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I'd like to welcome you all to the first issue of Tavelwonserss travel magazine. This magazine will serve as an extension of my interests on Travelwonderss site, with articles written by various authors will take you straight to the destination .

We are starting as small travel family and looking for its expansion. We have been working hard to develop inspiring, relevant content for the magazine. We're thrilled by the results, and we hope you are too.

We hope you enjoy this one.

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5 BEST OFF-THE-GRID GETAWAYS OF INDIA

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BACKWATERS OF KERALA

The Kerala backwaters are a network of brackish lagoons and lakes lying parallel to the Arabian Sea coast of Kerala state in southern India.

The main entry point, situated between Kochi and Kollam, is Alleppey (Alappuzha). At the heart of the backwaters is vast Vembanad Lake. Traditionally, the backwaters are used by locals for transport, fishing, and agriculture.

Leh-Ladak

Expeditions

Leh-Ladakh, the picturesque landscape in Ladakh UT, enjoys a coveted spot on most people's bucket list. The cold desert is not only popular for its beautiful kaleidoscope but also for the Buddhist monasteries.

Go on an expedition on the challenging mountain passes, with the backdrop of the majestic Himalayas and the pristine lakes blessed by the azure skies atop the beauty that is Ladakh. Exhilarating ways to go off grid do not come better than Himalayan biking expeditions in India

Ladakh also known as The Land of High Mountain Passes is a dream travel destination for any traveller. Ladakh has been blessed by nature with snow-capped barren Himalayan mountain peaks, pristine lakes – Tso Moriri, Tso Kar and Pangong lakes, misty valleys and flowing serpentine rivers – all under clear blue sky mesmerize all visitors who travel to Ladakh.

Every region has its unique flavour but we often see tourists taking Maggi breaks. If you are travelling then it is recommended that you try out the local cuisine like the cholak, sea buckthorn juice, holkur, skyu, paba, tsamik and the local drink chhang.

*to travel is
to live.*





Rann of Kutch

GUJARAT

The Great Rann of Kutch is a salt marsh in the Thar Desert in the Kutch District of Gujarat, India. This area has been inhabited by the Kutchi people.

The Government of Gujarat hosts an annual 3-month long "Rann Utsav" festival from December to February every year near Dhordo village. In this 500 sqkm pristine white salt desert landscapes during winter where tourists can see the various sights of the Rann.

*take only
memories
leave only
footprints*

Rann Utsav has cultural programs such as the BSF Camel show held at 5 pm, adventure activities like hot-air ballooning, many stalls selling trinkets, handicrafts, food, etc. as well as camel cart excursion, paramotoring, golf carts, ATV rides, yoga and meditation.



HAVELOCK ISLAND ANDAMAN

Havelock Island, officially Swaraj Island, is one of the largest islands that comprise a chain of islands to the east of Great Andaman in the Andaman Islands. It belongs to the South Andaman administrative district, part of the Indian union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Island



Mawlynnong Meghalaya

*Mawlynnong is a village in
the East Khasi Hills
district of
the Meghalaya state
in North East India. It
is notable for its
cleanliness.*



INDIA TOURISM

domestic TRAVEL

opened post COVID 19

These states are open for tourism

2020 TOP DESTINATIONS TO RESUME TRAVEL

Indian states are slowly opening their doors for tourism post COVID 19. Here are the new normal things you should know before the domestic travel.



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Unforgettable HIMACHAL

Government of Himachal Pradesh relaxed its inter-state movement laws and the tourism department will issue standard operating procedures(SOPs). The state government has made it mandatory for tourists to show test reports for negative COVID-19 upon entry. Additionally, the report must also be furnished from an ICMR-recognized lab.

Himachal Pradesh is the northernmost state proper in north-western Republic of India, and offers much for those looking to experience the West Himalayas

The background of the page is a photograph of several ancient Indian temples in Madhya Pradesh. The temples are made of light-colored stone and feature intricate carvings and multiple tiers of domes. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The temples are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth, with some in the foreground and others further back.

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

MADHYA PRADESH

the heart of incredible INDIA

The state government recently announced the opening of tourist activities along with reopening of state-run hotels and resorts. However, one of the major highlights of this unlocking was the directive by the forest department to reopen all national parks in the state

Madhya Pradesh, a large state in central India, retains landmarks from eras throughout Indian history. Madhya Pradesh is nothing less than a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts and is home to 11 national parks and 24 wildlife sanctuaries including Panna, Ratapani and Bandhavgarh National Park.



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

UTTARAKHAND

Exploring UTTARAKHAND

The Uttarakhand government recently opened its borders for visitors from inside and outside the state, including international travellers. However, the Chardham Yatra will remain restricted only to devotees from within the state.

Uttarakhand, a state in northern India crossed by the Himalayas, is known for its Hindu pilgrimage sites. Rishikesh, a major centre for yoga study. The city hosts the evening Ganga Aarti, a spiritual gathering on the sacred Ganges River.



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

RAJASTHAN

the Incredible state of INDIA

Several monuments and tourist spots recently reopened their gates to visitors with all pomp & show

Rajasthan is a state in northern India. The state covers an area of 342,239 square kilometres or 10.4 percent of the total geographical area of India. It is the largest Indian state by area and the seventh largest by population



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

GOA

a perfect HOLIDAY destination

As the hippie haven opens its borders for domestic tourists, here's what you need to keep in mind. It has been made mandatory for tourists to pre book their stay at hotels and homestays that have received the tourism department's approval. Guests are required to present a negative COVID-19 report from the last 48 hours.

Goa is a state in western India with coastlines stretching along the Arabian Sea. Goa is also known for its beaches, ranging from popular stretches at Baga and Palolem to those in laid-back fishing villages such as Agonda.



INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

opened post COVID 19

COUNTRIES

OPENED FOR TOURISM POST COVID 19

UAE

AUSTRIA

TURKEY

GREECE

VIETNAM

INDONESIA

MEXICO

SRILANKA

CROATIA

MALDIVES

GEORGIA

EGYPT

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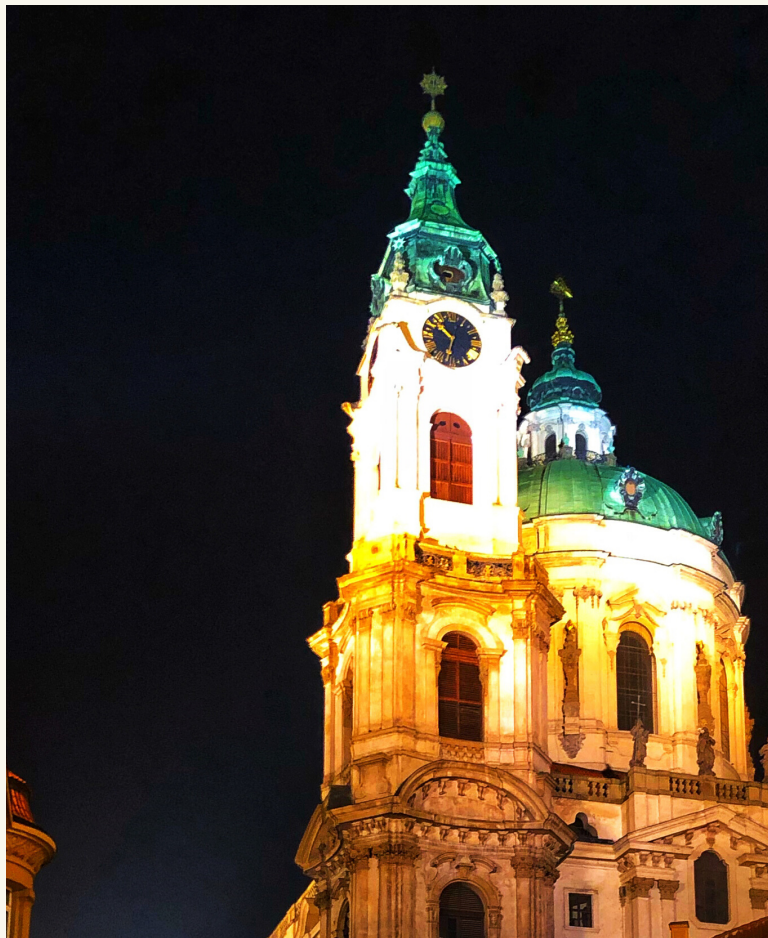


PHOTO SPEAKS: CAPTURE THE MOMENT

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Prague the beautiful European city at night. Each picture has its own story!



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TRAVEL GUIDE: MOUNT TITLIS SWITZERLAND

BY RAMYA SHANIVARSANTHE LEELESH

It is the highest peak in central Switzerland. This Alpine mountain is the most visited attraction in Switzerland. This is very famous among Indian tourists, thanks to Mr. Yash Chopra for featuring Switzerland in many of his films! Oh yah, there is a DDLJ cutout at the top of Mt Titlis!.

HOW TO REACH THE SUMMIT

To reach the summit buy tickets at the base of Mt Titlis. TITLIS Xpress, cable car takes you to the stand station, from there rotair gondola rotates its way up towards the snow

covered summit at 10,000 feet above the sea level.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE SUMMIT

At the summit take an Ice flyer to the snow park. In the Snow Park enjoy adventurous snow games like snow tubing, sit-skis, and minibobs. Take a Cliff Walk in a suspension bridge, it's incredible! Don't forget to walk through the Glacier Cave for "The Titlis" experience. Glacier cave is a tunnel 20 meters below the Titlis glaciers and 150 meters long. The temperature inside the cave remains -15°C round the year.

"MT. TITLIS-THE SNOW PARADISE!"



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A ROMANTIC GETAWAY

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VISIT TO SNOW PARADISE WAS A TREAT TO EYES

"Indians are eligible for free e-visa to enter St Petersburg and Leningrad region Russia!"

October 1st, 2019, nationals of 51 countries are eligible to receive free e-visa



Free eVisa to St Petersburg, Russia



BY RAMYA SHANIVARSANTHE LEELESH

E-visa can be obtained online at: https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/spb_home_en.html. The application process is very simple and it takes only 4 calendar days to receive your e-visa! There is no need for invitation and hotel reservations for visa application. Only thing you have to do is fill the form on the website and the e-visa will be in your hand within 4 calendar days, including week ends and bank holidays. The best thing is you do not need to pay anything to obtain an e-visa. Yes, e-visa is absolutely free!

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The Weekend Bike Ride

BY GAURAV. P. R

On a monsoon day along with my friend, I went for a weekend ride to Devarayanadurga hills, famously known as DD Hills. This was my third time to Devarayanadurga in my Hero Honda Karizma! DD Hills is around 75kms from Bangalore. We set out for this ride from Bangalore at around 9AM and reached DD Hills by 10.30AM. There were numerous transitions of roads to reach DD hills from national highway to state highway and then interior roads. The fun of riding starts once you enter the interior DD Hills road from Madhugiri State Highway. The road becomes narrow and is filled with nature on both the sides. There is a beautiful lake on the way. We paid the toll for motorcycles, and then proceeded towards the Sri Bhoga Narasimha Swamy Temple, where we took blessings of Lord Narasimha. We had a lunch at the temple as Prasada.

"Monsoon ride to Devarayanadurga Hills from Bangalore"

Later we set out to the top of the Hill. The road is very narrow and there are hairpin bends on the road. This is a very short ride and once the turns end, you will see Sri Yoga Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at the top of the hill. The temple can be reached by climbing stairs. But our focus was towards a spot which had caught my mind during my last visit. That's the viewpoint which is behind the Karnataka Police guest house. The beautiful view of all the surrounding hills which are filled with greenery, a glimpse of Sri Bhoga Narasimha Swamy Temple from the top and a cool breeze of air made the ride to DD Hills relaxing and really enjoyable.

After spending an hour or two at the view point, we saw dark clouds filling up the skies and thunder striking on a faraway hill. We had to call it a day and return. But the heavy rain made it almost impossible to move, however, rain was not in a mood to slow down, so we decided to ride back in rain. The fun part was, by the time I reached home, I was all dry.





Travel Binging

Ramya
Shanivrsanthe
Leelesh's regular
column about
food and travel

Today's destination is on the coastal belt of Karnataka, India. Yes, its Mangalore the largest city in the coastal Karnataka. The land is popularly known as Tulu Nadu, the land of Tuluva's. Tuluva's are the predominant ethnic group of this region, and the speakers of Tulu, a Dravidian language. It's is a beautiful costal land and has its rich cultural heritage, history, and famous cuisines.

Tuluva's are foodie by nature. They have their own delicious cuisines, the most famous are cuisines made by fish, Bangude Pulimunchi, Boothai Gasi, Pomfret fry, Marvai pundi, Denji Sukka. Other famous Tulu Nadu cuisines includes, Neer Dose, Semeda Adde, Kori Rotti, Patrode, Golibaje, Gheru Beeja Manoli Upkari, and Mude. Kali (toddy) is the most famous country liquor prepared from Tari Mara (Toddy Palm).

My favorite dish is "Marvai Pundi". Marvai" means clams and "Pundi" Means rice ball in local Tulu language. At many homes in Mangalore (Tulu Nadu) this is the most awaited breakfast. The previous evening the house is filled with the aroma of the clams cooking in spicy coconut gravy and then the mini rice dumplings are soaked in the gravy. This dish is kept overnight to let the rice dumplings soak and absorb the gravy and in the morning its served for breakfast. It's just an amazing combination, a true coastal dish.

"Marvai Pundi - Clams and steamed Rice Dumpling Gravy."

When in Mangalore enjoy the Marvai Pundi - Steamed rice dumpling in clams spicy gravy with a glass of Masala Chai - Indian Spiced Tea by the side for your morning breakfast. Its really tasty and healthy. It's a like a complete meal. Its worth trying.





Rose Falooda

My favorite dessert from Mangalore is Rose Falooda! With its origin in Persian cuisine, this dessert drink has become a favorite summer obsession throughout the Indian subcontinent

A Summer treat, Rose Falooda is a dessert drink with rose syrup, crunchy plump sweet basil seeds, silky noodles, and milk topped with vanilla/strawberry ice-cream. It's a stunning dessert ever!



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