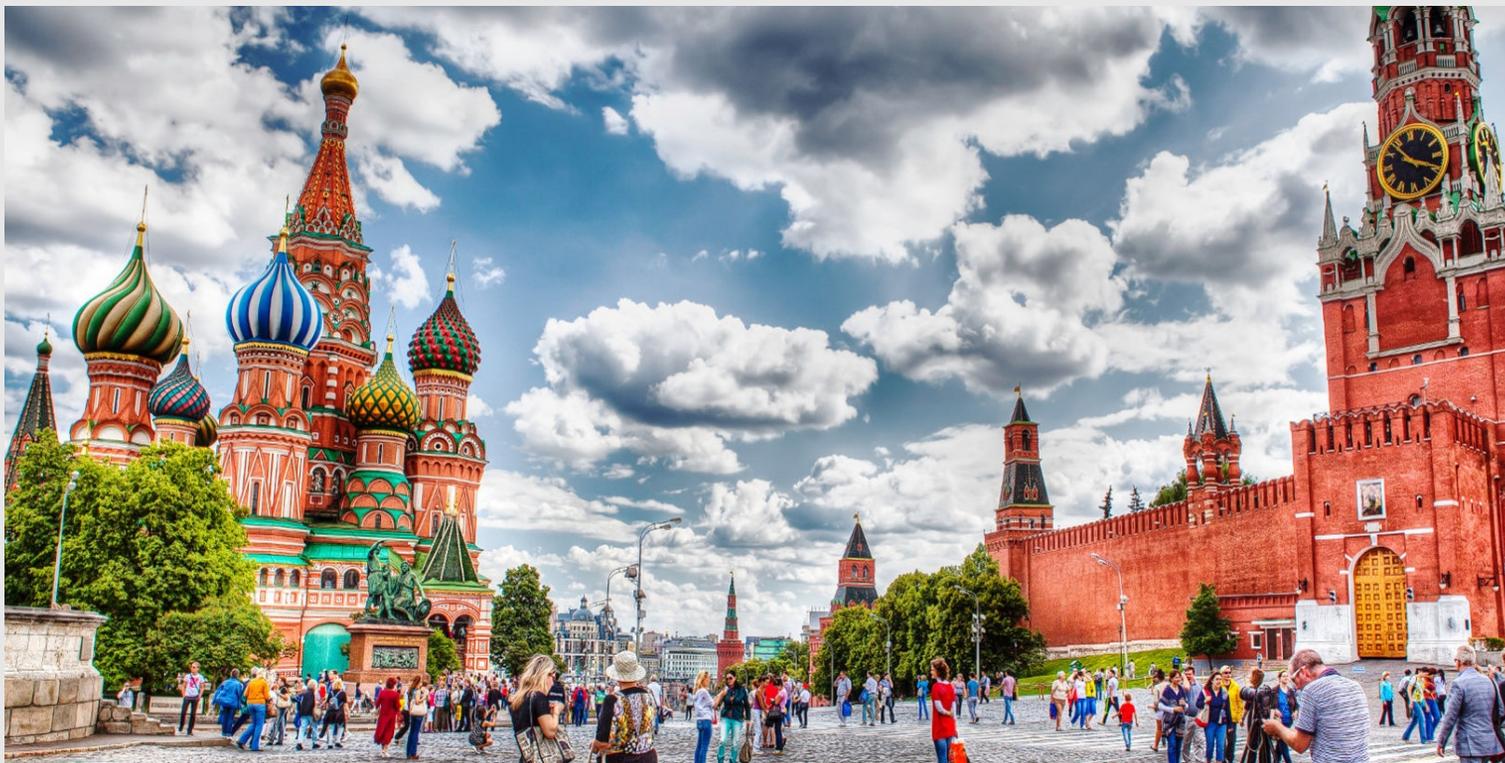
The WeChat has a user base of around one billion globally. WeChat's payment server, WeChat Pay is currently available in over 40 countries and regions across the world in 13 currencies. There are around 800 million users have linked their bank accounts or credit cards to the service. It will focus on building payments infrastructure in these markets so that Chinese outbound tourists can pay for goods and

services to overseas outlets. The outbound tourism in China has propelled the flow from the region. It has emerged as not only the region's but the world's fastest growing source market.

Russia offers “visa-free” travel all year round to foreign visitors

Russian government announced “visa-free entry” to all foreign visitors holding “fan ID” cards for the World Cup 2018. Russian President Vladimir Putin said foreign supporters who currently have ID cards will be able to benefit from multiple entries into Russian Federation without a visa until the end of the year.

The chairman of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) Russia-2018 Arkady Dvorkovich said that 2018 FIFA World Cup is a huge driver for tourism development in Russia.



Sun Princess aims to invest over \$450 million to boost its global fleet

Sun Princess will now have access to the newest onboard enhancements following an extensive 14-day, multi-million dollar dry dock in Singapore, continuing the line's "Come Back New Promise" commitment focused on investing more than \$450 million across the its global fleet.

From Singapore, Sun Princess is sailing the waters of Southeast Asia before returning to Australia for the 2019 winter season, where her itineraries begin on the Western coast of the island nation before passing to eastern coast and New Zealand itineraries. Sun Princess is the latest ship in the fleet to receive the elegant livery design featuring the Princess Cruises logo.



Virgin Galactic successfully launches its test flight to space

Virgin Galactic has successfully launched its spaceship VSS Unity into Earth's mesosphere.

The test spaceflight over the Mojave Desert is the third supersonic flight for the craft, this time surpassing Mach 2, reaching nearly 1,900 mph, or

2.47 times the speed of sound.

Once the craft was released from its ferry vessel, the VMS Eve at 46,500 feet, the crew of Unity, Dave Mackay and Mike "Sooch" Masucci, piloted the craft in a near-vertical, 42-second rocket burn to 170,800 feet, which is past Earth's stratosphere and into the mesosphere. The craft then used its unique re-entry system to safely return to the Mojave Air and Space Port. Branson's Virgin Galactic has been trying to break into space tourism since 2004. Virgin Galactic's main competitor for space tourism is Blue Origin, the creation of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos as well as possible plans from Elon Musk's SpaceX.



Pristine Phuket

Thailand's 'Pearl of the Andaman'

Thailand is a country of contrasts.

Ancient temples dot this beautiful haven interspersed with modern skyscrapers. Just minutes away from teeming cities, you can catch sight of sleepy traditional villages.

A great geographical diversity awaits the curious wayfarer here, probably best exemplified by 'Phuket', Thailand's pristine pride. The immaculate resort destination flaunts some of the finest beaches of the Earth, majorly mountainous. It is the largest island of the country!



Phuket – a Smart Meetings Hub

Formerly, Phuket was known as 'Thalang', a derivative of the old Malay term 'telong' implying 'cape'. The northern district of this Thai province, that used to be the old capital, continues to use this name.

This region offers something for every kind of traveller, thanks to its exciting potpourri of cultural richness, eco-adventures and breathtaking sights.

Of late, this pretty Thai island has emerged as a premier meeting destination, earning it the prestigious title of one of the most celebrated MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) cities of Thailand.

Dotted with over 500 hotels in various budget ranges, restaurants, thrilling activities to entice tourists and nature centres, Phuket lies off the west coast of Thailand in the Andaman Sea boasting of another picturesque 32 islands off its coast.

Visitors to Phuket enjoy an excellent connectivity via its efficient international airport welcoming direct flights from all across the globe.

Convention Facilities at Phuket

The Thai Hotels Association (THA) and Phuket Provincial Administrative Organisation are collaborating to revive plans for the island's International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC), as revealed by a leading news media agency of Thailand.

Currently, Phuket's capacity for MICE conglomerations is 2,000 guests.

But then, authorities are optimistic about the economic potential of this part of the world and look

forward to boost this number significantly with an aim to meet demand for Phuket and nearby provinces including Phang Nga and Krabi.

Phuket has hosted domestic and regional business events like the Phuket International Boat Show, the Asia-Pacific Blood & Marrow Transportation Congress and China's 2012 Amway Meeting.

Based in Patong along the western coast of Phuket, the Duangchanok Convention Hall is a posh meeting facility here, accommodating up to 2,000 guests in style!

It is set within beautifully landscaped gardens and is just a short walk from sandy beaches.



An Explorer's Fantasy!

Phuket offers intensely divine delights for the explorers, nourishing their wayfaring fantasies delightfully. White-sand beaches like the neighbouring Similan Island encircling western and southern coasts, signature spas, affordable and luxurious bungalows draw in thousands of globetrotters from around the world. We offer you a smart checklist:





James Bond Island

The James Bond Island of the legendary James Bond movie fame is a popular retreat in Phang Nga Bay and one of the most iconic tourist attractions in Phuket.

Khao Rang Hill View Point

A harmonious natural environ can be ideally experienced at the Khao Rang Hill Point, the summit of which is the second highest in Phuket, flanked with lush greens. It offers spectacular views of Phuket Big Buddha and the southeastern coast.

Phi Phi Islands

Limestone cliffs rising straight out of the crystal-clear emerald leave visitors in a trance, no wonder Phi Phi Island is highly favored among tourists. The place comprises six islands namely Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Leh.

It is a paradise for travellers for snorkelling, swimming and sightseeing. Its main attractions include the coral reefs and Viking Cave, Pileh Cove, Maya Bay and so on.

Phuket Big Buddha

A unique characteristic image of trust, Phuket's Big Buddha represents an adorable point of the island. This colossal statue is about 45 metres tall and therefore is visible effectively from afar.

Referred as the Phra Puttamingmongkol Akenakkiri Buddha by locals, it is 25 m crosswise over at the base.

Rua Shrine

Considered to be one among the oldest temples in the four islands of Phuket, the Temple of Ta Rua is the largest temple here. It is strikingly gorgeous due to its carved dragons and traditional Chinese paintings with vivid hues of red, green and gold.

In the hall, there are Kwan Yin statues (the Goddess of Mercy) of various sizes as well as other traditional Gods.

Phromthep Cape

Instagram fanatics, here is a great news: Phromthep Cape promises you your much-awaited perfect 'selfie'! The most photographed locale of Phuket has a lighthouse providing lovely views of the east and south-east portion of the island, besides the views of Phi Ohi Islands, Koi Racha Yai and Koi Racha Noi.

Retail Therapy in Phuket – the Ultimate Indulgence



Majority of the local markets are evening markets, as it is quite sultry during the day.

The largest hub for shopping malls is Patong. There is a large mall close to Bangla road known as 'Jungceylon'. They sell designer handbags, apparel, shoes, hats, art work, jewellery, DVDs and more.

Another hot favourite of shoppers is the Phuket Town weekend market. They are popular for their amazing collection of electronics, DVDs, make-up items, tourist souvenirs and lip-smacking delicacies like pork balls, buttered corn, grilled fish, grilled chicken, exotic Thai fruit, fried octopus to name a few!



Phuket was once a major trading route between India and China, frequently mentioned in foreign ship logs of the French, Portuguese, Dutch and English traders.

Fun and fulfilling conferences, fascinating natural charms and everlasting memories of unrivalled experiences – Phuket is fabulous in a word!



International Travel Expo Ho Chi Minh City 2018

The International Travel Expo Ho Chi Minh City 2018 (ITE HCMC 2018) will expect more than 300 international companies and brands to set up booth at the Saigon Exhibition & Convention Center on September 6th to 8th, 2018.

ITE HCMC 2018 is the largest and most established annual international travel trade event in the Mekong sub-region is now in its 14th edition, and features services and products for both inbound and outbound markets.

Domestic Participation in ITE HCMC 2018

The participants include the Department of Tourism (DOT) for several Vietnamese provinces, as well as various National Tourism Organisations (NTO) and Tourism Promotion Organisations (TPO) from top travel destinations in Asia.

There are over 30 DOTs from Vietnamese provinces and cities are expected to participate in this year's ITE HCMC, like Ben Tre, Binh Dinh, Danang, Daklak, Dong Nai, Dong Thap, Gia Lai, Hai Phong, Hanoi, Hue, Khanh Hoa, Lam Dong, Long An, Ninh Binh, Ninh Thuan, Quang Nam, Thua Thien Hue, Tien Giang, Vinh Long, and Vung Tau and many more.

International Participation in ITE HCMC 2018

The buyers and visitors will also find kiosks from India Tourism; Japan National Tourism Organization; Korea

When: September 6-8, 2018

Where: Saigon Exhibition & Convention Center, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Tourism Organization; Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board; Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Laos; Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia; Ministry of Tourism of Republic Indonesia; Myanmar Tourism; Nagoya City; Penang Global Tourism; Taiwan Tourism Bureau Bangkok Office; Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau; and Tourism Authority of Thailand (HCMC Office).

Confirmed International Exhibitors in ITE HCMC 2018

The companies from the tourism hotspots of Australia, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, will also be present here.

Hosted Buyers and Hosted Media Programme

Three hundred Hosted Buyers have also been invited in the show's International Hosted Buyers Programme, a long-standing and prominent feature in ITE HCMC. The buyers, like the exhibitors, will be able to book appointments

with sellers online, conduct buyer-seller meetings, and attend various networking functions during the three-day event.

Purpose of ITE HCMC 2018

The B2B Buyer-Seller meetings are a highly efficient and popular feature with almost 5,300 meetings conducted in last year's edition. The organisers anticipate a 15% increase in the B2B meetings this year. All hosted buyers, from leisure, corporate, MICE, luxury, and special interest travel companies, are carefully selected and approved by an Advisory Committee comprising of travel industry professionals from independent parties in the region. 30 international hosted members of the media and bloggers from prominent travel, lifestyle, tourism, and broadcast platforms will also be present, and they will enjoy a customised itinerary programme featuring curated pre- and post-show tours to enjoy the best of Vietnam.

The Only Travel Event Endorsed by the Tourism Alliance

ITE HCMC 2018 has become a prime platform for local and international industry players and leading brands to showcase their latest tourism products and services. The source for quality agents and distributors; and expand their business into Vietnam and the Mekong sub-region.

Scope for ITE HCMC 2018

ITE HCMC 2018 also provides attendees ample opportunities to build contacts, foster new relationships, and discover new business leads through activities and networking opportunities like the glitzy Grand Opening Ceremony and Gala Dinner; exclusive buyer-seller meetings; business matching and online pre-appointments; as well as seminars on key tourist markets and other tourism-related topics.

Organised by the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism, Ho Chi Minh City Department of Tourism, VINEXAD Trade Fair & Advertising JSC, and Informa Exhibitions, the exhibition is the only travel event endorsed by the Tourism Alliance of all five countries in the Mekong sub-region.

This includes the support from the Ministry of Tourism, Cambodia; the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, Lao PDR; the Ministry of Hotels & Tourism, Myanmar; and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Kingdom of Thailand. It is also endorsed by the Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism, Vietnam; and the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City.

Meeting Planners Russia

The annual edition of Meeting Planners Russia will take place on 10 and 11 September 2018 at Hotel InterContinental Tverskaya with a mission to enhance the MICE industry.

This long running workshop sees key worldwide destinations and MICE suppliers coming to Moscow in order to meet up with Russian and CIS event planners.

The selected hosted buyers are keen to find new business partners from various destinations and to discuss about their upcoming outbound MICE business.

The Hosted Buyers from leading outbound agencies as well as main corporate accounts will give 'acte de presence'. The corporate buyers are representing the strongest industries as Oil & Gas, IT and Pharmaceuticals, placing most outbound MICE business in international destinations.



When: September 10-11, 2018
**Where: Hotel InterContinental Tverskaya,
Moscow, Russia**



Business Development Director Asya Revina from Europe Congress said while discussing on the success and growth of Meeting Planners Russia, the events have reached over the years have been staggering. They are confident that the time they spend on thorough selection procedures and communication with the buyers have been paying off in terms of bringing high ROI to all participating Convention Bureaus, Tourism Bureaus and MICE suppliers. Many of the participating suppliers are returning yearly. They are looking to increase the values within for all participants, by improving the format, content and of course the outcome of the pre-scheduled and guaranteed meetings.

The 2018 forum in Meeting Planners will offer in total, two action-packed days, with pre-scheduled match-made face-to-face meetings, keynotes, networking, social sessions as luncheons and receptions.

The keynotes will be hosted by with the Meetology Lab. The Meetology Lab conducts in depth behavioral research to come to a better understanding why we communicate the way we do and how we can all improve ourselves professionally as well as personally. The Forum MC Jonathan Bradshaw, also CEO of the Meetology Lab will further host the destination promotions included in Europe Congress' forum programme every morning.

Key Benefits:

- 2-day exclusive B2B one-stop-shop forum;
- 30-40 pre-scheduled, match-made meetings;
- Boutique event with exclusive attendance;
- Max 60 destinations and providers only, assuring exclusivity;
- Keynote sessions by MICE industry experts;
- Varied event program with education, networking and socializing;
- Onsite supportive Europe Congress team
- High quality event setting and services
- 6th annual edition with proven business concept and results.

Agenda and Programme:

- Pre-scheduled and match-made one-to-one meetings
- Day networking, benchmarking and socializing in an inspiring environment
- Keynotes by industry experts addressing trending industry topics
- Social gatherings as coffee breaks, luncheons and receptions

Pacific Asia Travel Association's one of the signature events and Asia-Pacific's international travel trade exhibition PATA Travel Mart is featuring its networking and contracting opportunities to help travel and tourism organisations access decision makers, meet new clients, expand their networks, establish new relationships, and consolidate existing business partnerships.

This three-day event is expected to attract more than 1,000 delegates from over 60 countries, facilitating over 10,000 pre-matched appointments and bringing together qualified international buyers and sellers for face-to-face meetings, educational forums, and networking functions.

Besides the Mart, PTM 2018 will also include the Travolution Asia Forum in partnership with Travel Weekly Group, the World Tourism Forum Lucerne (WTFL) Start-Up Innovation Camp, the 2018 PATA Gold Awards Lunch and Award Presentation hosted by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), and PTM Talks, as well as various social functions for networking.

PTM 2018 will also once again feature a Digital Hub exhibition that provides online, tech, and digital marketing companies with the opportunity to boost brand awareness while contracting directly with relevant businesses and organisations in the tourism and travel industry.

When: September 12-14, 2018
Where: Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre (MIEC), Langkawi, Malaysia

Malaysia's Langkawi is the venue of PTM 2018. It is a tropical paradise known for its unrivalled natural beauty, friendly people, excellent food, duty-free shopping, and luxurious hotels and resorts. A cluster of 99 islands, Langkawi boasts emerald waters, stretches of white sandy beaches, and natural attractions. It is famed as one of the region's best holiday destinations, offering superb beach resorts, an international airport, picturesque golf courses, and well-equipped marinas.

Langkawi boasts with UNESCO Global Geopark in Southeast Asia, accorded for its geological formations dating back 550 million years comprising stunning landscapes, karsts, caves, sea arches, stacks, glacial dripstones, and fossils. The Langkawi SkyCab is offering some breathtaking views of the Andaman Sea and the Langkawi island group through an exhilarating cable car ride, with walking trails and viewing platforms offering panoramic landscapes at its middle and top stations. The Dataran Lang (Eagle Square) is situated near the Kuah Jetty and the most prominent landmark in Langkawi with its magnificent statue of the reddish brown eagle majestically poised for flight, from which Langkawi derives its name.

Hotel Management Asia Summit

Hotel Management Asia Summit is an independent and ultimate platform will return to Hong Kong on 27 September, 2018 at The Mira Hong Kong.

This event will come to address all key management, operational, commercial and financial challenges that impact corporate and property P&L. Here the tourism has been recovering and increases in overnight stays.

Yet, 2018 will escort in new hotel openings for both cities- Hong Kong and Macau. The coming of new hotels, and new brand will inject huge vibrancy into the Asian travel markets. While the existing hotels will face challenges in room rates due to the increased supply.

In addition, recent launched of various lifestyle hotels, luxury accommodations, co-living spaces and extended-stay products have added to the competition, giving a new impetus in travel business. As such, hoteliers must innovate and reinvent, in order to drive financial results.

Hotel Management Asia Summit in Hong Kong will explore the latest consumer trends and revolutionary business models to help inspire hotel industry leaders in their quests to reinventing their operations.

Hotel Management Asia Summit will focus on:

- Navigating the ever-changing distribution landscape
- Leveraging new consumer trends to grow rates and

When: September 27, 2018
Where: The Mira Hong Kong, Hong Kong

generate peripheral revenue

- Enhancing operational efficiency through technology adoptions
- Strategizing on segment mix and source markets to ensure competitiveness
- Developing talents and controlling overhead costs





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4th Hospitality Qatar is the country's premier International Hospitality and HORECA Trade Show that continues to be at the forefront in guiding local, regional, and international businesses to Qatar's emerging opportunities in the hospitality sector.

From 6 to 8 November at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC), in the heart of Doha, the exhibition will connect Hotel operators, HORECA suppliers, investors, and other industry professionals to display the latest products and solutions and discuss business partnerships.

With a keen focus on Hotel Supply and Design, Hotel Franchising and Investment, as well as Food and Beverages, Hospitality Qatar addresses the requirements of the key elements that make up rising hospitality industry of the country.

This event is a full-fledged platform that covers the HORECA market from every angle. The show offers a dedicated B2B Matchmaking program to help exhibitors and visitors of matching profiles meet and identify potential business opportunities. It also encompasses a wide range of dynamic concurrent events dedicated to HORECA specialists.

Hospitality Qatar Fostering Culinary Heritage

In 2017, Hospitality Qatar introduced a new complementary section, HQ-Food Qatar. This new addition in 2018 was solely dedicated to the food and

When: November 6-8, 2018

Where: Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre, Doha, Qatar

catering industry in Qatar. Qatar's food market presents a timely opportunity to claim market share and grow businesses. HQ-Food Qatar provides platform for food and agricultural produce traders, suppliers, manufacturers, and other industry specialists, to meet major Qatari buyers and sign sizeable deals.

Here are the other concurrent events:

Salon Culinaire

It is a signature culinary event that celebrates gastronomic excellence and creativity. The Salon will feature competitions and live demonstrations dedicated for top local and international chefs to showcase their skills and artistry across various scrumptious categories.

Live Cooking Competition

This will be a sizzling competition that will foster the skills and creativity of participating chefs to the test. Competitors will go head-to-head in this heated culinary face-off to present the finest dishes and claim the number one spot. It is a great chance for visitors to watch and learn from the very best.

Mocktail Competition

It is a juicy opportunity for best bartenders to exhibit their beverage knowledge and skills, and experiment with different flavors and ingredients to create unique Mocktails. The competition will highlight the best talent in town.



Barista Competition

It is a platform dedicated to the art of coffee making. This contest allows baristas to shine under the spotlight, express their passion, and stretch their imagination to serve classic coffee beverages and unique creations.



Bangladesh International Tourism Fair

8th Bangladesh International Tourism Fair is the country's biggest and most prestigious tourism event in 2018.

BITF 2018 will be held from 4th to 6th October 2018, at Bangabandhu international Conference Centre, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Dhaka. It is the world class conference center only centrally located as an upscale venue of the country giving easy access to all the national and international visitors.

It is mainly Business-to-Consumer event with little scope for B2B with vast presentation of international and national tour operators. Though mainly focused for out bound market but domestic products are showcased for visitors. Discounted tour packages for all types of customers are available at all stalls. This event will focus on the better communication of customers/ consumers with travel agents, tour operators, national / regional tourist organisations, government tourism departments, hotels, resorts, adventure tourism operators, airlines companies, car rental firms, Bangladesh railways and coach operators to give better services on different cruise lines, local guides, travel accessories & equipment for camping, biking, photography and amusement parks.

Bangladesh Foundation for Tourism Development (BFTD) is a nonprofit organization engaging for the development of local and regional tourism. BFTD conducts Road shows, FAM tours abroad establishing

When: October 4-6, 2018

Where: Bangabandhu International
Conference Centre, Dhaka

closer business contact with stake holders of neighboring countries.

The seminars on regional tourism will be organised, on request power presentation and B2B session are arranged for exhibitors. There are about ten neighboring countries will be participating along with high officials and cultural team. It is expected that the event will attract around 80,000 visitors including 100 foreign delegates.

8th Bangladesh International Tourism Fair will be inaugurated by Honorable Minister for Civil Aviation & Tourism in presence of Ambassadors, VIPs, and dignitaries.





2018 China (Guangdong) International Tourism Industry Expo

Successfully held for 13 years, China (Guangdong) International Tourism Industry Expo (CITIE 2018) gives an exposure to boost global tourism.

This event will be held in the Zone A of the China Import and Export Fair Complex in Guangzhou, China from September 7th to 9th, 2018.

Since 2005, CITIE focus on both B2B and B2C market to attract worldwide high-quality tourism destinations, service providers and suppliers, which is a professional platform sharing information, purchasing produce and business development for exhibitors and buyers.

CITIE 2018 has become the largest-scale international tourism exhibition in China. It covers a total area of 100,000 sqm, including the Belt and Road International Tourism Hall, China Holistic Tourism Hall, Tourism Hypermarket Hall, Tourism Gifts and Time-honored Brands Hall.

By taking the brand new destination image display, forward-looking think-tanks forum, diverse social activities and experiential tourism market and multiple other scenarios as breakthroughs, CITIE 2018 will show the best tourism destination resources around the world.

Previously, CITIE 2017 witnessed the participation of 55 countries, out of which the European countries accounted for 35% and the remote destination countries outside of Asia account for more than a half.

When: September 7-9, 2018
Where: China Import and Export Fair Complex, Guangzhou, China

There are more than 200 domestic and foreign travel agencies from Seychelles, Madagascar and Northern Mariana Islands, etc. joined the CITIE for the first time.

The number of new exhibitors increased by 80% compared with CITIE 2016. There were 56 introduction and marketing events and forums, about 20,000 professional buyers and 5,000 overseas buyers. The number of visitors was close to 500,000 person-times.



2nd Annual Global Hotels and Resorts

It is a 2-day conference organising by Bricca Consulting Pvt. Ltd, 2nd Annual Global Hotels and Resorts will be on 24th -25th September, 2018 at the GEM Centre in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

With an economic growth topping 6 per cent annually for more than 15 years, it's no surprise that Vietnam's cities are flourishing as never before.

From Da Nang to Hai Phong, and from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City - tourism is booming along with the country's economic fortunes.

2nd Annual Global Hotels and Resorts is attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which has always been a key part of Vietnam's external economic affairs. This conference focuses on Vietnam as an emerging market for luxury Hotels and Resorts.

Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) has come up with a master plan as Vietnam Tourism Development 2020 vision 2030 that includes boosting investment for Tourism Development and Tourism Management. They aim to increase GDP by 10% by 2020.

This plan also highlights an insight of the development of 7 tourism zones with specific tourism products 46 national tourist areas; 41 national tourist spots; 12 tourist cities and other key tourist spots.

This 2-day annual conference gives a knowledge sharing platform to the Delegates and Sponsors to

When: September 24-25, 2018
**Where: The Gem Centre –
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

network with the Speakers who are the Government Officials. This is the platform where government authorities and industry leaders will get an opportunity to network.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Identifying the significant market trends in the competitive hospitality market
- Understanding the needs of a diversifying market and discussing ways to tackle it
- FDI opportunities in Vietnam in 2018





Tourism, Hotel Investment & Networking Conference (THINC) Indonesia 2018

The 6th edition of Tourism, Hotel Investment & Networking Conference (THINC) Indonesia will return to Jakarta where all industry stakeholders come together for unparalleled networking opportunities and an engaging conference agenda.

It will give a chance to explore latest trends, identify new opportunities, exchange ideas, share best practices and foster new partnerships at the THINC Indonesia 2018.

After a successful run for four consecutive years in Bali, THINC Indonesia 2018 would have the Opening Reception held at the Artotel Thamrin on the 5th September, 2018 evening and the conference will start at 9 in the morning of the 6th at the Fairmont Hotel.

Hosted by Hotelivate, THINC Indonesia pioneered hotel investment conferences in the region. The event provides a platform for business leaders and key decision makers to deliberate on the development and direction of the growing Indonesian hotel and tourism industry.

Since its inception, the conference has been the founding grounds for some of the most defining hospitality trends in this part of the world. Each year, THINC Indonesia brings together nearly 250 industry stakeholders, business leaders and key decision-makers from close to 15 nations.

When: September 6, 2018
Where: Fairmont Jakarta, Indonesia

To continue with the ethos of the event and to capture the true essence of the Indonesian markets, the one-day conference programme this year will be more fast-paced and content-driven than ever before.

THINC Indonesia 2018 is featuring master classes, one-on-one interviews with industry stalwarts, keynote addresses by subject-matter experts and interesting panel discussions. It promises to raise the bar, offering true value-addition for a diverse range of attendees.



Organising by TBEX Event, TBEX North America 2018 is expecting to attract 650 travel bloggers, content creators, influencers, photographers, videographers, and travel brands from around the globe.

This year, it will be 21st travel media conference, which will be held at Corning Museum of Glass in Finger Lakes, New York.

Patti Hosking, TBEX Vice President said that the Finger Lakes region of New York was selected as host destination for TBEX North America 2018 because of its diversity of stories and experiences that travel bloggers will find there.

With the introduction of Gorilla Glass, Corning Enterprises has become an integral part of every content creator's daily life.

And from the world-class Finger Lakes Wine Country region to quintessential Americana found in the

When: September 11-13, 2018
Where: Corning Museum and Finger Lakes Wine Country, New York, U.S.

Gaffer District to the extraordinary outdoor adventure opportunities, TBEX North America 2018 attendees will discover a myriad of reasons to explore, enjoy, and share with their audience. The opportunities for discovery and storytelling are boundless.

TBEX North America 2018 co-hosts have organized several Pre-BEX tours for attendees, and a series of post-conference FAM trips for select bloggers and influencers. These tours and trips are specifically designed so that those who participate can share stories of their experiences in Finger Lakes, New York with the world through their social feeds and blog and websites.



OTDYKH Travel Market is one of the leading travel and tourism event in Russia, The word OTDYKH means “leisure”, which is exactly the central aspiration of this fair.

The annually travel event in Moscow is the perfect start for the upcoming winter season on the Russian inbound and outbound market.

The Dominican Republic will be the official sponsor of the tourismMoscow fair OTDYKH 2018, and will double its stand to 200 m².

The Dominican Republic will transfer to the Moscow fair its well-known atmosphere of popular festivals and visitors will enjoy the rhythms of its music, traditional dances,

When: September 11–13, 2018
Where: Expocentre Fairgrounds, Moscow, Russia

culinary offerings and the presentation of the immense tourist potential of the island, both for agents of the travel industry as for investors.

The Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) will be back to OTDYKH Leisure, this year as partner country. Japan National Tourism Organization stand will have 70 square meters, with exclusive design that will show to visitors the Japanese offer to tourists, with a comprehensive entertaining program including cooking corner with traditional Japanese foods.





TTG Travel Experience

TTG Travel Experience is a prestigious annual show organised by the Italian Exhibition Group for companies operating in the field of tourism.

This mammoth European B2B marketplace for tourism supply- and demand-side operators (attendance of 73,000 from 90 countries in 2017) is unrivalled, particularly as regards its offer for Italy as a destination, with almost all regions in attendance.

Within the Italy Area, alongside hundreds of companies, consortia, chains, product clubs and all the leading players, the Outdoor Hospitality area will provide an interactive and evocative space dedicated to the trendiest and most innovative forms of outdoor hospitality.

TTG Travel Experience rationalises the exhibition space to make it even easier for visitors to navigate, as each area can be seen as a macro product cluster.

The high-end and most exclusive offer of various sectors will be concentrated in Exclusive Travel Experience, with refined and original layouts to host the companies that set themselves apart in their offer of exclusive travel experiences, by destination or type.

TTG Travel Experience's B2B vocation is reflected in concrete proposals that bring operators together.

When: FIERA DI RIMINI
Where: October 12-14, 2018

These include Meet Your Destination, the online appointments diary that matches operators with Italian buyers specialising in the outgoing market, and the Meet & Matchspeed contact platform, which facilitates meetings with the buyers attending TTG Travel Experience.

Meet your Blogger is a tool designed to put operators in touch with experts in communication on social networks; while the workshop Travel & Association Day again gives exhibitors the opportunity to meet Italy's best and largest associations.

The companies at the show will be able to talk to more than 1,500 buyers, from Italy, Europe, North and South America, South East Asia, the Far East and the Arabian Gulf. Guided by TTG Travel Experience, the buyers will also have the opportunity to tour Veneto, Val d'Aosta, Campania and Lake Como.



The Hotel Show Dubai, Middle East's leading hospitality event returns this September and it is considered as the most hands-on hospitality experience to date.

This annual exhibition will be the gathering point of more than 30,000 international decision-makers. It is the premier platform for the Gulf's ever-growing hotel industry.

This event is renowned for being the one-stop shop where GMs, buyers, restaurateurs and developers can get their hands on products for every element of their guest experience – from décor, furniture and in-room technologies, to F&B supplies, gym and leisure equipment, and everything in between.

Now in its 19th year, this conference will be spread over seven halls at the Dubai World Trade Centre. It will offer a 360-degree showcase of modern hospitality with a show that educates, celebrates and defines both the present and future of the industry in the Middle East.

At the heart of that will be a raft of interactive features, live competitions and discussion seminars that will give a platform to those who are the lifeblood of the hotel and tourism industry, from housekeepers and sous chefs to property owners and franchisees.

When: September 16-18, 2018
Where: Dubai World Trade Centre

1. The Middle East Leadership Conference

The Hotel Show Dubai's three-day duration has highly-influential talks will welcome a pool of more than 50 speakers, all of whom will be of General Manager position or above, making it the forum for hospitality-based discussion, debate and learning.

2. The Middle East Housekeepers' League of Champions

A simple yet thrilling live concept: a pair of typical hotel rooms –complete with bedding, curtains, flooring and entertainment facilities – are set-up back to back...then trashed! There are two teams at a time compete head-to-head to put the room back to its original state in just seven minutes, with a knock-out competition whittling the predicted 30 entrants down to one eventual winner over three-days.

3. The Chef's Table

The Chef's Table will pit head chefs and their teams from 12 Middle Eastern hotels against each other in a timed cooking competition, where the ingredients won't be revealed until the countdown clock starts ticking.

Sponsored by Carrefour and judged by four expert chefs, led by Chef Uwe Micheel, President of the Emirates Culinary Guild, each three-hour battle will see three full lunches and three dinner menus cooked-up daily.

4. Huge number of attendees

Spread across sections dedicated to Interiors, Lighting & Design, Technology & Security, Operating Equipment, Bathroom & Sanitary Ware and HORECA, more than 600 exhibitor stands will fill The Hotel Show Dubai floor – with organisers expecting to welcome in excess of 30,000 visitors.



As, South America has huge potential in many countries in promoting tourism, SAHIC South America is an ultimate platform where all the tourism industry leaders meet.

SAHIC South America is going to feature four influential industry leaders and innovators: Elie Maalouf, CEO, The Americas of IHG and Fernando Poma, Vice President and Managing Director, Real Hotels & Resort, Grupo Poma and Herman Bern, President & Founder of Empresas Bern will represent the lodging industry and talk to issues and concerns that impact hotel owners, operators and brands on a global basis.

Additionally, speaker and peace leader Chef Juan Manual Barrientos, will share his “food for thought” with a keynote aptly titled “A Powerful Recipe for Colombia's Peace.”

Maalouf, Poma, Barrientos and Bern will address nearly 400 hospitality developers and executives with interest in South America to share their vision and insights regarding any and all aspects of travel, tourism, hospitality and development including expansion of travel accessibility to the continent, and

When: September 24-25th 2018
Where: Inter Continental Medellín, Colombia

perspectives about the nuances of conducting business in the region.

SAHIC South America 2018 is the leading conference organizer for hotel and tourism investment in Latin America that promotes business and real estate projects in the region. SAHIC is an annual conference with its location rotating every year through different cities in South America.



When: 13th - 14th July 2018

**Where: Hyderabad International
Convention Centre, Hyderabad, Telangana**



With an excellent response from more than 930 travel trade visitors and 900 walk-in visitors, and with the support from Ministry of Tourism of Government of India, State Tourism Boards and National Tourist Offices, Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) in Hyderabad concluded giving an excellent platform in showcasing varied tourism products as exhibitors from 12 countries and 19 Indian states.

Inaugurated by Panyala Bhoopathi Reddy, Chairman, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation and B Manohar Rao, Managing Director (FAC), Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation, TTF Hyderabad became the heaven of dignitaries and senior tourism officials.

Expressing his happiness on visiting TTF, Panyala Bhoopathi Reddy, Chairman, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation said that TTF is a great platform for learning about tourism developments in different countries and states and it gives a chance to accept these policies to improve varied tourism products. The organisers of TTF have done an excellent work in bringing all the countries and state together under one umbrella.

B Manohar Rao, Managing Director (FAC), Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation mentioned,

organised for 15 years now TTF Hyderabad has also helped the general public in knowing about various destinations where they can enquire about the destination and book them.

The participants from different countries have participated here and helped in boosting the local tourism.

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau participated with a large delegation as the Partner Country and Bahrain was the Feature Country. India, China, Dubai, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Russia, Switzerland and Thailand were the other countries represented in TTF Hyderabad. Among the Indian states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh participated as Host States and Goa, Gujarat and Karnataka were the Partner States.

About 24 corporates and 160 travel trade buyers from all over India were hosted for the show within the show venue hotel Novotel, attached to HICC. The hosted buyers have pre-scheduled appointments with exhibitors, using online diary.

Sanjiv Agarwal, Chairman and CEO, Fairfest Media Ltd said that this show is a leading travel trade show that no one can miss. He added that HICC gave an excellent exhibition facility within a hotel premises with possible communication with buyers and sellers. He also hoped that 2019 TTF Hyderabad will come up with excellent new features.

One of the premier autumn professional tourism event in Kazakhstan, Astana Leisure 2018 focuses on the tourism potential of Kazakhstan, trends of autumn and winter seasons, the most convenient air flights, informative workshops, favorably priced solutions and special proposals for recreation, innovations in tourism industry.

Popularization of tourism, coverage of its contribution to the economy of the world community, the development of relations between the peoples of different countries are the main purposes of the event, which are fully shared by the exhibition organizers, Iteca LLP.

Participating Countries in Astana Leisure 2018

Number of participating countries in Astana Leisure 2018 will be from Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Russia, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

Sections in Astana Leisure 2018

The traditional section “Medical tourism” will present the process of medical treatment abroad: from advice on choosing a clinic to obtaining a visa and a pleasant journey. This format allows visual demonstrating and effective presenting services for diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation in health care establishment, not only to the end users, but

When: 26-28 September, 2018

Where: Exhibition Centre Korme, Astana, Kazakhstan

also to potential agents, which in the future will sell the product on the market. Among the announced participants are clinics, travel agencies and health resorts from Georgia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Turkey and Ukraine.

A journey through the unique and uncharted expanses of Kazakhstan may happen right at the exhibition, thanks to the exposition of the regional Departments of Tourism, which will unleash the immense potential of Kazakhstan as a tourist destination. In addition to the tourism industry trends, new price offers and packages, Astana Leisure 2018 will present educational activities, special programmes and promotions for travel agents and informative workshops.

The organizers of the Exhibition Astana Leisure 2018 are the Exhibition Company Iteca (Kazakhstan) and ITE Group Plc (Great Britain).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31st - Aug 1st

6th Annual MICE India & Luxury Travel Congress

Venue: Delhi, India

www.miltcongress.com



3rd -5th August

IITM Chennai

Chennai, India

www.iitmindia.com/



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www.travelofair.in



Aug 21 - 22

The Travel Industry Exhibition

Sydney, Australia

www.travelindustryexpo.com.au

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Mumbai, India
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Thinc Indonesia
Jakarta, Indonesia
www.thincindonesia.com

Sep 5th -6th
IBTM Americas
Mexico City, Mexico
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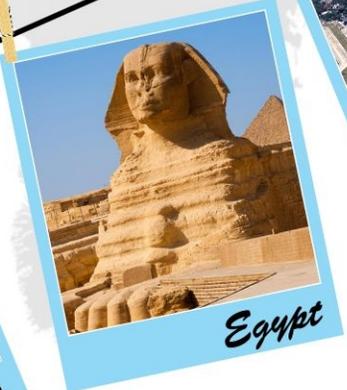


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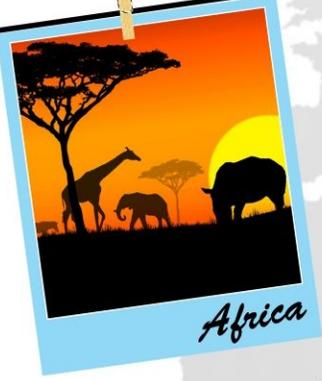
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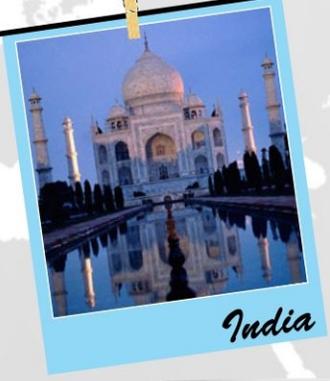
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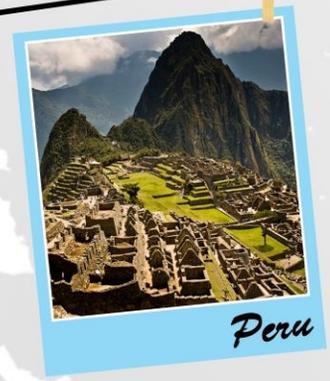
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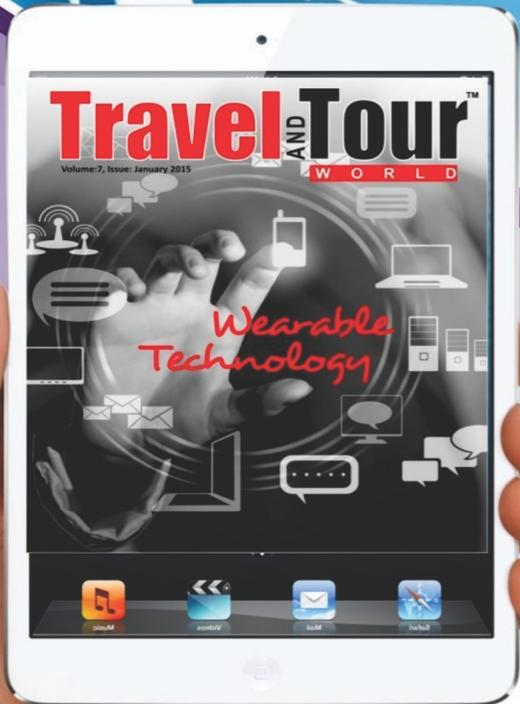
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