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Editor's note

Little by little, one travels far — J.R.R. Tolkien

The desire to know the unknown, to see the unseen and to experience that which has never been attempted before; these are programmed into our DNA. It is this very urge that made early explorers to set sail and discover new land. For us, fortunately, that meant more countries to visit.

But somewhere along the way, this spirit of adventure and our desire for new sights, tastes and experiences became dormant. Blame it on back-to-back meetings, tight schedules and deadlines. It's about time we rekindled the wonder of travel

and set out to explore new lands ourselves. Little by little, one destination at a time.

This brings to mind the number of countries I have holidayed so far. Out of the 100 countries where RCI has resorts, I have been to 26 of them—it's still a long way to go.

In this issue of Endless Vacation we bring you a mix of Indian and International destinations. Get awestruck by the majestic Alps in Picture Perfect **Switzerland** (pg.28), marvel at Antoni Gaudi's creations in **Spain** (pg.42), be young and free in **Orlando** (pg.34), venture forth into **Las Vegas** (pg.31) and explore **Pennsylvania** (pg.24)

where the great American nation was born.

Looking for shorter hauls? We have, featuring for the first time, **China** (pg.20) and **Southeast Asia** for you (pg.22).

Closer home we have evergreen **Munnar** (pg.14), **Coorg** (pg.17), **One and Only Goa** (pg.10) and **Corbett** (pg.7).

To help you get acquainted with RCI better, we have **Your RCI Holidays at a Glance** (pg.26) and it is always a joy for us to introduce our new affiliates: JC Residency Madurai and Kodaikanal (pg.49, 50), Nest 'N Mist in Wayanad (pg.47), Club Mahindra Hatgad (pg.45) and Anaikatti - By the Siruvani, a Sterling Holidays resort (pg.46).

In other words, you have a lot more destinations to explore in 2017. And I hope this issue serves as an appetizer to plan your next trip.

Happy holidaying to you!

Pali Badwal

Pali Badwal,
Managing Director

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS



Life refreshed—Bali

▲ The sight of the high ceilinged entrance to the property in Candidasa, Bali has the power to rejuvenate even the weariest of travellers. Throughout the course of our stay, the staff left no wish of ours unfulfilled. From organizing wonderful snorkelling trips to the delicious food waiting for us on our return, no stone was left unturned in their service. The island served us up a wide range of touristy pleasure. A regular day started off with an early morning swim in the company of some beautifully coloured fish, followed by visits to temples rounded off by seafood dinner on the beach. Nowhere else in the world would you be able to pack such an eclectic mix of activities into a single day. Bali was therapeutic in so many ways. And the property at Rama Candidasa and its staff made it one that we'll never forget. We are grateful to RCI Bangalore for suggesting this resort. Our trip was possible only because of the RCI team.

— Prosenjit Purkayastha
Club Mahindra Holidays



Sweet memories—Poovar

▲ Club Mahindra Poovar is a beautiful property right on the lake with stunning views. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay with our children and grandchildren. The staff was very caring, helpful and accommodating. We loved the meals, especially all the breakfast. Our children enjoyed the seafood dinner - "Malabar Shake" organized outdoors, on the lawn. During the stay, the icing on the cake was the upgrade to the villas for a night. It offered a very unique and serene stay. Overall the environment was superb. We would highly recommend this resort to all families and couples. We would love to spend our time again over there.

— Kirit Dalal
Sterling Holidays



Happiness is a place—Ooty

▲ Due to sickness of my wife, Mrs. Sonita, I had to go alone on vacation. In spite of being alone, the location of the resort on a hilltop overlooking the valley, its ambience and aesthetics etc. did not let me feel lonely. The room was very spacious and well-equipped. The buffet dinner and breakfast menu was exhaustive. The chef was very thoughtful about timely serving of dishes and the staff was very efficient too. The ambience and interior of the restaurant and other seating areas were very appealing. It prompted me to indulge into photography in a professional manner. On the visiting cards of all resort personnel it was mentioned, "Creator of Happy Holidays". While this may be one of the core values of Sterling Holidays, I experienced that everyone actually lived up to it and demonstrated it to make guests happy. I returned happy and fully satiated and give cent-percent marks to all who made my holidays memorable.

— Hemant Kataria
The Resort Country Club

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*Why should your holiday be ordinary,
when you can make it extraordinary?*



Well, now at our newly refurbished resort in Goa, you can. Check out our swanky new restaurant, reception, spa and kid's area. We have also added new pots and pans, crockery, furniture, curtains, and whatnot; just to ensure your holiday is nothing less than royal. While you'll notice many changes out here, our legendary hospitality however remains the same.



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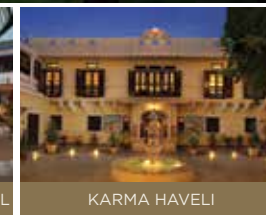
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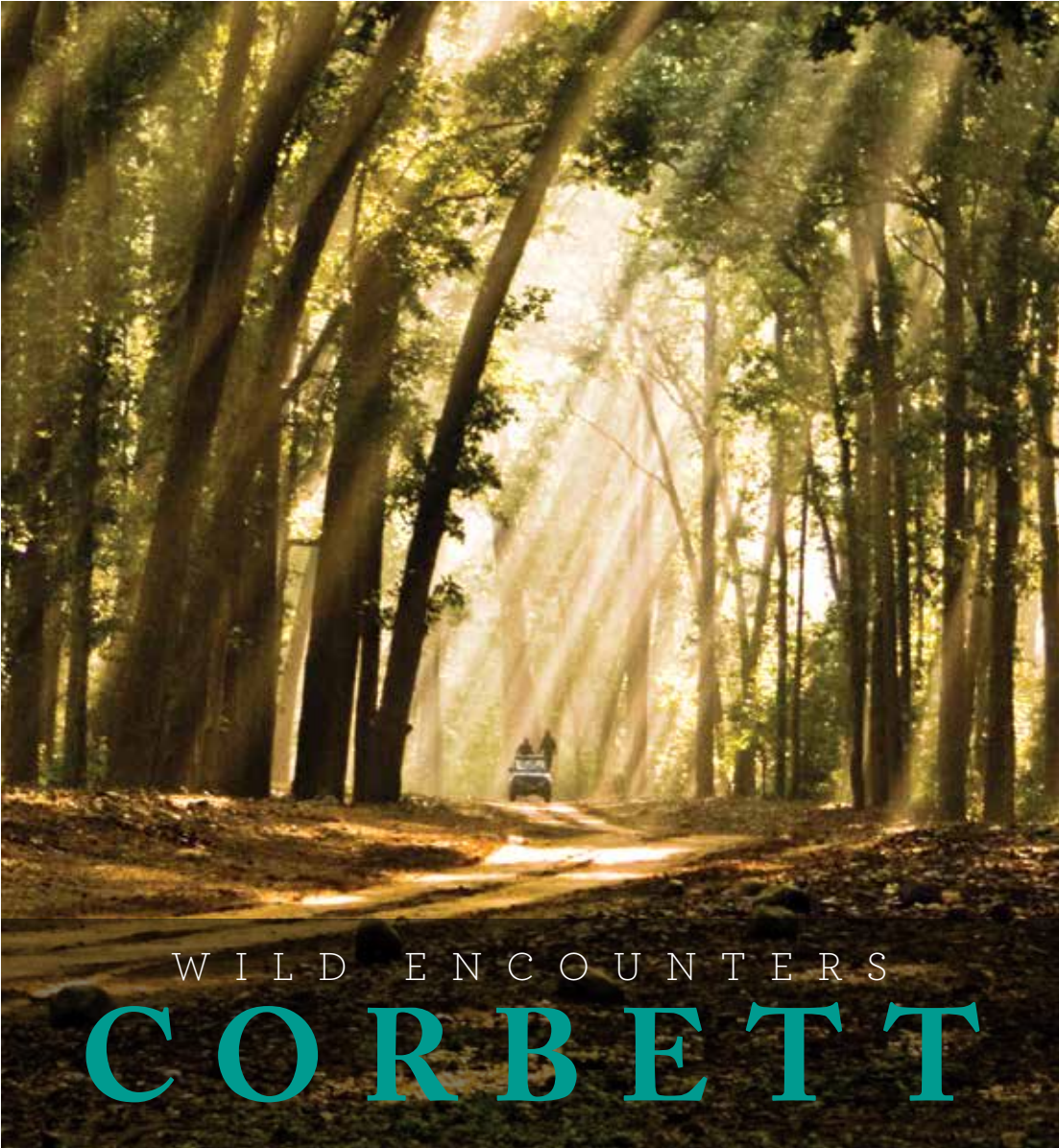


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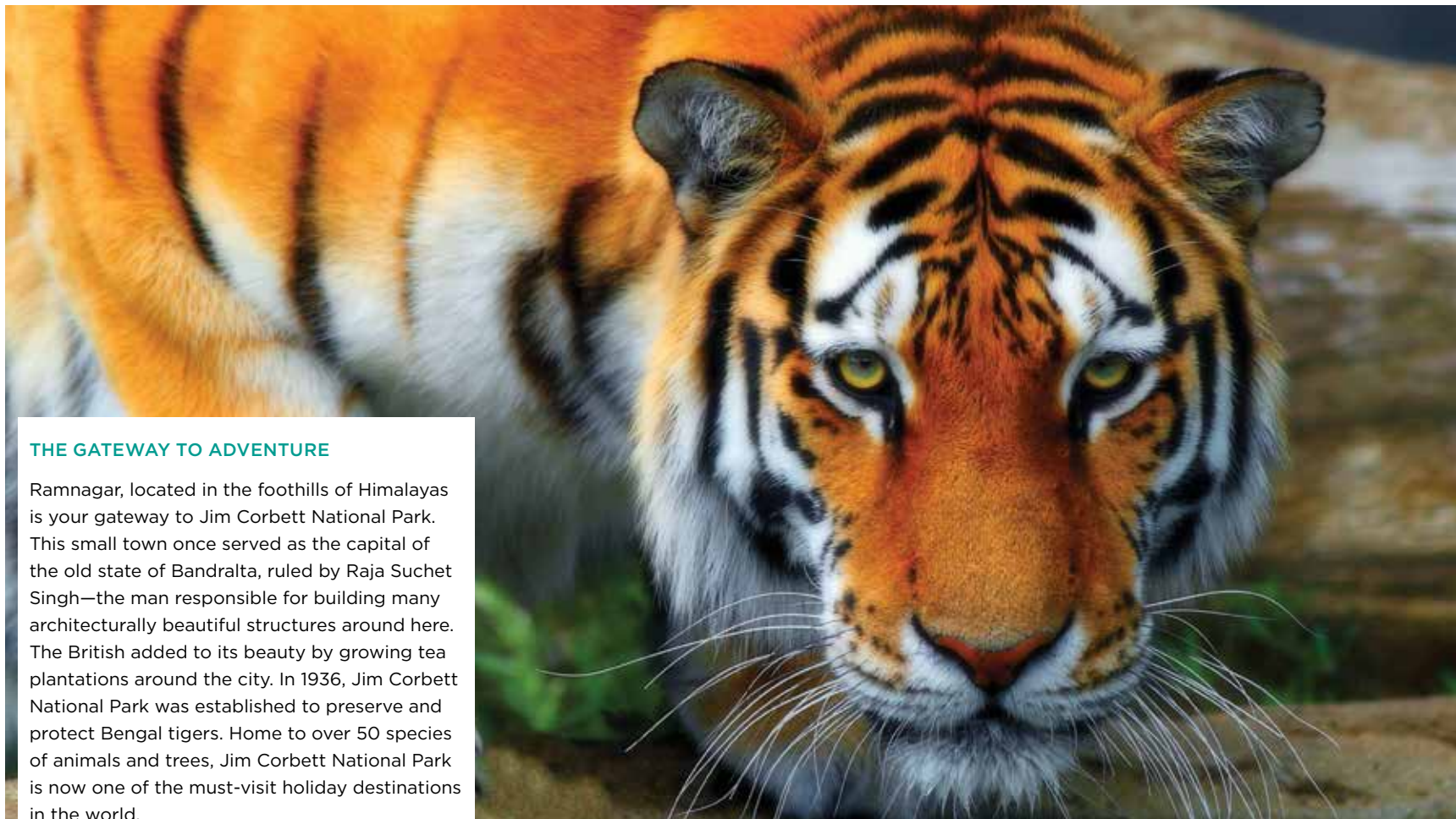


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'A tiger doesn't lose sleep over the opinion of sheep'. We have seen this quote floating around Facebook or as a friend's status update. But when you really spot a tiger, going about its business, you'll realize that tigers don't give a hoot about anyone's opinion. At Corbett, located in Ramnagar, you have the opportunity

(if you are lucky) to spot the Royal Bengal Tigers. There's nothing quite like watching these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. Then of course, there are the Asiatic elephants and other large variety of flora and fauna to explore at this world-famous National Park. Welcome to the wild!



THE GATEWAY TO ADVENTURE

Ramnagar, located in the foothills of Himalayas is your gateway to Jim Corbett National Park. This small town once served as the capital of the old state of Bandralta, ruled by Raja Suchet Singh—the man responsible for building many architecturally beautiful structures around here. The British added to its beauty by growing tea plantations around the city. In 1936, Jim Corbett National Park was established to preserve and protect Bengal tigers. Home to over 50 species of animals and trees, Jim Corbett National Park is now one of the must-visit holiday destinations in the world.

JIM CORBETT NATIONAL PARK

Located in Uttarakhand, Corbett National Park (Ramnagar) is a very popular tourist spot. The National Park is named after the hunter-turned-conservationist James Edward "Jim" Corbett, and is one of the oldest National Parks in the country. Jim Corbett National Park is also one of the nine tiger reserves created in 1973, when Project Tiger was launched by the Government of India.

EXCITEMENT GUARANTEED

Corbett National Park provides jungle safaris. One can opt for jeep, elephant-

back or canters for this thrilling adventure. Every moment of the safari is filled with anticipation as you go deep into the jungle. While spotting the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger is not a guarantee, the trip will provide oodles of excitement for everyone. To avoid disappointment, book your safari well in advance.

Corbett National Park offers a range of other outdoor activities as well, including river crossing, rappelling, rock climbing and angling. It is the ideal place for birdwatching as well, with thousands of different species of birds nesting in the area. Tourist spots,

like the Garjiya Devi Temple, Corbett Museum, Corbett Falls and the Getheryo Library are located close to Corbett City as well.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The park is open throughout the year. However, the core buffer zone is closed during monsoon. Between October to February are the ideal months to sight birds and tigers. Between March to June are the ideal months to sight wild animals in their natural habitat. Between July to September are the ideal months for trekking and walking activities. Between November to July, tourists can view all the attractions offered by the wildlife at Corbett National Park.



HOW TO REACH

Corbett National Park is easy to reach. The nearest airports are Delhi and Pantnagar, about 250 km and 121 km away from the park, respectively. The park is well connected by road as well, with many buses plying to Ramnagar, which acts as a gateway to the National Park. Many trains also stop at Ramnagar and Nainital, which is about 65 km away from Jim Corbett National Park.

Plan your sight-seeing so that you make time to visit all the attractions the National Park has to offer. 📍



STAY

 RCI affiliated resorts in Corbett include:

- C347** Club Mahindra Corbett
- D633** Corbett Wild Iris Spa And Resort
- DC63** Sterling Corbett-Treetop Riverview
- D634** The Golden Tusk
- A962** The Riverview Retreat
- D564** The Solluna Resort
- D901** Tuskar's

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The One and Only Goa

Goa is truly a heaven for holidayers looking to let down their hair and simply be themselves. This freedom coupled with Goa's sun, sea and seafood makes it a favourite among Indian and foreign nationals alike. Simply, there is nothing quite like it.

“As you set foot in Goa, a sudden sense of holiday spirit floods over you. Even a seasoned business traveller on his routine trip will attest to this fact. Despite its size, Goa earned itself a position as one of the hottest holiday destinations not just in India, but also in the world. So, what helped put this tiny state on the west coast of India, on the world map? Let's find out.”

LAND OF LIBERTY

Goa, the smallest state in India, is now synonymous with holiday, relaxation and good times; and with good reasons too. For starters, Goa is incredibly liberal. The

Portuguese who ruled Goa back in the day were known to be quite liberal too. Call it the influence of the past, but you can simply be yourself and enjoy your holiday. Dress as you like, do as you wish, and go where you like—true freedom.

THE BEST OF BEACHES

A Goan holiday isn't complete unless you explore both North and South Goa. While there are endless debates as to which part of Goa is better, we leave it to the various blogs and websites to do that. For there is only one way to find out: by visiting them yourself.

While the North Goan beaches are known for its parties, watersports and street food, the pristine South Goan beaches are more relaxed and great to unwind. Take the time to visit Arambol Beach, Mandrem Beach and Ashvem Beach in North Goa—these are some of the best places where you can soak up the sun and simply relax. Some of the best spots in South Goa include Palolem, Polem, Patnem and Rajbagh beaches.



Basilica of Bom Jesus



Dudhsagar Falls



St. Augustine's Tower

Old Goa, once an affluent city in Asia was referred to as the 'Rome of the East'. Step back in time visiting this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Basilica of Bom Jesus, Se Cathedral, St. Augustine's Tower and Archeological Museum are some places that provide a glimpse into the time gone by.



BEYOND BEACHES

While Goa and its beaches are always mentioned together, there is more to the state than just the beaches. And the best way to see the true magnificence of the place is by renting a bike. You will see coconut palms, lazy rivers (Terekhol, Zuari and Mandovi), majestic falls (Dudhsagar Falls) and the simple beauty of nature all around you. If you are a nature enthusiast, visit the Sahyadri mountain—the vast expanse of greenery is sure to awe you.

A SHOPPER'S PARADISE

If you go to Goa, you just have to shop. From junk jewellery to gothic accessories and hippie clothing, bamboo and shell work to brassware, you can find a great variety of items on sale in the many Goan markets. Walk into the busy Mapusa Market—a very popular market among locals and visitors alike. Here, you can buy a range of things including traditional handicrafts, antiques, textiles, spices, homemade pickles and much more. The flea market in Anjuna is held weekly on Wednesdays and it offers an exquisite range of artifacts. Apart from clothes, footwear, jewellery, it also has local handicrafts and spices. The Calangute Market on Calangute beach is a great place to buy jewellery and sarongs, as well as trinkets made of seashells, metal, clay and leather. Mackie's Night Bazaar, at River Baga, is held between November and April and is a great place to pamper yourself, shop and gorge on delectable food. Added to this is the presence of live local bands performing an eclectic mix of music. What more can you ask for.



Tiger Prawns

A TREAT TO YOUR TASTE BUDS

Goa gives you the chance to gorge on delicious seafood that is worth every penny you pay. Lobsters, Tiger Prawns, Fish Steaks and more, along with traditional food, like Sorpotel, Solkadhi, Vindaloo and Xakuti, are simply to die for. You can ask for recommendations and make lists of restaurants to eat at, so you get a taste of traditional Goan food. Some of the must-try restaurants include Britto's, Infantaria, Thalassa, Martins Corner and The Upper House—each restaurant offers you a variety of cuisines that will blow you away! Magic Park, in Arambol, serves delectable vegan gourmet food. 🍴

STAY



RCI affiliated resorts in Goa include:

- 5890** Averina Beach
- D554** Club Mahindra Emerald Palms, Goa
- 4883** Club Mahindra Varca Beach, Goa
- DC75** Hard Rock Hotel Goa
- 3726** Karma Royal Benaullim
- 4129** Karma Royal Haathi Mahal
- 3820** Karma Royal Monterio
- 3594** Karma Royal Palms
- 5743** Lotus Suites Goa
- C908** Palmarinha Resort & Suites
- 5677** Phoenix Park Inn - Goa
- D034** Sterling Goa-Club Estadia
- C766** Sterling Goa-Villagio Inn
- DC67** Toshali Goan Village Resort

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M Matchless Munnar

All hill stations have some common characteristics: High altitude, cool climate, lush greenery, misty mountains and those ubiquitous souvenir shops. However, not all of them are the same. Munnar with its emerald green tea plantations, pristine water bodies, spice plantations and cattle breeding farms proves just that.



“Munnar remained unknown to the world till about 1870s. It was discovered by John Daniel Munro, the British Resident of the then Travancore kingdom, who simply fell for Munnar’s beauty.”

A sea of green way above the sea level

Situated 1,600 m above the mad rush of city life, this South Indian hill station is a must-visit. Or even worth repeat visits, we would say. Located in Idukki District of Kerala, Munnar has more to offer than one would imagine. As you drive along the winding roads that cut through miles and miles of tea gardens, keep your eyes wide open and your camera ready. There’s simply so much to capture. Stop by, take a stroll and watch the tea pickers go about their daily duty. Maybe even take a snap with them. Breathe in the crisp air mingled with the fragrance of freshly produced tea from the nearby tea factories. So much of freshness filling the lungs is a feel-good experience.

GETTING AROUND MUNNAR

Munnar is vast (spread across 557 sq mi) and offers so much that a week is the minimum you will need to cover them all. We will touch upon some of the places that make Munnar one of the favourite hill stations in India.

Eravikulam National Park

Spread over 97 sq km, Eravikulam National Park (13 km from Munnar) is a sought after destination. It is home to rare flora, fauna and wildlife. The Nilgiri Tahr, an endangered species of mountain goat can be spotted here.

Anamudi

Anamudi, the highest point in India (outside the Himalayan Mountain Ranges) is located in the core area of Eravikulam National Park. Standing 2,695 m high, this peak is the pride of Kerala. Anamudi is one of Munnar’s most visited attractions frequented by wildlife lovers and photo enthusiasts.

Mattupetty

A 13 km scenic drive from Munnar town will take you to Mattupetty hills. Enjoy a time of pedal boating in the lake here, while the lush green rolling hills make for a perfect backdrop to your selfies.

Tata Tea Museum

Seeing miles of tea gardens without end, you might wonder, how it all came to be. Precisely why the Tata Tea Museum was created: to show and educate people like you, as to what goes on behind the making of that hot cuppa you enjoy every morning.

A Foodie's Delight

Munnar will not fail to delight the foodie in you. And the best way to experience the place is to eat like a local. Try out the Kerala vegetarian Thali or the Rice and Fish Curry cooked in coconut oil. If a light snack is what you crave for, stop by the local restaurants and try some hot Vadas, Bondas and Bhajis. They go best with hot tea.



How to get there

Munnar is about 105 km drive from Cochin International Airport. The nearest railway stations are Alwaye and Kottayam; about 114 km and 143 km respectively. 📍

DID YOU KNOW?

Every once in twelve years Munnar witnesses the natural phenomenon of Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*) blooming. To watch this shrub cover the Munnar hills in variations of blue, there's a waiting period of one more year.

STAY

RCI affiliated resorts in Munnar include:

- DC73** Club Mahindra Mount Serene
- 4800** Club Mahindra Munnar
- 3720** Sterling Munnar-Terrace Greens
- 3470** The Tall Trees, Munnar

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Anamudi Peak



Mattupetty



Mountain Goat

COORG TOP 10 Places to see

*Two paths diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the less travelled by
And that has made all the difference
— Robert Frost*

Everyone, without exception, comes to that fork in the road while making decisions. Here, Robert Frost says he took the road less travelled by, and that made all the difference. Sure, he wasn't referring to going on a holiday. But it still holds true when it comes to making a decision as to where to holiday. We say, do it the Frost way! Take the road less travelled this season. Coorg is one such place that offers quite a lot of options. We bring you ten offbeat locations in and around Coorg that are packed with adventure and excitement. Go on and explore.

1 KUMARA PARVATHA If you are up for challenges, Kumara Parvatha is your place to go to. Located on the scenic Pushpagiri Hills, Kumara Parvatha provides plenty of trekking trails. It is considered to be one of the most difficult mountains to climb in South India, with its steep ascent and thick forests. But the challenge comes with great reward too. The 7 hour long trek takes you to a point where low clouds and stunning views await you.



2

BYLAKUPPE An hour's drive from Madikeri Town will take you to Bylakuppe—South India's largest Tibetan settlement. For a moment you will feel you've reached Tibet. The stunning architecture of the Namdroling Monastery will be the first thing you notice. Its striking contrast with the surrounding structures makes it unmissable. Walk around and take in the sights and vibrant colours. The landscapes around the monastery is truly captivating.



3 RAJA'S SEAT During weekends couples flock to multiplexes and malls. But if you want to know how the kings of yore spent quality time with their better halves, head to Raja's Seat in Madikeri. The garden, which used to be a favourite picnic spot of the Rajas, continues to attract crowd even to this day. The garden situated on top of a hill overlooks misty mountains and forests. The seasonal garden, the greenery and the exquisite views will tell you why this place was one of their favourite hang outs.



4 DUBARE ELEPHANT CAMP It is said that elephants don't forget things easily. Well, neither will you forget your trip to Dubare Elephant Camp. Located on the banks of River Cauvery, the camp has close to 150 elephants. Here, tourists get the chance to get close to these gigantic creatures. Feed them jaggery, sugarcane, banana, ragi and give a scrub as they take a shower in the river. Kids and adults alike will have guaranteed fun here.

5 VALANOOR FISHING CAMP Try out your fishing skills at the quiet atmosphere of Valanoor Fishing Camp. Located near Dubare, on the backwaters of Cauvery, Valanoor is one of the most beautiful angling sites in Karnataka. The fish found here include Maral and Golden Masheer. Prior permission must be obtained for an entry into the camp.



6 ABBEY FALLS The clear white Abbey falls is located between thick private coffee plantations and spice estates. A short 8 km drive from Madikeri takes you to this popular tourist spot. Once you get down from your vehicle, walk in the direction of the roar of the falls. You will reach a hanging bridge from where you can view this spectacular falls.



7 NAGARAHOLE NATIONAL PARK Wildlife enthusiasts seeking adventure and great photo opportunities can make their way to the famous Nagarahole National Park. Once an exclusive hunting reserve of the rulers of the Kingdom of Mysore, the park is home to a large number of tigers, leopards and elephants. The open sightlines along the Kabini riverbank make for great wildlife watching. The best time to visit is during April to May or November to February.

8 TADIANDAMOL The pride of Coorg, Tadiandamol stands 1746 m above sea level and is the tallest peak in Coorg. It is said that on a clear sky day you can view the distant Arabian Sea from here. Almost every trekking related blog makes a mention of this peak. Located in Kakkabe Town, Tadiandamol is another must-visit for trekkers. It offers scenic views of blue mountains often visited by low hanging clouds.

9 MADIKERI FORT Amidst the lush greenery and coffee plantations of Coorg stands the Madikeri Fort. This 17th century Fort, built by Mudduraja, was originally made of mud. Later, the great Tipu Sultan rebuilt the structure using granite and named it Jaffarabad. Then arrived the British and contributed to its history by constructing an Anglican Church within the fort. As you make your way into the fort, two majestic stone elephants stand here to welcome you inside. The church also houses a museum; the swords, costumes, guns and books displayed here transport you to a bygone era.



10 BARAPOLE RIVER RAFTING Coorg not only has scenic beautiful hills and waterfalls. Get out and push your limits at the Barapole River Rafting camp. The high-performance river rafting will take you on an adrenaline pumping 2 hour long ride. Don't worry if you are new to rafting. You will be trained by experts and provided with all necessary safety equipments. No, you don't need to know swimming to participate. It is ideal for beginners as well as non-swimmers. 🛶



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A JOURNEY TO MYSTERIOUS CHINA

China can leave you speechless. There is mystery, breathtaking beauty and a host of World Heritage Sites in this land.

China, one of the longest civilizations in history is also one of the most mysterious countries in the world. For instance, there remains a lot of ambiguity surrounding the construction of 'The Great Wall'. It is not one wall to begin with (A total of 16 fragmented walls constructed by different dynasties over several centuries complete this world wonder). Or, why did Emperor Qin need a battalion of 8,000 Terracotta Army to protect him, that too, in his afterlife? The Forbidden City in the heart of Beijing has its own share of mystery too. If you have a Sherlock Holmes residing in you, hop on,

pack your bags and see what you can uncover from this land.

THE GREAT WALL Twenty-one thousand one hundred and ninety-six point one eight kilometers (21,196.18 km). Now that's the official length of the Great Wall. (Kashmir to Kanyakumari is only 2,856 km). Your trip to China is only complete with a visit to this architectural marvel. A short trip from Beijing, The Great Wall will surely live up to its reputation. Don't forget to pick up some souvenirs from the shopping kiosks near the Mutianyu section of the wall. This also happens to be the most

According to legend, the dragon is a benevolent and strong creature that possesses great powers. The Chinese perform dragon dance during New Year.



magnificent, fully-restored section of the Great Wall.

TERRACOTTA ARMY

Considered to be one of the biggest archeological discoveries, the Terracotta Soldiers are sure to blow your mind. Emperor Qin, the mastermind behind this now-world wonder, created this massive army to protect him in his afterlife.


The fact that each of these life-sized soldiers have a different facial expression make it very mysterious. Located in Xi'an, the museum is open all through the year for tourists.



depending on the time you have in hand.

HOW TO REACH Beijing, the capital city of China, is your point of entry to these heritage sites. The Great Wall and the Forbidden City can easily be accessed from Beijing. The Terracotta Army Museum can be reached from Xi'an. Both the cities are well connected by high-speed trains. The journey takes about 5 hours. 🚄

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Southeast Asia

The ever-intriguing Indonesia, the beaches of Malaysia and the endless water-sports of Philippines invite you. Come, explore!



Philippines

7,000 islands, serene beaches and crystal clear water make Philippines 'the place' to visit for water-enthusiasts. Give a shot at scuba diving and surfing, quite popular pastimes here. The must-see beaches you can try out are Boracay Island, El Nido, and Camiguin Island. The White Beach in Boracay is rated as one of the Top 10 in the world.

The locals, known as Filipinos, are friendly and warm. They

ensure you feel at home and make your time here pleasant. One way to explore the countryside is by travelling on a Jeepney, the most popular public transport in Philippines. Open, windy and covered in graffiti, these vehicles

help get a sense of the place from a local's perspective. A must-try. 🇵🇭



Jeepney

activities in Malaysia, from diving to snorkelling and more.

The best of the cultural contrasts in Malaysia is evident especially in Penang. Don't forget to spend some quiet time at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town.

The authentic Malaysian cuisine makes the country a haven for food lovers. From the scrumptious Roti Canai and Chicken Satay to Nasi Kerabu and Nasi Lemak, your options are plenty.



Chicken Satay

up the sun, explore new lands, indulge in new tastes and shop till you drop. Malaysia with its rich culture and amazing sights offers undescrivable experiences. The land is literally a melting pot of cultures—Asian, Chinese, Indian and Southeast Asian.

The beaches here, in a word, are beautiful. Relax on Redang's amazing beaches, sunbathe on the Langkawi beach or simply chill out at the beaches at Perhentian Islands. Engage in various water sports and

Jakarta, the bustling capital city, is a melting pot of Indonesian cultures and ethnicities. Start exploring the rest of Indonesia from this metropolis. It provides great connectivity to the rest of the country. Bali, with its beaches, lush greenery, surfing scene, rice fields and ancient monuments makes a world-class holiday spot. Also, explore the rich marine-life diversity (the largest in the world) of Raja Ampat. It is rated as one of the best diving sites in the world.



Raja Ampat

Malaysia

Malaysia has everything you can think of to make your holiday a blast right from the start. Soak

Indonesia

Remember how Steven Spielberg had us all spellbound as he took us into Jurassic Park? He almost made us believe in the existence of dinosaurs. You will feel something similar as you visit Komodo Island in Indonesia—home to Komodo Dragons, the largest lizards on earth.

Situated between the Indian and Pacific Oceans, Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world. It boasts a total of 8,844 islands as per records (Komodo Island being just one among them). While most islands remains uninhabited, Sumatra, Java, Kalimantan, Sulawesi, and the Indonesian part of New Guinea are the biggest and important islands. With its long stretches of beaches, series of volcanic mountains, rich culture and vast diversity, Indonesia is a land that's simply worth exploring.



Komodo Dragons

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Pennsylvania

In Pursuit of Happiness

Ever wondered how the United States of America, which was once under the British rule, came into existence? To find out, all you have to do is to visit the land where it all began.

Pennsylvania has come a long way since July 4, 1776 – when the United States became independent. This beautiful state is now home to incredible culture, picturesque scenery and a lot of museums; it would probably take a month to cover them all. In Pennsylvania, you cannot help but notice the traces of its rich colonial past coexisting with the modern version. Almost every road in this 'State of Independence' takes you back to history.

PHILADELPHIA – THE HISTORIC CITY

Your trip to Pennsylvania is not complete until you visit Philadelphia (also known as Philly). It is one of the most attractive cities of Pennsylvania. The city's cobbled streets, where the Founding Fathers of the United States once walked, will beckon you to take a stroll. The Independence Hall, located on Chestnut Street, is a must-visit. The United States Declaration of Independence was signed right inside it.

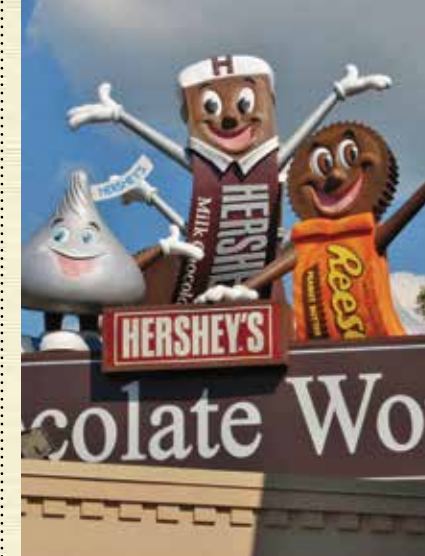
HISTORIC SITES TO SEE

The Liberty Bell, the iconic symbol of American Independence in Philly; The Gettysburg National Military Park, where the American Civil War broke out and The Railroad Museum at Strasburg are some of the top destinations history buffs would love.



NOT TO MISS

Pennsylvania also has other attractive places to visit. If you are mad about chocolates, a visit to Hershey – home to the famous Hershey's chocolate company is a must. Here, you'll find street lamps designed like 'Hershey's Kisses' and avenues named 'Chocolate' and 'Cocoa'. No wonder it's called 'The Sweetest Place on Earth'.



Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburg is something you cannot miss, if you are a fan of the pop artist. It is the largest museum dedicated to a single artist in the United States. Now, that's quite something!

Lancaster, located in South Central Pennsylvania, presents a laidback side of the state. The famous Amish community and their unique lifestyle are fascinating.

The people live here without the comforts of the modern world. Even to this day, they tend their farms by hands, as if they were still in the 18th century.




GETTING AROUND


Pennsylvania is best experienced on foot. Or if you would prefer, explore it like a local, on bicycle. In case you are short of time, take a Hop on Hop off sight seeing bus. There is simply so much to see, do and explore in Pennsylvania. A separate issue itself would be required to cover them. 📍

DID YOU KNOW?

Philadelphia served as America's capital until a permanent capital was established in Washington, D.C., in 1800.

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YOUR RCI HOLIDAYS AT A GLANCE

What is RCI Weeks®?

The RCI Weeks® program provides RCI subscribing members the ability to trade their vacation week for another 7-night exchange vacation in amazing destinations at nearly 4,300 resorts in over 100 countries.

What is an Exchange Vacation?



An RCI® Exchange Vacation is the result of exchanging your deposited week for a vacation at an RCI affiliated resort. You can choose to return to your home resort, a resort in your home group of resorts or select another available resort from a

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All about your deposits

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Step 2: Request - Put in a request for the vacation



you are interested in.

Step 3: Confirm - Receive a confirmed exchange and get ready to go! If one of your desired vacation choices is available, your RCI Guide can confirm your exchange immediately. If your desired vacation is

not available, RCI will perform an ongoing search on your behalf.

A word about Trading Power

It is "the value assigned by RCI to Vacation Time



upon deposit and used by RCI to fulfill an Exchange Request". This means, your Trading Power is the

value that RCI assigns to your week at the time of deposit, which determines what Exchange Availability you see when you search for an exchange vacation.



Your Trading Power is the value used by RCI to maximize and fulfill your exchange requests.

What is Deposit Trading Power?

Once your week is deposited, it's assigned a Deposit Trading Power, which is used to determine what exchange vacation options are available to you. A couple of the main components of Deposit Trading Power are supply and demand.



If you own a week that is in demand by members but has limited availability, the Deposit Trading Power is likely to be higher. If you have a week that is less popular or has had a lot of availability, the Deposit Trading Power is likely to be lower.

Combining Deposits

When you have a Deposit Credit, or multiple deposits in your account, you can help maximize your exchange options



by combining them. How does that help? The trading power of your 'Combined Deposit' will be the sum of the Trading

Power values of all your deposits or Deposit Credits combined. Thus, with a Combined Deposit, you could book a holiday with an Exchange Trading Power that's greater than the Trading Power of any single deposit you have!

The Key to a successful Exchange

Request an early exchange that is similar



to your deposit: By searching for an exchange as early as possible, and that is similar to your deposit, you can maximize the availability of ideal resorts and secure one before its demand exceeds its supply.

Many things make this Alpine nation one of the Happiest Places On Earth. Chocolates being just one among them.

PICTURE PERFECT SWITZERLAND



Matterhorn peak

There's quite a lot to like in Switzerland. The towering snow capped mountains, the grassy valleys, deep Alpine lakes, the quaint villages and of course the world-famous Swiss chocolates. If you are a nature lover (and one with a sweet tooth), here's your paradise.

BEAUTY IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Switzerland is a landlocked country that boasts of four national languages (French, Romansh, German and Italian). It is one of the centrally lying countries in Europe with rail and road access from the rest of Europe. So, forgo the usual and visit Switzerland by train. The panoramic views and the picturesque landscapes are breathtaking. Here, we bring you some handpicked destinations to explore. Also, check out the two things that make the Swiss one of the happiest people on earth (Clue: both words start with "Ch").

MATTERHORN

Have you noticed the mountain peak on Toblerone chocolate cover? That is the majestic Matterhorn peak. Also called as the mountain of mountains, Matterhorn overlooks Zermatt, at the border of Switzerland and Italy and offers cinematic views.



Rhine Falls

RHINE FALLS

Rhine Falls, the largest plain waterfall in Europe has awed tourists for centuries. It is located in northern Switzerland between the cantons of Schaffhausen and Zürich. Boat trips are available and they take you close to the falls. The viewing platform near the falls provides spectacular views.

MOUNT PILATUS

Take your Swiss trip excitement to the next level (literally) with a visit to Mount Pilatus. Go up to 7,000 feet up the grand mountain, riding on the world's largest cogwheel railway. The thrilling rail ride starts at the base in Alpnachstad on a uniquely constructed track. The view gets better by the minute as the train moves higher. The journey back is a thrilling experience and a little scary too.

MONTREUX

Set against the backdrop of snow-capped mountains, Montreux was once a haunt for various artists and poets. Nestled beautifully on Lake Geneva, surrounded by vineyards, Montreux is also a popular destination for Jazz lovers. Take a stroll along the lake promenade and take in the beauty of this laidback town.

SWEET TREAT

Don't just take home sweet memories. Take home some really sweet Swiss chocolates too. You can purchase them from almost any store in Switzerland. But for a more immersive experience, visit Maison Cailler, one of the oldest chocolate factories in the country. Feel the roasted cocoas with your hands and follow your nose towards the smell of freshly made chocolates. The factory experience also takes you to an all-you-can-eat tasting room. The free samples might give you a chocolate hangover.


SAY CHEESE

Swiss cheese was one of the best-kept secrets of Switzerland until the 1800s. But once the production increased, the now famous Swiss cheese (yes, the one with holes in it) made its way into other parts of the world. While you are there, visit the little town of Gruyères and participate in the annual cheese festival that happens around May. Watch a demonstration of the traditional Swiss cheese making and sample the farm-fresh produce by local farmers.

BE HAPPY

Switzerland is one of the Happiest Countries in the World, according to World Happiness Index. The chocolates, we know certainly make them happy (an average Swiss consumes about eleven kilograms a year). So does the cheese. Quite naturally, a holiday in this country is sure to take your happiness quotient to a new high. 🇨🇭

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Las Vegas is a city that never sleeps. Its list of endless delights brings thousands flocking to this desert land, year in, year out.

Once a desert land located in the state of Nevada turned into a dashing destination. That's Las Vegas for you. Anyone visiting Vegas now will have a hard time believing this. For time and fame made this city what it is today: The Entertainment Capital Of The World. But there's more to Vegas than meets the eye.

Vegas! The name itself evokes images of colourful neon lights and busy avenues. It is said that the city is so bright that it can be spotted from space (that must be quite a sight!). Here, we turn the spotlights on to some of the exciting things to do and places to visit in Vegas along with your family this vacation.



Shark Reef Aquarium

BELLAGIO FOUNTAINS

Arguably one of the best sights on the famous Las Vegas Strip, Bellagio Fountains is quite a spectacle; the play of water rising up to 460 feet along with music and lights is certain to delight you. And it is absolutely free. So find yourself a comfortable position to sit and enjoy this grand show. We doubt if there's any other fountain as grand as this in the world. The show goes on from 3pm to 8pm, every half an hour and every 15 minutes from then, till midnight.

NEON MUSEUM

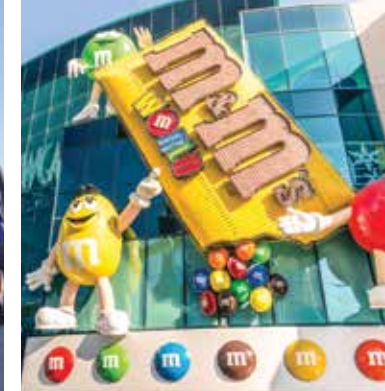
Like an ode to 'The City Of Lights' stands The Neon Museum on 770 Las Vegas Boulevard North. The artistic neon signs that once lighted up the city and its casinos are now restored and displayed here. Get a peak into Las Vegas' history through these iconic signs. Spread across two acres, the museum exhibits close to 200 neon signs dating from 1930s.

SHARK REEF AQUARIUM AT MANDALAY BAY

If it gets too bright on land, go undersea to the Shark Reef



Neon Museum



Bellagio Fountains

Aquarium at Mandalay Bay - home to over 2,000 animals that include dangerous predators like Sharks, Stingrays, Piranhas and the rare Golden Crocodile. The underwater tunnel inside the Aquarium is said to be one immersive experience. A walk through the tunnel is a must-try. Get up close and even touch some of the aquatic creatures at the Touch Pool. What's more, you can book in advance and get a chance to feed them with your own hands.

M&M'S WORLD

Four floors tall, M&M's World located near the Strip is a virtual chocolate haven. Find displayed here giant tubes containing 22 different colours of M&M candies. Check out all floors, and get to see the evolution of M&M characters

as you go in the lift. The 10 minute long 3-D interactive film, "I Left My M In Vegas" is fun, too. Don't forget to pick up some cool M&M's World memorabilia—from mugs to personalized key chains, alarm clocks and M&M T-shirts with funny lines like "You Wanna Piece of Me?" written on them.

HOOVER DAM

Wondered where the electricity came from to power those fancy neon lights on the Strip? The answer lies 30 miles southeast of Vegas, at The Hoover Dam. Just minutes drive from Vegas, The Hoover Dam is considered to be one of the top 10 Construction Achievements of the 20th century. The dam is as high as a 60-storey building; its base, as thick as two football fields;



Hoover Dam


Downtown Vegas is the original Vegas – the area that was first developed. The famous Las Vegas strip that people visit is technically not a part of Vegas city, but is under Clark County jurisdiction.

the concrete used in its construction could pave a road from New York to San Francisco (that's about 4,600 km). And it took more than 21,000 men to build this architectural marvel. The awe-inspiring site is a perfect getaway from Vegas.

GETTING TO LAS VEGAS

Being a popular holiday destination, Las Vegas is well-connected to other cities not just by road, but also air. While driving down is an option if you have ample vacation time and you enjoy the driving, you can also get reasonable flight tickets to the city. Buses and shuttle ply to Vegas on a frequent basis from most (if not all) major cities. Getting to Vegas is definitely not going to pose much of a problem to your holiday itinerary. 📍

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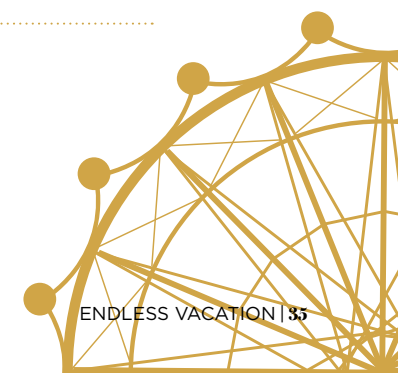
ORLANDO

Where Magic Happens

We all have, at some point, thought of the possibility of a wonderland existing somewhere in the world. And what if we said there really does exist one, right in the heart of Florida, in Orlando?

No kidding! Come, see it to believe it. And once you visit Orlando, one thing is certain: you will go back feeling a lot younger. It is lively, young and fun. Known as the “Theme Park Capital of the World”, (Walt Disney World being the most famous), Orlando gives the

word “thrill” a new meaning altogether. With a dazzling array of attractions for all ages—theme parks, water parks, amusement parks, carnivals, fine restaurants, golf courses, malls and an ever-active nightlife, Orlando is truly a wonderland.



DREAM ON

Orlando's biggest draw undoubtedly is Walt Disney World—America's beloved theme park. At this fantastic dreamland, spread across thousands of acres of sheer magic, it doesn't take a moment to be cast in the spell of four enchanting worlds of princes and pirates, cold galaxy shuttles and hot wheel on tracks, Himalayan mountains and Tropical rainforests, African lions and Amazonian anacondas. It is one breathless avalanche of astonishments! If you ever want to know how 'dreaming with eyes open' feels like, Walt Disney World is the place to experience it.

LARGER THAN LIFE

It can't get bigger than this. Be right in the middle of action, as you become part of some of the biggest Hollywood blockbusters. At the Universal Studios. Get to be on movie sets and experience the nuances of movie-making here. Navigate through perilous jungles and prehistoric predators of King Kong 360-3D world. Accompany Bart and Homer on a hilarious simulator ride to Krustyland. Volcano Bay, the all-new water



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theme park is set to open its doors in 2017. This world of thrills is just steps away from Universal Orlando Resort.

HAVE A WHALE OF A TIME

Sea World, the aquatic-themed park located between Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando Resorts offers a sea of surprises. Perfect for a day of family fun outing, Sea World has live animal shows, rollicking roller coaster rides and up-close encounters with the sea creatures. Head to 'South Pole' and explore 'Antarctica-Empire of Penguins'. See it through the eyes of a penguin named 'Puck' on an exhilarating adventure ride.

Step off the ride and go on a 'Penguins Up-Close Tour' where you will have the opportunity to interact with and touch penguins. If you pay close attention to your guide, by the end of the tour, you will be able to spot all five species of penguins here.

You have heard Dolphins are very outgoing. Get to watch these creatures live at the Dolphin Cove. Their theatrical performance at 'Blue Horizon'-show, where they flip in the air and do various acrobatic feats is quite mesmerizing.

Sea World features Orlando's two of the wildest roller coasters - Kraken and Mako. At 73 mph, with 200 ft drops and 4,760 ft long, Mako (classified under hypercoasters for its high speeds and steep drops), is a must-try.



OUT OF THE WORLD

Who said space travel is only for astronauts? At Kennedy Space Station you can travel to space without even leaving earth. Take a virtual tour and go up to the moon. Once you are back, clear your doubts with veteran astronauts about space travel. See the largest rockets to ever fly out of earth and touch a moon-rock with your bare hands. Click away pictures of the only space shuttle in the world ever on display: the Atlantis. Feel the rumble of a rocket's launch sequence into orbit as it touches 17,000 miles per hour in 8.5 minutes. The Space Station is a mere 45-minute drive from Orlando.



NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Got an extra day on hand? Then move away from the glitz of themed entertainment of Orlando and witness nature's beauty on full display. Lake Eola Park is a great place to start. Located in central downtown Orlando, the park's tranquil atmosphere is perfect to unwind. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lake in the company of a huge number of swans and geese.

Head over to St. John's River and go on a river cruise to watch the endangered Manatees. Guess what, you can even get a once in a lifetime experience of swimming with these sea cows.

To watch Orlando from a never-before-seen angle, climb up the Orlando Eye. Experience the refreshing view of Orlando's stunning skyline of theme parks and capture the beauty of the 'City Beautiful'. Get lifted up to 400 ft above and get a 360-degree view of the city.

ART SCENE

Set against the most amazing spectrum of creativity, Orlando is an artist's paradise. In a vibrant tapestry that caters to both modern and traditional palettes, artistes of the world brush their strokes with local talent, melding a rich culture of fine arts, independent films, museums, festivals and theater.

GETTING THERE

Being a popular tourist destination, there are a number of options to allow visitors to come into Orlando. Plenty of major airline carriers touchdown at Orlando airport. Amtrak the Silver Star and the Silver Meteor services also come into Orlando. Buses from the many cities in the U.S. ply regularly to the city. 🌐

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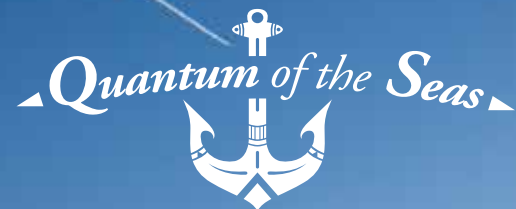
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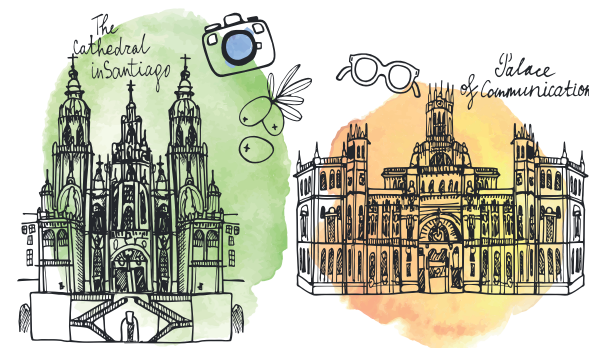




'España es diferente' Spain is different. When Spain's Tourism promoted the country with this slogan, they knew very well that Spain's greatest asset was its beautiful diversity. The prehistoric monuments, the Roman remains, a vibrant urban scene, lively nightlife, countless museums and the scenic beaches make this southwestern European nation truly one-of-a-kind.

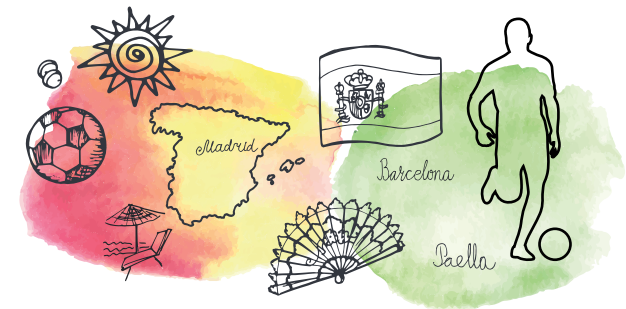
Land of Fiesta

Spain has a lot going on that attracts hordes of tourists to this vibrant nation. The country, with its large and diverse population, offers you a unique sample of rich cultures and the experience of a lifetime. Spain is a land that is not only rich in its culture, but is also an exciting and colorful place that is unrivalled in its beauty. Take a peek into what keeps Spain ticking and kicking.



Art & Architecture

Spain has produced some world-renowned artists who changed the course of art history. Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali and Antoni Gaudi are some of them. Check out the *Museu Picasso* - the Picasso Museum in Barcelona that houses more than 4,000 of his original works. Dali fans can head to Dali Theatre and Museum in Catalonia. A visit to Barcelona and not spotting Gaudi's famous structures? That's impossible! His creations are everywhere in the city. *La Sagrada Familia*, the famous Basilica in Barcelona is Gaudi's masterpiece. Its construction, started in 1882, is said to be complete by 2026.



Football Mania

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are two non-Spaniards, but arguably the most famous people in Spain today. Just because Spaniards are crazy about football and these footballers play their hearts out for the huge bucks they get paid. Pay a visit to *Camp Nou* and *Santiago Bernabéu*, FC Barcelona's and Real Madrid's home stadiums. The sheer magnitude of the stadium is awe-inspiring. A visit to the locker-room and a walk on the ground where these superstars walk, are experiences beyond words. The trip is worth every penny, even if you know little about football. Book in advance and catch the *La Liga* action live.



The Festivals

Spain celebrates a number of local festivals that could add more colour to your holiday. Check when these festivals are celebrated, to make

sure that you do not miss them if you are in Spain during the time. These festivals include Feria de Abril, Semana Santa, Festival de Patios, Arde Lucus, and the San Sebastian International Film Festival. If you are in Spain in the beginning of July, make sure to attend the magnificent running of the bulls in Pamplona.

The unusual festivals celebrated in Spain are also fun to attend. The Tenerife Carnival, where there is a male-only race which requires the participants to dress in drag, is celebrated just before Lent. The Fiesta de la Virgen Salud (The Human Pyramid Festival) is marked by competitions to form the highest human pyramid and is held in Algemesi in late September.



Food

Indulge in authentic Spanish food on your holiday. Here are some of the dishes you ought to try.

Gambas Ajillo (Garlic Prawns): if you are a fan of seafood, you cannot afford to miss this garlicky, spicy dish when you are in Madrid.

Gazpacho (Soup made of raw vegetables): Perfect for sweltering summer days, Gazpacho is prepared using cucumber, peppers, tomatoes, garlic and spring onions. Widely available in Southern Spain, especially Seville, this is a must-try. Tastes best when chilled.

Tortilla Espanola (Spanish Omelet): Made with onions and potatoes, this omelet is offered in almost every bar across the country.

Pulpo a la Gallega (Galician Octopus): the signature dish in Galicia, this dish is a treat that you must-try if you are adventurous.

Patatas Bravas (Fried Potatoes): served with a spicy sauce, this dish is a must-try and is offered in bars across the country. If you are in Madrid, try the dish in Las Bravas, a bar located south of Sol.

Other dishes to try include Paella (a rice-based dish) and Queso manchego (Spanish Sheep Cheese). Be sure to try some of that famous Spanish wine as well – after all, some of the best wines are made in this country.

There is no dearth of attractions in Spain—whether touristy or non-touristy and you need to plan your holiday carefully, so that you can visit the best of places and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime. 🍷

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a 2,362 ft-long Zipline that connects Andalusia in Spain to Portugal. The ride across the Guadiana River takes less than a minute to reach Portugal.

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Club Mahindra Hatgad #DC84

Up above, a world so high

When the world gets busy climbing the 'corporate ladder', we invite you to experience a different sort of climbing up. To a world of serenity and scenic beauty. Welcome to Club Mahindra Hatgad. Nestled amidst the picturesque hill station of Hatgad, 6 km from Saputara, is where Club Mahindra Hatgad is located. So, if you are looking for a great break, well, look no further.

Things to do:

Connect with yourself, amidst the lush green landscape and gardens

Paddle a boat on the Saputara Lake

Take a fun ride on the Pushpak ropeway

Go back in history exploring the Hatgad fort

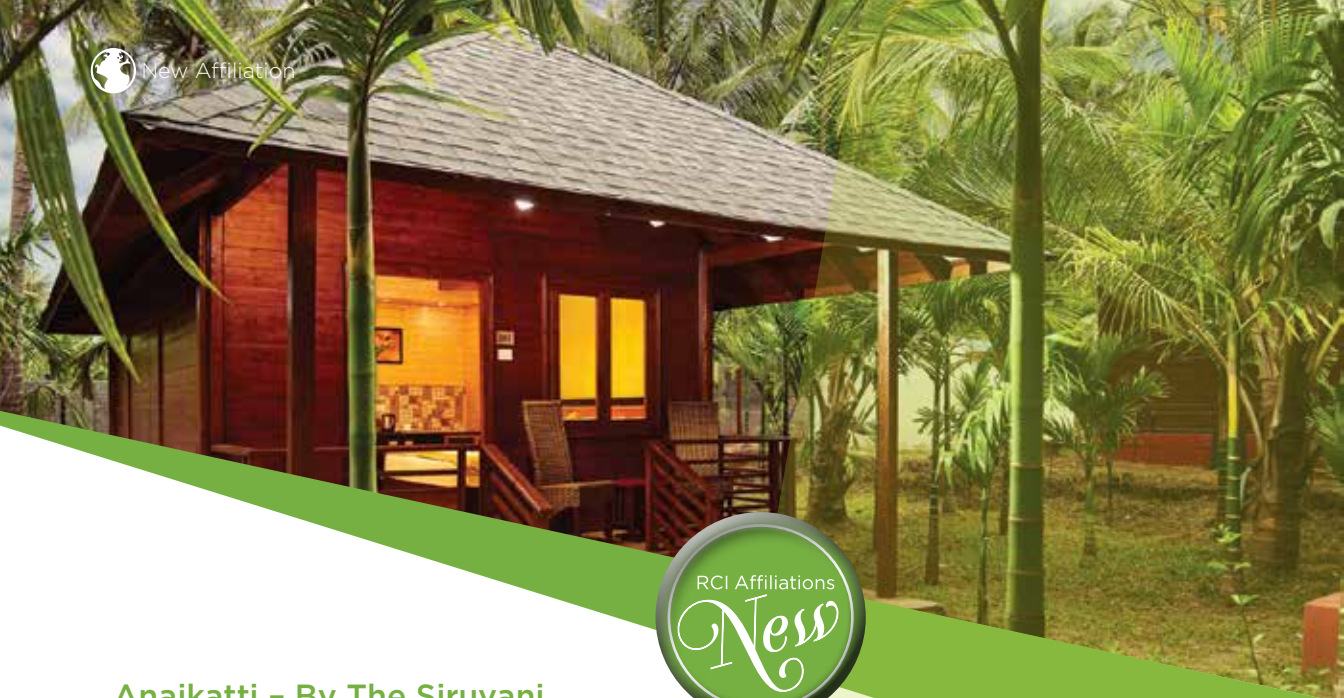
Facilities:

Multicuisine Restaurant, Spa, Children's play area, Gymnasium & Indoor Games

How To Reach:

Club Mahindra Hatgad is located in Maharashtra, near Gujarat state border. You can access Hatgad via road from Nashik (75 km), Surat (165 km), Mumbai (242 km) and Vadodara (293 km)





Anaikatti – By The Siruvani, a Sterling Holidays resort #DC81

Feel one with nature

Tired of concrete jungles? Then Anaikatti – By The Siruvani is a perfect antidote. Located on the foothills of the Nilgiris, by the famed Siruvani River, lies this picturesque destination almost untouched by civilization. Surrounded by thick forest, which is home to elephants and other wild animals, at Anaikatti – By The Siruvani, you will literally feel 'in the middle of nowhere'. A host of quaint tourist spots and activities including exotic birdwatching and trekking make this jungle resort a great getaway destination. In short, Anaikatti – By The Siruvani offers a wilderness experience that you'll remember for a long time to come.

Facilities:

33 Rooms and Chalets, Gym, Spa, Mini Golf, Swimming Pool, Multicuisine Restaurant, Conference Hall, Picnic for kids, Night Rides and more

How To Reach:

Located on the border of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, Anaikatti – By The Siruvani is easily accessible from Coimbatore (45 km) and Palakkad (Approx. 80 km)



Nest 'n Mist By Frontline G Holidays - Wayanad #DC82

Wayanad at its best

Experience the beauty of Wayanad from the comfort and luxury of Nest 'n Mist. Located in the scenic Vaduvanchal area of Wayanad, amidst tea plantations, lush green fields, mountains and caves, Nest 'n Mist sets the stage for a brilliant holiday for you, family and friends alike. So pack your bags, leave the city behind and gift yourself a well-deserved break.

Facilities:

13 well-furnished and fully Air Conditioned Luxurious Rooms, Multicuisine and Specialty Restaurant, Rooftop garden and Holiday Activity Room, Gift Shop, Swimming pool, Spa and Gym

How To Reach:

By Air: Karipur Airport located in Kozhikode is about 135 km from Wayanad

By Train: Kozhikode Railway Station is located 93 km away

By Road: Various state owned and private run buses are available to reach Vaduvanchal





United-21 Vanvaso Gir #DC83

Into the Wild

Enjoy the beauty of wilderness from the comfort and luxury of United-21 Vanvaso Gir. Located on the bank of Hiran River, Vanvaso Gir is a well-equipped and well-staffed wildlife resort with efficient service and modern amenities. Explore the Gir National Park, home to the Asiatic lion from here. The architecture offers synergy between nature and modern accommodation that accord extreme comfort without subtracting the charm of wilderness and jungle ambiance. Step into this earthly paradise and see for yourself how exciting your stay will be.

Facilities:

Swimming Pool, Air Conditioned Rooms, Steam and Sauna, Multicuisine Restaurant, Satellite Television Room, Refrigerator, Tea & Coffee Maker, Laundry Service and Taxi Service

How To Reach:

By Road: Sasan Gir Bus Stop - 8 km
By Rail: Sasan Gir Railway Station - 8 km
By Air: Nearest Airport, Diu - 100 km, Rajkot - 175 km

JC Residency, Madurai #DC80

Enchanting Madurai

Madurai on your mind? Then discover the charm of the Temple City with JC Residency. Located in the heart of Madurai, JC Residency lets you access the historical landmarks, business areas, shopping and travel hubs and key tourist destinations. Be it business or pleasure, JC Residency is sure to impress you with its upscale amenities, personalized services and most importantly, its centralized yet tranquil location.

Facilities:

Board Meeting Rooms, Banquets & Conference Facilities, Multicuisine Restaurant, Coffee Shop, Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, Jacuzzi, Laundry Service, Doctor On Call, Guided Tours & Sightseeing

How To Reach:

3 km from Madurai Railway Station
15 km from Madurai Domestic Airport
120 km from Trichy International Airport





JC Residency, Kodaikanal #DC79

Get set to unwind

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Facilities:

Honeymoon Suites, Multicuisine Restaurant, Air Conditioned Conference & Banquet Halls, State of the Art Equipments, Laundry Service, Doctor On Call, Pickup and Drop, Amphitheatre, Courtyard Garden and Spa

How To Reach:

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