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GO LOCAL

Even as more and more travellers discover the magic of exploring a destination through experiences, the experiences that they seek are also undergoing an evolution of sorts. They are getting increasingly specific – like visiting the local markets or attending a traditional wedding ceremony. Hyper-local is where tourism is heading towards.

According to TripAdvisor, taking workshops is one of the fastest-growing experiences. Learning the intricacies of the region's textile weave or studying the local dialect/dance form affords travellers huge bragging rights! However, one kind of experience is eclipsing all the others and it involves food! It is the most primal instincts that travellers like to indulge. Whether it is cooking classes or street-grub tours, food inspires the traveller in us. So it helps to have an 'insider' – a local – who can help travellers explore the destination and make it more interactive rather than it being just about gazing through the window of a tour bus.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



SAFARI CAMPS IN BOTSWANA

Great Plains Conservation has opened new safari offerings with new camps in Botswana and Kenya and new safari experiences in Zimbabwe. The company now has sales presence in India with Avant Garde Consulting, led by Pooja Wadhwa and Kunal Munshaw. Great Plains Conservation creates conservation and community initiatives through small, luxurious camps, lodges and safaris in Botswana, Kenya and Zimbabwe.



Glamping in Ladakh with TUTC

Travellers can now experience Ladakh in all its splendour at the Chamba Camp, Thiksey (in the Leh Valley) with The Ultimate Travelling Camp (TUTC). With this, they can be a part of the region's unique rituals – enjoy the ancient sport of Polo, brought to Ladakh in the 17th century by the Royals. They can also try their hand at archery set amidst the most dramatic landscape and raft on the gentle Indus River, while stopping for a picnic lunch at a picturesque hamlet.

Bush tours for the blind

Wellington's Zealandia has a new sensory-based tour guiding blind and visually impaired visitors through the stunning eco-sanctuary – through areas of bush home to some of New Zealand's most extraordinary wildlife.



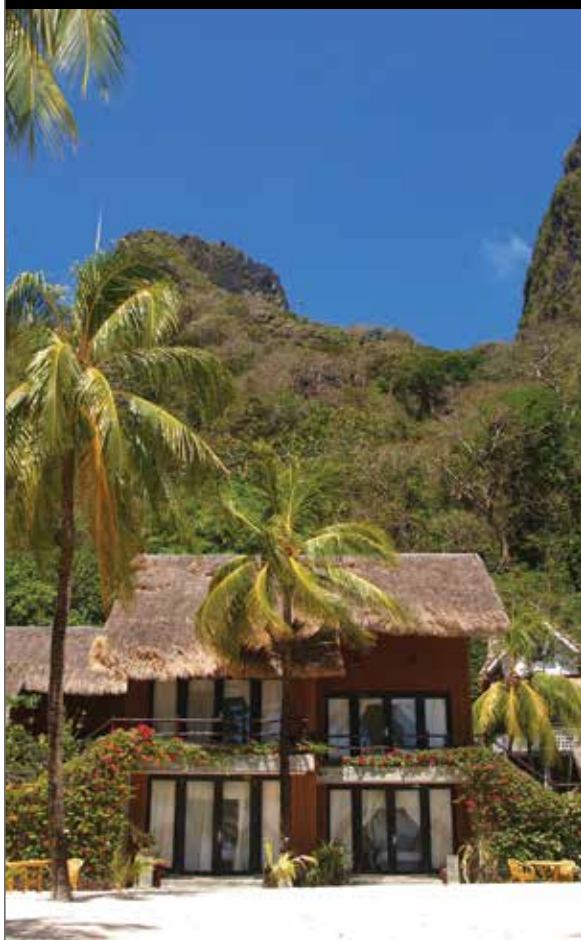
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Miniloc Island Paradise

Tucked away in a remote location in Palawan province in The Philippines lies a slice of heaven called Miniloc Island Resort.

HAZEL JAIN FROM THE PHILIPPINES

This spot is like a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. Scattered in the South China Sea lies the archipelago of El Nido brimming with secret beaches, crystal-clear lagoons, coral reefs and tiny islands. After landing in Manila, one takes a short flight to El Nido on an AirSwift T6. Guests are ushered on an electric jeepney to the El Nido Resorts jetty lounge on landing at Lio Airport. While being welcomed to local snacks and songs performed by local singers, guests are then escorted to a boat that transfers them directly to Miniloc Island. Here lies a mini paradise that looks untouched by the baser emotions that plague city life. This looks like heaven!

Miniloc Island Resort, located in Bacuit Bay in El Nido, Palawan, Philippines, is one of the four luxury resorts operated by El Nido Resorts. It is famed for the clear waters of its Small and Big Lagoons. Nearby, the Shimizu Island has fish-filled waters. The area has many dive sites, including Dilumacad Island's long tunnel leading to an underwater cavern.

NATURE NURTURED

This is an ecologically-gifted area and the group embraces a strong commitment to sustainability by exercising stewardship over the flourishing diverse environment and stressing the importance of preserving nature to all who visit. This resort is looked after by Mac Guerrero, or Big Mac as he likes to call himself, who is the Resort Manager at Miniloc Island Resort. He is also a huge proponent of environment-friendly hospitality and ensures that every development or operational efficiency is combined with an equally sustainable solution.

The 50 cottages are thatch-roofed and furnished with indigenous Filipino materials. The floors are wooden and walls are covered in woven bamboo slats, locally known as sawali. There are a few water-cottages as well that have been built on stilts.

GET UNDER

Miniloc is an all-inclusive resort and include breakfast, lunch and dinner. It also includes some of the

activities that it offers but not all. Guests can undertake many water-borne activities such as snorkelling, scuba-diving, kayaking and island hopping. Guests can visit fascinating caves like Cudugnon and Cathedral caves, emerald lagoons including the famous Big and Small Lagoons, and pristine white sand beaches. Lunch barbecues and romantic dinners may be arranged on private islands, and relaxing spa and massage services are available upon request. Guests can also simply relax on the beach or enjoy cocktails at the bar while enjoying fabulous views of the sunset.

El Nido Resorts has been globally recognised for embracing nature-based guest activities and sustainable menus, and for providing environment education programmes for staff and guests, and employment opportunities for the local community. In fact, over the last couple of years, Department of Tourism, Philippines has been actively promoting the archipelago.

BEING SUSTAINABLE

El Nido Resorts operates a state-of-the-art

sewage treatment plant (STP) combined with native reed bed filters. This ensures that no raw sewage and grey water are discharged into sea. Treated water is utilised in flushing toilets, watering the plants and supplying fire hydrants. Solid wastes go through strict segregation before reaching the resort's full cycle materials recovery facility (MRF). The MRF receives recyclable and organic wastes from the resorts and is looked after by the Garden Department. After segregation, the recyclable waste is stored in holding bins, while the organic waste is composted onsite and later packed for use in the resort gardens.

El Nido Resorts implemented a refillable drinking water system in 2008 to eliminate the purchase of bottled waters during activities. The Kitchen Department also implemented its own refilling system, whereas instead of buying cooking oils in new containers, they send the old containers to the supplier for a refill.

KNOW?

DID YOU

Halo-halo is a popular Filipino cold dessert which is a concoction of crushed ice, evaporated milk and indigenous ingredients including ube, sweetened beans, coconut julienes, topped with ice cream



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Jarada Island

For a unique beach experience in Bahrain, Jarada Island is the destination. Unlike any other beach, this island is completely submerged under water at night and resurfaces the next morning, revealing soft golden sand. A speedboat sets off from Amwaj island Yacht Club and makes its way to Jarada, where a day serenity, tranquillity awaits!



Bahrain Fort

Enjoy the reflection of the rich trading history of a fort registered as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The fort is located atop a 17.5-hectare artificial hill that has been built over more than 4000 years of continuous occupation. The excavations over the past 50 years have revealed residential, public, commercial and military structures. You can look for oldest madbasa (a room where date molasses was produced) and learn about its history.



Bahrain International Circuit

Even if you are not a motor-race fan, you will be caught up in the thrill of the planet's biggest race event - Formula One. When the Formula 1 Grand Prix isn't taking centre stage at the Bahrain International Circuit, you can take the wheel yourself on its state-of-art karting track or enjoy a thrilling ride in the passenger seat of a Land Rover.



Ahmed Al Fateh Grand Mosque

With its architecture reflecting Middle Eastern elements, crowned by the world's largest fibreglass and blessed with an interior reserved for the holiest of holy places, the mosque truly lives up to its name. Able to accommodate 7,000 worshippers, the Al Fateh Grand Mosque welcomes non-Muslim visitors outside of prayer times.

Discover the pearl of Arabia

Bahrain attracts visitors with its culture, history, sporting extravaganza and even its shopping.

MANAS DWIVEDI FROM BAHRAIN



Old Houses of Muharraq

Muharraq, the former capital of Bahrain, is known for its cultural splendour, and traditional Bahraini houses litter the town's narrow lanes. The Shaikh Isa bin Ali house is the country's most impressive example of Gulf Islamic architecture featuring four courtyards and beautiful carved wooden doors and perforated gypsum panels. The beautifully restored houses provide an important insight into Bahrain's heritage.



Tree of Life

Nearly 400 years old and around 32ft high, the Tree of Life is a miracle tree standing tall in the middle of the Arabian desert, with miles of sand as its only companion. It's survival in the harsh conditions is a mystery and water source still undiscovered, which attracts swarms of crowd from across the globe. It is believed that anyone touching the Tree of Life will return to Bahrain again.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is widely recognised for its rich culture and traditions and has upheld its reputation as one of the most welcoming countries in the GCC. The country has strived to solidify its status as an ideal destination for experiential travel to offer visitors unique experiences. Numerous attractions catering to various interests; from history lovers exploring the remnants of multiple civilisations, to those looking for a more cultural experience and a leisure-filled vacation, Bahrain has something for everyone, a feature which sets itself apart from other GCC countries.



Bab al Bahrain

Bab al Bahrain marks the main entrance to the Manama Souq. The Souq's bustling marketplace is a shopping area with a large number of contemporary shops selling products ranging from textiles, spices, incense and perfumes, to handicrafts and souvenirs from all around the world, in addition to a number of old school coffee shops. Bahraini natural pearls are one of a kind and are available here.

Experiences in Bahrain



Arabian Horse Riding

The unique collection of pure-bred Arabian horses has been preserved on the island-nation for over 200 years and one can take a royal horse ride wandering on open trails to a ride towards Bahrain Fort for a picturesque view of the sunset.



Pearl Diving

Known for its pearl industry, Bahrain allows visitors to dive for their own pearls with the help of scuba master, where you will be guided by professional and trained divers.



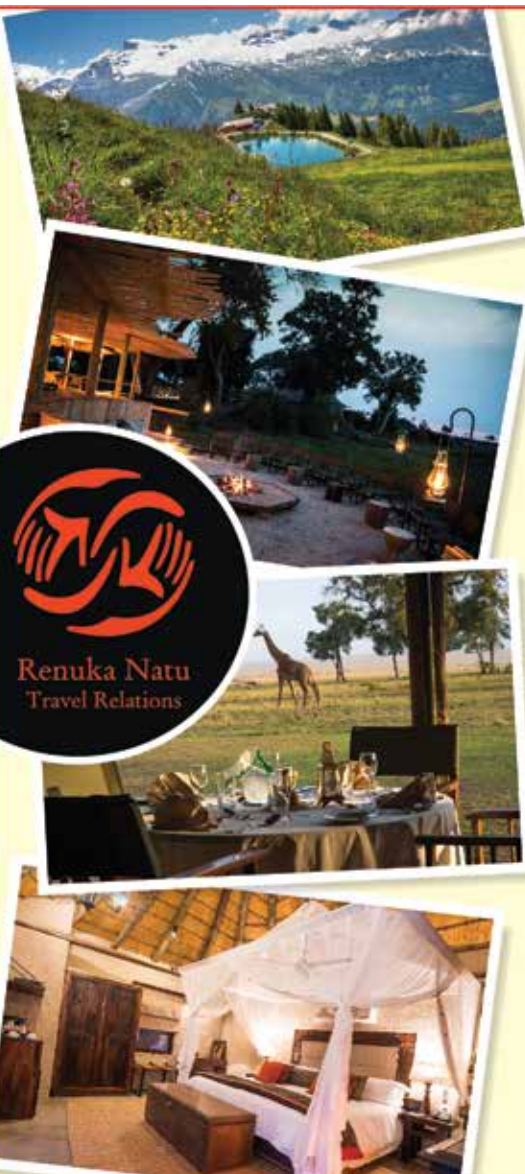
Indoor Skydiving

Experiencing the incredible feeling of a freefall in of the tallest wind tunnels in the world; with an overall height of 12 metres, Gravity in Bahrain provides country's first indoor skydiving experience with a feel like you are jumping from an aircraft.



Water Sport

From sailing, powerboating and windsurfing to kite surfing, paddle boating and kayaking, you are sure to find something that takes your fancy at one of the Bahrain's marinas and yacht clubs.



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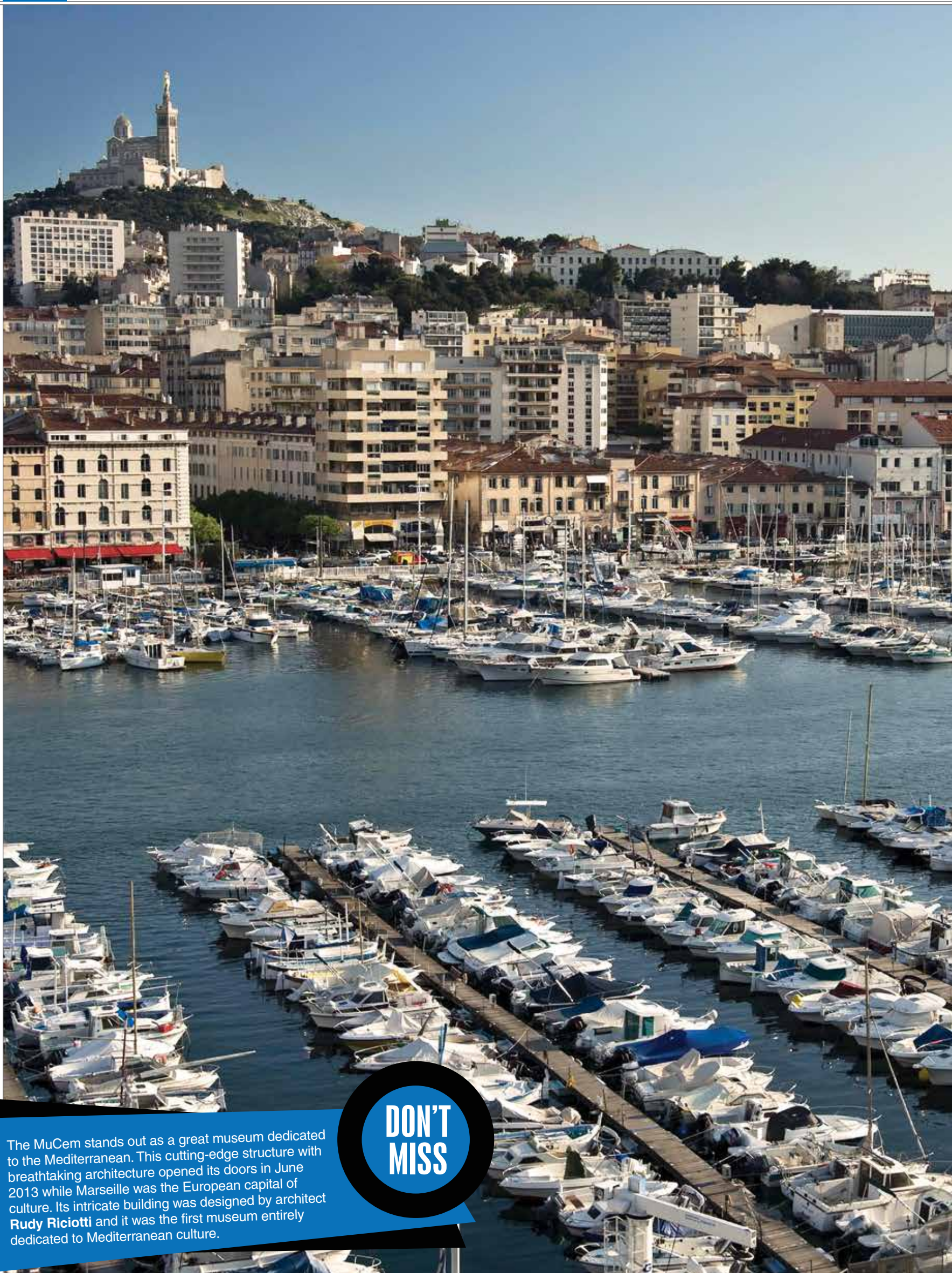


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The MuCem stands out as a great museum dedicated to the Mediterranean. This cutting-edge structure with breathtaking architecture opened its doors in June 2013 while Marseille was the European capital of culture. Its intricate building was designed by architect **Rudy Ricciotti** and it was the first museum entirely dedicated to Mediterranean culture.

KNOW?

DID YOU

Bouillabaisse is a traditional Provençal fish stew originating from Marseille. There are at least three kinds of fish in a traditional bouillabaisse

As blue as Marseille

As with many a port cities, Marseille's populace today is a healthy mixture of the Corsicans, Italians, Armenians, the Algerians and others. In short, it combines big-city swagger and fishing-village sociability.

HAZEL JAIN FROM MARSEILLE

What strikes immediately as you descend up on Marseille is how blue everything looks. The clearest skies are outlined by monochromatic land that instantly gives way to another shade of the deepest blue in the shape of the Mediterranean Sea. And then as you walk alongside the Old Port of Marseille, you realise that this was the setting that Ludlum chose to introduce his hero Jason Bourne who was found floating unconscious in the Mediterranean Sea near Marseille, located in southern France.

The city's economy is still linked to its commercial port. Cruise liners can be seen docking at the terminal with regular frequency to and from Algeria, Corsica, Sardinia, and Tunisia. Fishing obviously is an important part of Marseille life. At its heart is the Vieux-



Port (Old Port), where fishmongers sell their catch along the boat-lined quay. It comes as no surprise then that Marseille's most famous dish is a seafood dish called bouillabaisse!

SITES AND SOUNDS!


It will be blasphemy to not talk about the mother of all noteworthy sites in Marseille – the Notre-Dame de la Garde or Our Lady of the Guard. This Catholic basilica is the city's best-known symbol and can be seen from anywhere in the city. Another point on the axis which is worth exploring is Chateau D'If made so famous by Alexandre Dumas. It is the fortress (and later a prison) made famous by his novel 'The Count of Monte Cristo' and is just about a 20-minute boat ride from the port.



Once upon a time in

F E E T






Efteling: World of Wonders in The Netherlands brings to life our earliest childhood friends, read Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Rapunzel and a host of fairytale characters in a setting even more authentic than what our imagination would allow us to dream up.




PEDEN DOMA BHUTIA FROM THE NETHERLANDS



Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a girl who loved fairy tales, so much so that she would often wish to be transported to that enchanted world of pumpkins that turned into magnificent carriages, spindles that spun hay into yarns of gold, and houses made of gingerbread! Imagine her surprise when, as an adult, she found herself in the company of Sleeping Beauty, Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Rapunzel! And no, it wasn't all in her imagination.

People returning from a visit to The Netherlands often wax eloquent about the art—thanks to the Dutch masters Van Gogh, Rembrandt and Vermeer—and the beauty, mesmerised as they are by the windmills and tulips. For me, those boxes were ticked of course, but the trip did something more. I came back reliving my childhood and wanting to be a child all over again. (I've been told the world of fantasy that lies ensconced in Efteling Theme Park does that to many.) Holland has much to showcase to discerning travellers, but if the world of fairies, ghouls and elves enchants you, then Efteling is your mecca.



Your initiation into this magical world starts as soon as you slip through Efteling's slightly spooky-looking entrance that resembles a witch's hat. (See? Imagination at work already!) Once inside, you feel pretty much like Alice; only, in this Wonderland, instead of the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, are the much-loved fairy tale characters you grew up with. The Fairytale Forest has been bringing fairy tales to life for almost 65 years now. In 1952, Efteling started with 10 fairy tales, today there are no less than 29. No prizes for guessing why Efteling is often called the 'Keeper of fairy tales.'

DID YOU KNOW?

The park has a well-themed pancake house called Polles Keuken. The restaurant which offers a variety of both sweet and savoury pancakes

While ambling in the Fairytale Forest, pay special attention to a bespectacled man, who looks a bit like a wizard carrying a huge bag stuffed with branches and twigs. He plucks stories from these branches and twigs and writes these down in his book. If you happen to catch him, don't leave without hearing a few of his tales. Rumour has it, he knows every single fairy tale ever written.

Ever heard of dreaming with eyes wide open? If you just scrunched up your nose, you surely need a ride down Droomvlucht, which in English means

'Dreamflight'. Once strapped in, your first introduction to the ride is through a star-spangled entrance. As you travel through the World of Wonders in this six-minute ride, you encounter fairies on swings, elves swaying from branches and trolls playing harp—it's a living storybook unfolding before your eyes.

Follow up this pleasant reverie by heading to Ruigrijk. In 1999, the park was divided into four realms:

Ruigrijk, the adventure realm; Reizenrijk, the travel realm; Marerijk, the fairy realm; and Anderijk, the alternative realm. The adventure realm has enough to whet any adrenaline junkie's appetite and it is here that the Baron 1898 awaits you. This

daredevil's delight of a ride drops you 37.5 m into a mineshaft at a breakneck speed of 90 km per hour. Definitely not recommended for the faint-hearted!

All that excitement is sure to build up an appetite, so why not head to one of the many restaurants at the park! Pancakes on your mind? Try Polles Keuken (Polle's Kitchen). Polle is the Sous Chef of the Palace kitchen where he'll rustle up delicious, fluffy pancakes, sweet and savoury crepes and other mouthwatering goodies for you. The décor here is also a constant reminder of the fairy world that you are in. Every 15 minutes, the oven standing in the middle of the restaurant goes a little "crazy"—the kitchen utensils begin to move about and the wheels above the stove turn faster and faster. Post a hearty meal, walk over to Aquanura to witness the largest water show in Europe. Or, if you are in the mood for some action, try Ravelijn, a 20-minute show complete with stunt horse riders, a disappearing princess and a fire-breathing dragon.

Fairy tales and mystical stories are an inherent part of childhood. But we don't have to leave them behind as adults. No matter what wonders our phone and tablet screens unlock for us, they cannot rival the thrill of seeing our earliest childhood friends in a setting even more authentic than what our imagination would allow us to dream up. So, if you want to believe in magic, you know where to find it.

Here's to happily-ever-afters!

Polle is the Sous Chef of the Palace kitchen and he'll rustle up delicious, fluffy pancakes, savoury crepes and other mouthwatering goodies



JAPAN as we know it

Hiroshima is a treasure-trove of historical buildings and locations where the surviving remains from the atomic bomb in 1945 are painstakingly painted. Read on to make the most of your time in this corner of Japan...

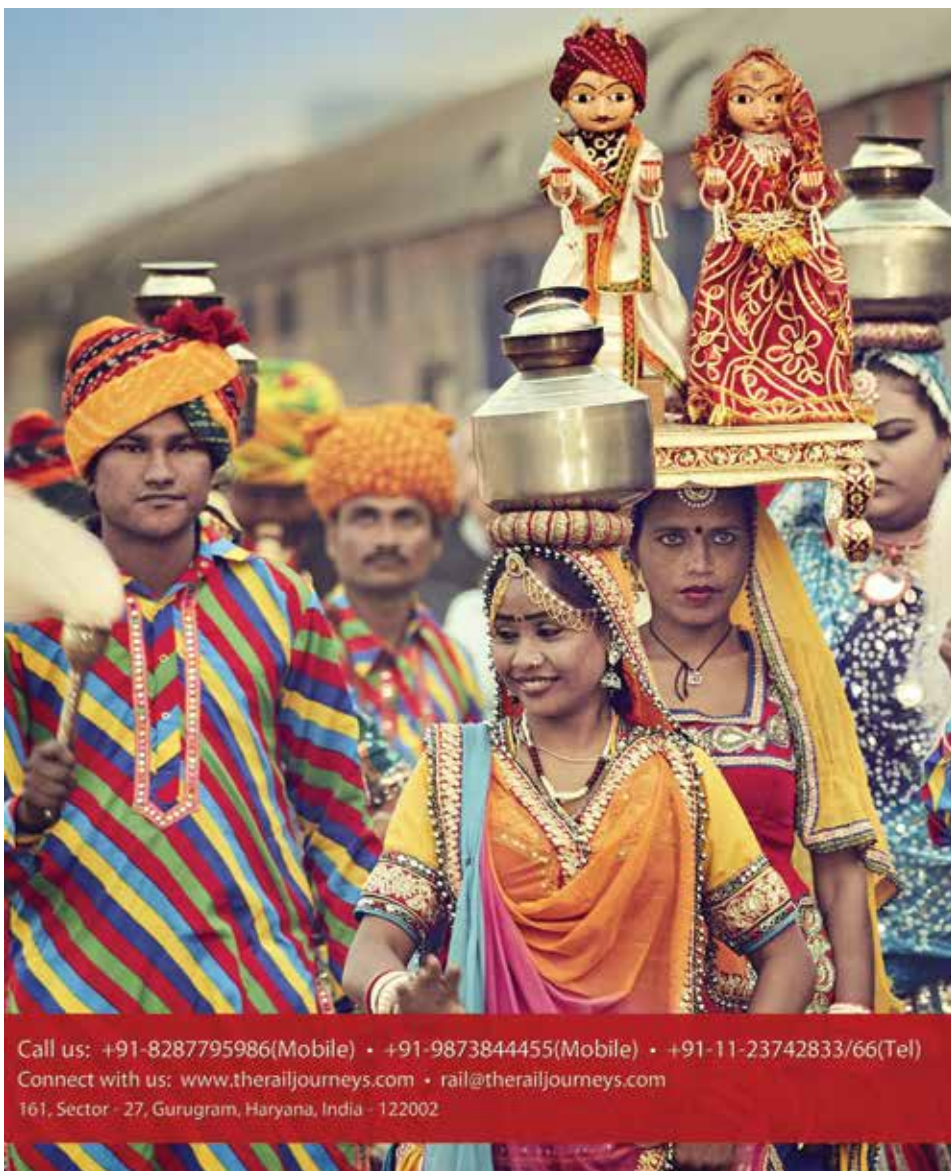
ANUPRIYA BISHNOI FROM JAPAN



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Hiroshima (Hiroshima Prefecture)

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum displays belongings and photographs of victims of the world's first atomic bombing in 1945. An interesting video clipping exhibits Hiroshima before and after the bombing. The entire tour will help you understand what transpired that day. The bomb exploded approximately 600 metres above the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall Atomic Bomb Dome, now A-bomb Dome, ripping through and igniting the building, killing everyone in it, instantly. Because, the blast struck from almost directly above, some of the centre walls remain standing, leaving enough of the building and iron frame to be recognisable as a dome. Besides this, one can find plenty of shopping and eating joints in the city. The city houses a lot of Indian restaurants as well.



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JAPAN beyond its CLICHÉS

What's the first thing that comes to mind when I say 'Japan'? Tokyo and sushi, perhaps? Everything you read on from here will change your perception of visualising the country. Let us take you through it!

I am sure a lot of you will regret not seeing Tokyo while visiting Japan; so, I suggest you do and can plan the length of your stay strategically. Couple of hours spent in Tokyo helped me get a foretaste of what the city has to offer. The skyscrapers, blue sky and the perfectly engineered bridges sans any traffic were an absolute delight! Not to forget, the high-class Japanese food which is close to a work of art created by expert chefs. Enjoy food from countries around the world — whether its Ramen, Kaiseki Ryori or Sushi, your culinary journey will be an unforgettable one! There are countless ways to experience Tokyo, but to truly experience the pulse of the city, a walking tour is recommended which allows you to explore sites and sounds of the city. Glance through some of the must-visit destinations in Japan beyond Tokyo.



Hakone (Kanagawa Prefecture)

Less than 100 kilometres from Tokyo, Hakone is famous for hot springs and the view across Lake Ashinoko of nearby Mount Fuji. A major attraction here is the Hakone open-air museum with hundreds of 19th and 20th century sculptures by western and Japanese artists. For me, it was a transit, turned into a few moments of 'zen'. To experience the panoramic view, one can also experience 4 kms long Hakone Ropeway which provides magnificent views of Owakudani Volcanic Valley.





EXPERIENCES IN SHIMANE PREFECTURE



Adachi Museum of Art

Housing one of the most exquisite gardens of all times, Adachi Museum is a combination of restful atmosphere and Japanese paintings. Azaleas in spring, fresh greenery in summer, red leaves in autumn and snow-covered gardens in winter — this garden is a delight to the eyes.



Matsue Horikawa boat ride

Enjoy the nostalgic landscape of 400-year-old Matsue on the hour-long Horikawa sightseeing boat tour. The tour will show you places associated with writer Lafcadio Hearn. The roof of the boat doesn't only protect you from rain and wind but also adjusts height under low bridges.



Matsue Castle

Matsue Castle was built over a five-year period by Yoshiharu Horio, founder of Matsue city. It is one of the last remaining feudal castles in Japan and one of the only five castles designated as a national treasure. Visitors can enjoy the panoramic view and locate 'Sleeping Buddha'—natural mountain in shape of a sleeping Buddha.



Shimane Winery

Shimane wine is made from the choicest Delaware grapes harvested in Izumo city. Visitors to the Shimane winery can tour the facilities and sample many varieties free of charge. Two giant wooden wine barrels are right outside the entrance to remind you where you are.



Sake

Shimane boasts of many sake breweries due to the high-quality taste of local rice. Like sushi, sake is an integral part of Japanese cuisine that foreign visitors often appreciate. Generally, Japanese sake has an alcohol content of around 15% and sometimes even as high as 17%.



Izumo-Taisha

Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines are aplenty in Japan. While they both look similar, they are different in nature. An hour and a half's drive from Matsue, Izumo-Taisha is one of the most venerated shrines in Japan. The inner shrine is constructed in the Taisha-zukuri style, Japan's oldest form of shrine architecture.

The bourns of Borneo

A gateway to North Borneo Island, Kota Kinabalu in Sabah, Malaysia, promises a journey of exploration! The city is packed with hiking trails and rafting routes besides a gorgeous beachfront.

TRIPTI MEHTA FROM SABAH



The rafting expedition allows moments of rest as you let your gaze wander to Mount Kinabalu. We stopped twice to take in the beauty of what we were witnessing

ATTRACTIONS

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Kinabalu Park

Kinabalu Park is Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. It boasts of more than 5,000 vascular plant species and around 90 lowland mammal species. The park surrounds Mount Kinabalu, which stands at 4095.2 metres and is the highest mountain in Malaysia. Visitors who wish to climb Mount Kinabalu are advised to make reservations six months in advance.



Mari Mari Cultural Village

Five different ethnic tribes in one village! Visitors get a chance to witness Sabahan traditional delicacies from each ethnic group. Travellers need to book their trip to the Village in advance as it does not accept walk-ins.



In an age where everything is available on the internet, there is little that's left to the imagination. Exceptions, however, almost always exist! Our journey into the unknown began with a trip to Sabah, a Malaysian state that lies in the North of Borneo Island. We travelled to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah's capital city, from Kuala Lumpur. A rush of adrenaline overwhelmed us as we stepped onto the island, in awe of the grandeur of the surrounding mountains.

Sabah's recent history can be traced to 1881, when the British North Borneo Chartered Company was set up to rule North Borneo (the state's old name). The Company administered the state until 1942 when the Japanese invaded and took control. After World War II, the British returned and turned Sabah into a Crown Colony. In 1963, Sabah gained her independence and joined Malaysia.

RIDING THE RAPIDS

We began the day with white-water rafting in Kadamaian River. A novice such as I had little to fear as the instructor assured me. We were handed our gear, got the mandatory 'I'm-embarking-on-an-adventure' photograph clicked, and hastily stepped onto the raft that was to carry us on a breathtaking ride for the next two and a half hours. The waters gushed and so did our excitement!

Kadamaian River offers rafting for beginners and children. The grade-I and II rapids are considered fairly safe for neophytes of all ages.

The river has a moderately rocky bed and as you meander through, you

spy glimpses of the spectacular Mount Kinabalu and its highest point, ironically named Low's Peak. In 1851, Hugh Low, a British colonial administrator, led an expedition to the region and was the first recorded man in history to summit the peak, now named after him.

The rafting expedition allows moments of rest as you let your gaze wander to Mount Kinabalu. We stopped twice to take in the beauty of what we were witnessing, but the instructor's puckish smile indicated that we step onto the raft again. Overhead suspension bridges and a few local inhabitants passed us by as we carried on the ride. On reaching our 'port of arrival', lunch awaited our starving selves and tired limbs.

THE TRAVELLER AND THE SEA

Sabah is surrounded by South China Sea to the west and Sulu Sea to the east. It has world-class accommodation facilities for the leisure traveller and state-of-the-art MICE facilities for business travellers. A trip to Kota Kinabalu would be incomplete if one didn't voyage over the South China Sea. It is of strategic significance with a third of the world's shipping passing through it. We took a North Borneo Sunset Dinner Cruise from Sutera Marina, which lasted a little over two hours and took us around the islands of Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park and down the central coast along the city's famous waterfront.

Sabah is known for its gorgeous sunsets, and visitors often take an evening cruise to witness their splendour. While the cruise ships provide entertainment, dance and great food within, the outside is just as alluring. Though the ride concluded the day, it did not cease the pounding heart!

Picture Courtesy: Sabah Tourism



Kota Kinabalu City Mosque

By far the largest mosque in Kota Kinabalu, the City Mosque has a prayer hall that can accommodate between 9,000-12,000 people at a time. The floating mosque is surrounded by a man-made lagoon that gives it a dramatic look on a full moon night.

KNOW?

DID YOU

Tuaran noodles is a popular delicacy in Sabah. Soft and springy, eggy yellow noodles are fried, topped with a selection of barbecued pork

Tunku Abdul Rahman Park

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