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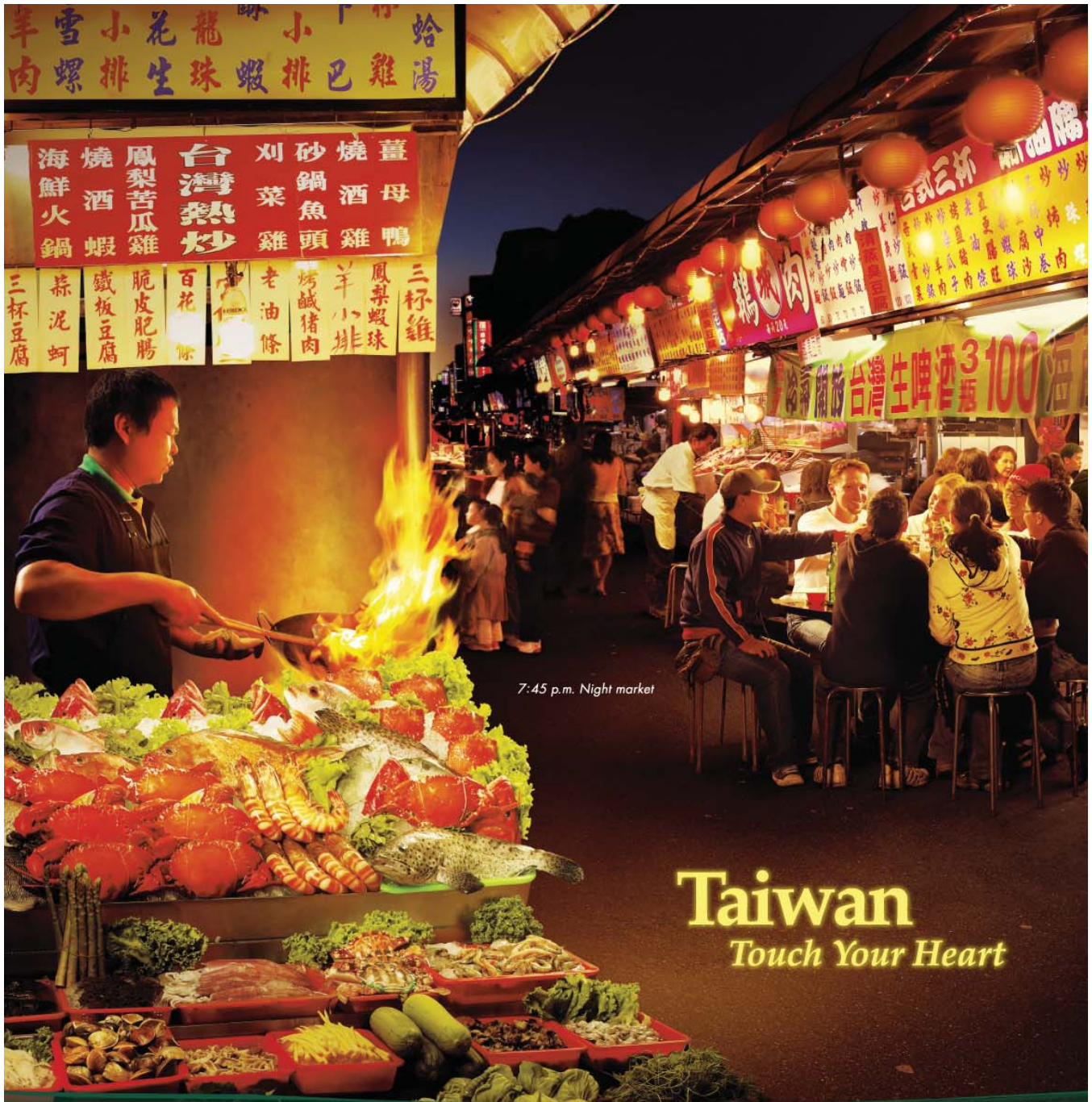


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The airline has won the prestigious "Best New Airline of the Year" Award in the Asia Pacific and Middle East region from The Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA) and the "Service Excellence for a New Airline" award from SKYTRAX, a UK based specialist global air transport advisor. They have also been ranked as the Third "Most Successful Brand Launch of 2005," under the Brand Derby Survey conducted by India's leading business daily – Business Standard. In addition, the brand Kingfisher has been awarded the 7th position across product categories in the "Buzziest Brands of 2005" survey conducted by agencyfaqs.com and Brand Reporter.

Trendy and young, Kingfisher Airlines is not in the transportation business but is in the 'Aviation Hospitality' business. That's why there are not passengers on Kingfisher Airlines, only 'guests.'

For the first time in the Indian skies, Kingfisher Airlines offers world class in-flight entertainment with personal video screens in every seat. In addition, gourmet meals and cabin crew of international standards make up a unique Kingfisher Class experience.

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Kingfisher Airlines' Dr. Vijay Mallya.

ACARS- that continuously monitors every aircraft even while in flight. It is the first private carrier in India to be equipped with this.

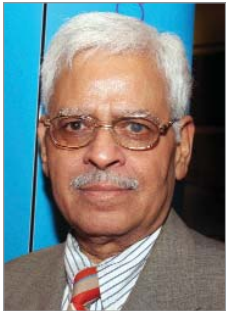
To provide extra value to its guests, Kingfisher Airlines has also launched innovative consumer promotions like the King Saver offer –designed for the frequent flying corporate traveler. In addition, they have also launched the "King Credit Card" which offers exclusive privileges and benefits to its members including a personal concierge service.

Kingfisher Airlines has also recently celebrated the first ever nonstop service from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to Mumbai offered by Delta Air Lines. The venture also marked the start of a partnership between Delta Air Lines and Kingfisher Airlines that will allow for passengers traveling on Delta Air Lines to quickly and conveniently connect from

Mumbai to the rest of India. Kingfisher Airlines departures from Mumbai International Airport connect to Bangalore, Chennai, Ahmadabad and Delhi. These new flights will allow guests arriving at Mumbai International Airport on Delta Air Lines to reach their final destination within India by eliminating the problems commonly experienced by international travelers, including long transit delays and terminal transfers. The new flight provides needed air service to the burgeoning financial center of Mumbai that is attracting sweeping number of business travelers. Mumbai is also the fashion and entertainment capital of India. Kingfisher Airlines is part of the UB Group, one of India's largest conglomerates.

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SANS INCREDIBLE VACATIONS PROVIDES DREAM JOURNEYS TO INDIA; RAM CHOPRA BACK AS COO



RAM P. CHOPRA

Ram Chopra is back in the United States and currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer of Sans Incredible Vacations, a small travel business with a tour brochure on India.

Mr. Chopra brings with him a wealth of knowledge in the travel industry, having served the Ministry of Tourism Government of India for over 40 years; in the State Government of India; and also with a travel company dealing in the handling of several International Airlines in India.

Sans Incredible Vacations offers customized solutions for all travel related services to individuals and small groups traveling on holiday, business, or incentive to India.

Their experienced and enthusiastic team of professionals can help plan, design, and develop a range of tailor made packages incorporating all travel needs. In the first six months under Mr. Chopra, the company has come out with a new brochure which has been well received in the market. His plan is to work beside the leisure segment which will be the backbone of the business and also embark on small groups encompassing museums and art, trade missions and related events, small meetings and theme events, and the handling of business coming out of luxury liners visiting India.

The company will also be working carefully on the expanding Medical and relative business.

Their connection and networking within India and the U.S. gives Sans Incredible Vacations the flexibility to offer services for travel, including air, Indian Railways, coach or chauffeur drive private cars, and cruise; accommodations, including hotels,

resorts, houseboats, tents and lodges; sight-seeing; and specific tour programs including adventure, wildlife safari parks, health and medical, heritage, religious, and sports.

Sample tours include the Best of Himachal, Highlights of Rajasthan, Spirit of Ayurveda, The Shikar Trail, Buddhist Temple Extravaganza, North East Wildlife Tour, Taj & Tigers, and Himalayan Extravaganza.

The goal of Sans Incredible Vacations is to take excellent care of all their clients and provide a "complaint free" vacation. "I have been doing this over the last 40 years of my career with India Tourism and five years through the other allied agencies very successfully with the result that our Company from a small business has grown and is now registered in the USA as an LLC," stated Mr. Chopra. "This has only happened due to the help from our friends both at home and overseas and the satisfied customers."

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DELTA MAKES HISTORY WITH NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN JFK AND MUMBAI



Delta Air Lines made history when it inaugurated the first and only nonstop service between New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and Mumbai, India on November 1, 2006.

The new route is the latest milestone in the ongoing restructuring of Delta's route network to connect more global centers of commerce to the United States nonstop, replacing routes that previously required flight connections in Europe.

"We understand that our customers' most

valuable commodity is their time, and we are giving back thousands of hours each year to customers flying between the United States and India who previously had to make international connections to reach Mumbai," said Bob Cortelyou, Delta's Vice President - Network Planning.

The new flights will significantly improve customer travel times between Mumbai and the United States, reducing the flight duration by at least two hours in each direction when compared to other airlines' one-stop service.

Between Mumbai and New York, Delta will operate service using Boeing 777-200ER aircraft seating up to 268 passengers with 50 seats in BusinessElite, Delta's award-winning business class service. By summer, all customers choosing to fly BusinessElite between Mumbai and New York will enjoy Delta's recently enhanced service, including more comfortable seats, improved leg rests, and the same 60 inches of legroom that has made BusinessElite a customer favorite.

Customers in both business and economy cabins on flights between New York and India will enjoy authentic Indian cuisine, and by summer, enhanced in-seat entertainment.

Also, in 2008, Delta will introduce fully horizontal lie-flat seats on its Boeing 777 fleet, offering improved comfort for all business class customers flying between New York and Mumbai.

"Being a truly global airline requires more than a route network that takes customers where they want to go. Delta also takes great pride in serving international customers with the international expertise they expect," Cortelyou said. "Customers flying Delta to India will enjoy specially designed Indian cuisine and excellent service from a team of trained Hindi-speaking flight attendants."

Delta's new nonstop service between New York-JFK and Mumbai, India is scheduled as follows: departs JFK at 9:20 p.m. arrives Mumbai at 10:10 p.m. (next day); departs Mumbai at 12:10 a.m., arrives JFK at 6:00 a.m.

Delta Air Lines, www.delta.com

INDIA IS LAND OF MANY OPTIONS FOR TOURISM; READY TO HOST PATA TRAVEL MART 2008

India, one of the world's oldest civilizations, is now poised on the high growth path. The Indian Economy today is the fastest growing economy among the major democracies of the world.

The past two years have been good for the tourism sector. India, today, is a transformed tourist destination – competing to give the best to visitors. Improvements in accessibility and infrastructure, well trained human resources, diversification of the tourism product, and an integrated marketing campaign under the banner 'Incredible India' have helped India achieve an unprecedented growth, in terms of both volume and value. This growth and a successful campaign has won India widespread international recognition in the field of tourism.

Tourism in India is being positioned as a major engine of economic growth. Various initiatives are underway in the tourism sector with the objective of providing visitors with a world-class experience that differentiates itself as a spiritually enhancing, culturally enriching, physically invigorating, and mentally rejuvenating experience. Infrastructural facilities in the country are being augmented in a well planned manner, in partnership with the State Governments and the private sector. Fifteen destinations/circuits have been identified for development as world class destinations. Promotion of Buddhist Circuits has also been given priority and 22 important Buddhist sites throughout the country have been identified for this purpose.

India is a land of transition where the ancient co-exists with the most modern. Its impressive variety of history and culture, climate and geography, race, language and traditions harmoniously blend to present a unique experience for visitors. Its huge land mass straddling from the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean abound in a veritable feast for the eyes and the senses: placid backwaters and lagoons, bays and coral ringed seas, riverine estuaries full of crocodiles, mangrove forests with tigers, the Himalayan ranges, the desert sand dunes of Rajasthan, the mighty rivers of the Ganges and Brahmaputra, the tropical forests and wildlife, and much more.

The Culture and Heritage of the country provide excellent opportunities for product options. India has a total of 26 World Heritage Sites including monuments reflecting its Islamic Heritage - the Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri in Agra, Humayun's Tomb in Delhi, Christian Heritage in the Churches and Convents of Goa, Buddhist Sites at Ajanta and Ellora, Sanchi and Bodhgaya, the Hindu Temples of Khajuraho, Mahabalipuram and the Konark Temple in Orissa, the ancient ruins of Hampi, among others.

The Himalayan ranges provide opportunities for adventure sports such as skiing, mountain climbing, rock climbing, river rafting, and hang gliding. The forests provide for sightings of rare animals including the Royal Bengal Tiger and the Asiatic Lions of the Gir Forest. The Andaman and Lakshadweep group of Islands are famous for snorkeling and scuba diving opportunities.

India, a region with the world's greatest bio-diversity and with varied natural locales is an ideal destination for Eco-tourism products. World famous National Parks and Tiger Reserves, the riverine estuaries including the Sunderbans, mountains and forests, the coral islands, the long coast line with its beaches, backwaters and lakes are some of the highlights of the Eco-Tourism sector.

A number of rural sites have been identified to showcase rural life, art, culture and heritage, nature and landscape in and around such villages. This program encourages greater interaction between the tourists and the rural population and provides an enriching experience to the tourists to savor the Indian countryside in its full variety. The Ministry of Tourism is working closely with UNDP and NGOs in development of this unique product.

The MICE sector is an important segment and India is today becoming a preferred venue boasting some world class convention centers. The inbound MICE segment is growing at around 20 percent annually.

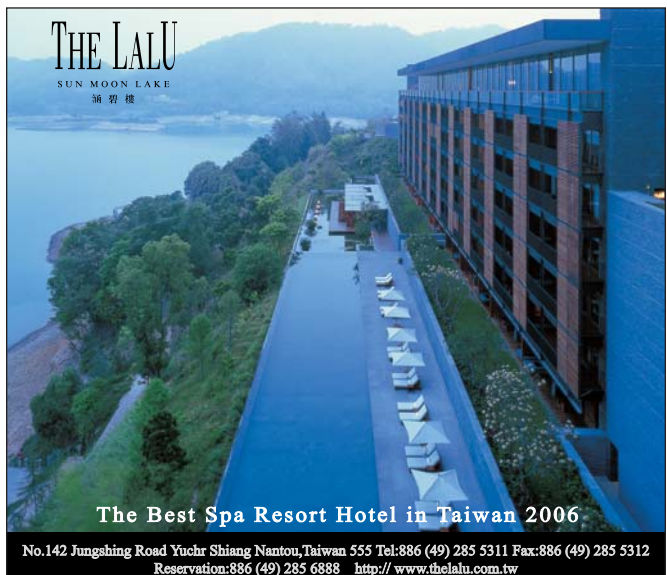
Niche products like the luxury trains and hotels, world class spas, and yoga and meditation centers continue to remain among the main attractions for tourists.

Indian Medical Tourism, a new product, is gaining popularity in world markets. As is widely known, India has a rich heritage in the areas of traditional and natural medicine, Yoga, Pranayama and spiritual practice. It has also made tremendous advancements in providing modern medicine and healthcare facilities at very competitive rates.

Cruise Tourism is growing very fast globally. The long coast line and the Andaman and Lakshadweep group of islands of India will prove irresistible for the growth of this sector.

With several golf courses boasting of playing conditions and supporting infrastructure comparable to world standards, India is ready to be announced to the world as a Golf Tourism destination. Even Film Tourism through promotion of Indian locales amongst foreign film makers has become increasingly popular.

India Tourist Office, www.incredibleindia.org



VISIT UNFORGETTABLE INDIA WITH EXOTIC JOURNEYS

Exotic Journeys has been operating in India since 1979. Their personalized and efficient service has helped them achieve the highest level of client satisfaction. Their tours are the result of diligent planning and research to provide the most comprehensive experience at the best price.

They have gathered a dedicated team of professionals to smooth the path for travelers. Their overseas offices and selected operators are available 24 hours a day for assistance. They hire only certified, experienced, and knowledgeable guides.

Their tours are conceived with imagination, and offer the best of the most exotic destinations in the world. They offer a wide selection of programs including cultural, adventure, incentive, and tours with special interest, ranging from five to 31-days covering India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, Tibet, Sri Lanka, Korea, and Myanmar. Although they offer several itineraries, they can also customize programs based on individual requirements and budget.

One tour they offer is the 17 day Royal Adventure – Palace on Wheels. Palace on Wheels is rated as one of the most luxurious trains in the world. Its elegant interior and services offer a memorable experience of luxury train travel and royal splendor of a bygone era. Prices start at \$3,435 (double) and the tour visits Delhi, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Ranthambhore, Chittaurgarh, Udaipur, Agra, Khajuraho, Varanasi, and Kathmandu.

Their 23-day Wildlife Safari- India and Nepal is ideal for wildlife lovers. They will explore the best wildlife parks in India and Nepal and also go on sightseeing tours of Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Varanasi and Kathmandu. View Royal Bengal tigers, snow leopards, Asiatic lion, one-horned rhinos, elephants and a variety of exotic birds. Prices start at \$4,750 (double).

The South India tour is 20 days and journeys through a region rich in arts, cultural heritage, and unchanged traditional ways of life. Prices start at \$3,555 (double).

Additional tours include 17-day Exotic Adventure; India and Nepal for 20- or 31-days; South India and Sri Lanka, 19-days; 15-day Adventure in Nepal; 17-day Sikkim and Bhutan; 17-day Nepal and Tibet; and Incredible India, 22-days. They also offer Personal and Private Modular Tours where guests can plan the tour they want to go on and Exotic Journeys will organize it.

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JOURNEY THROUGH MYSTICAL INDIA WITH TRAVCOA

Travel to India has increased 26 percent since 2004 and Travcoa is responding to the demand by augmenting their existing India portfolio with a new journey called Mystical India.

Mystical India will provide access to some of the most diverse sites and will join Travcoa's three existing India journeys. Specifically, this newest offering celebrates everything from the sacred rites of Hindu pilgrims on the Ganges in Varanasi to a pri-

vately hosted lunch with a local family in Jodhpur. History aficionados and those with an interest in art, religion, archeology and architecture will appreciate Travcoa's special attention to culture, local customs and lifestyle.

Highlights include exploring the Bahai Temple, Sarnath, the Taj Mahal, searching for tigers, jackals, leopards and antelope in Ranthambore National Park, and listening to a private concert of local musicians playing traditional Rajasthani music.

The Bahai Temple in New Delhi is also known as the Lotus Temple. The temple celebrates all faiths and many visit regularly to pray and meditate.

Sarnath, just outside of Varanasi, is where Buddha delivered his first sermon. Emperor Ashoka in the third century B.C., recognized the sanctity of the site, building many monuments, the remains of which are set in beautiful gardens.

As with all Travcoa journeys, the best hotels and dining experiences have been selected to compliment the adventure and cultural experiences.

Approximately 342 guests will travel with Travcoa to India throughout the year beginning January 11, 2007, Fuqua said, with 19 additional departures through December 20, 2007. Each Escorted Journey has no more than 18 travelers. The small groups cater to the discerning traveler and guarantee personalized attention and an all-inclusive luxury experience.

Travcoa, 800-992-2005; www.travcoa.com

LUXE INDIA LAUNCHED AT ILTM

At the recent International Luxury Travel Mart (ILTM) at Cannes in France, Le Passage to India Tours & Travels, a New Delhi based Destination Management Company, launched a new brand by the name of "Luxe India" in order to attract upmarket tourists to the country. Recently they had launched another brand "ICE" (Integrated Conference and Events Management) besides their earlier brand of "Go India Journeys" for targeting niche markets.

"Luxe India was very well received at ILTM by the buyers who met Le Passage to India representatives at their booth as they were appreciative of the luxurious brochure brought out by LPTI" says Mr. Arjun Sharma, Managing Director, Le Passage To India. It aims at giving a toll free number to the visitors to seek any information from their personal concierge on fine dining restaurants, choice of wines, art exhibitions, yoga, Ayurveda centers, games of golf, visits to private art galleries, shopping and any tours to places they may want to visit. The personal concierge will keep in touch with the visitors wherever they may be to check how they are enjoying their visits. The "Luxe India" brochure lists and recommends luxury resorts, spas, celebrations, escapades, luxury trains and safaris, luxury dining, shopping and journeys.

The service also offers chartering of aircrafts for top corporate executives for travels at their convenience, and luxury automobiles for touring.

Le Passage To India Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd., info@lepassagetoindia.com, www.lepassagetoindia.com

BLUE YONDER WINS AT FIRST CHOICE RESPONSIBLE TOURISM AWARDS



The Blue Yonder won the award in the category "Best for Poverty Reduction" at the 2006 First Choice Responsible Tourism Awards. The award was presented to Gopinath Parayil (Gopi), Chief Executive of The Blue Yonder on November 8 at World Travel Market London. Libby Evans and Ajith Kavirajan, from TBY's UK and Bangalore offices were also present.

The Blue Yonder (TBY) has been awarded top honors in the 2006 First Choice Responsible Tourism Awards. The awards, organized by online travel agent responsibletravel.com in association with The Times, Geographical Magazine and the World Travel Market, are the largest of their kind in the world.

The First Choice Responsible Tourism Awards celebrate tourism ventures that make a positive contribution to conservation and the economies of local communities while minimizing any negative impacts of tourism.

The award committee received over 1,200 nominations from members of the traveling public, which were reduced down to 13 winners. They have won the award in the category "Best for Poverty Reduction".

The Award was presented to Gopinath Parayil (Gopi), Chief Executive of The Blue Yonder, on November 8 at the World Travel Market in London. Libby Evans and Ajith Kavirajan, from TBY's UK and Bangalore offices respectively, were also present. An expert panel discussion after the awards ceremony mentioned "The Blue Yonder Associates" as the most exciting project on Responsible Tourism in destinations to come up recently.

TBY came into the travel business three years ago with a mission: to provide travelers with alternative holiday experiences that would bring economic and cultural benefits to the communities they visit. Their tours were set up as a financial engine to drive the work of the Nila Foundation, which works with poor communities along the banks of the River Nila in Kerala, South India.

On receiving the award, Gopinath Parayil (Gopi) said, "This award is recognition of local people's effort to own responsibility for the

environment they live in. This is an encouragement for people living along the river to protect and preserve a river that reminiscences generations of folklores.

As well as introducing travelers to this beautiful and richly artistic part of India, their holidays provide a supplementary source of income to folk artists, musicians, home makers, traditional martial arts practitioners and local entrepreneurs. Just as importantly, they provide an alternative income to people who earn their living from activities that damage the river, such as illegal sand mining.

Their holidays have shown the importance of a river in relation to culture, ecosystem and a sustainable way of life.

Their river-based programs focus on people who have been associated for several generations with the river in their day to day life. They believe that the way they do business will bring significant changes in the way local people think about the river, which was once so much part of the cultural and social ethos of the people in Kerala.

They hope this award will help them to bring the international community's attention to a river that could actually disappear into oblivion and that this award will also lead the way forward for the industry and the Governments in destinations like India to look at Responsible Tourism as the main stay of business for the future.

The Blue Yonder, www.theblueyonder.com; Nila Foundation, www.nilafoundation.org

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FEEL THE RUSH IN THE HIMALAYAS WITH AQUATERRA ADVENTURES

Aquaterra Adventures offers premier mountain and river trips throughout the Indian Himalaya. For 2007, they have on offer a wide range of options for a dream adventure. Participants can plan and be part of the adventure from a mountain trek to weekend rafting, to adrenaline pounding expeditions, all carefully tailored to provide one of the most fun, yet safest adventure trips in India today.

This year, join up for a weekend on the Ganga, or a trek and raft combo in the Tons valley. Their commitment to offer new regions continues in 2007. For those looking for a new offering, sign up for the Spiti-Pin valley expedition taking place June 16-28, 2007. It descends over a river in the twin valleys of the Spiti and Pin rivers. It gets in close with the amazing culture of Spiti, and exits through the tribal district of Kinnaur via the Sutlej and Baspa valleys, encompassing some of the most amazing part of the Trans Himalaya. They run down big volume rapids set in the land of 1,000 year old monasteries, and traverse the entire region in a fortnight of high adventure.

The Great Brahmaputra Descent, November 16-30, 2007 is an exciting journey down one of the world's greatest rivers for the true adventurer. The river, after flowing gently eastwards through Tibet, cuts the Greater Himalaya and the highest unclimbed mountain in the world, Namche Barwa before it enters Arunachal Pradesh, where the expedition begins a few miles inside the line-of-control with China. The expedition travels through remote hillsides dotted with tribal settlements in clearings surrounded by leech-infested rainforest. It negotiates some of the finest big volume white water in the world, in a nine day self contained run from Tuting to Pasighat through one of the most inaccessible regions in the world. It is one of the most premier expeditions offered.

Many other trips are offered and can be tailored to individual needs.

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AWAKEN YOUR SENSES IN INDIA WITH COX & KINGS

Cox & Kings' Seat in Coach Escorted Tours takes in all the best of India. They offer everything from the Taj Mahal, the capital fascinations of Delhi, the majesty and royalty of Rajasthan, the masterpieces of Khajuraho, the spirituality of Varanasi, the rejuvenating backwaters of Kerala, and all the grandeur of the fascinating South.

The tours are so networked that they cover every important place of interest and cultural highlight. They are also flexible so that they can accommodate virtually any size of group. Their packages take in India's most popular highlights. They are carefully planned to include visits to places of interest and panoramic drives through areas of natural beauty.

They have over 60 offices and representatives around India to give on-the-spot support. On average, their Indian Tour Directors have completed more than 35 seasons on the road, successfully conducting an average of nearly 100 vacations. They employ local guides who provide insights and perspectives in specific cities and places of historical interest, complementing the Tour Manager.

The Golden Triangle Tour is six-days/five-nights and takes in Delhi, Sikandra, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Amer, and Jaipur. Prices start at \$499.

The India Classic Tour is 13-days/12-nights and features Delhi, Sikandra, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur, Ajmer, Deogarh, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Mandawa, and Delhi. Prices start at \$1,299. The Ganges is nine-days/eight nights and visits Delhi, Samode, Jaipur, Amer, Fatehpur Sikri, Agra, Khajuraho, and Varanasi. Prices start at \$999.

The Taste of South India is 11-days/10 nights. It includes Chennai, Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram, Pondicherry, Trichy, Tanjore, Madurai, Thekkady, Kumarakom, and Cochin. Prices start at \$1,199. Prices include accommodations, services of English speaking tour director; air-conditioned vehicle for all transfers, excursions and sightseeing as per the mentioned itinerary; entrances at monuments, road and interstate taxes, parking fees, and fuel charges; and a Cox & Kings representative for assistance on all arrival and departure transfers.

A variety of exciting optional excursions are also available, including dinner in a local specialty restaurant; an Elephant Safari through the villages of Rajasthan; or an exciting Camel Safari over the Thar Desert.

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UNITED AIRLINES THE ONLY AMERICAN-BRANDED CARRIER WITH SERVICE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SAIGON

Two years after a United Airlines Boeing 747-400 took off from the United States and touched down on tarmac in Vietnam, United Airlines is the only U.S.-based carrier flying between the countries.

The growth in U.S. travel to Asia — and specifically to Vietnam — is up by incredible margins. From the most recent figure available, travel to Asia surged by 31 percent in 2004. Vietnam is about to join the World Trade Organization, and then there will be more demand than ever for business class travel to Vietnam.

From the United States, United Airlines flies daily non-stop to Hong Kong from San Francisco (13.5 hours) and Chicago (15.5 hours), and then on to Ho Chi Minh City (2.5 hours). United started flying between San Francisco to Ho Chi Minh City on December 9, 2004. In April 2007, United will add three flights per week to its Hong Kong/San Francisco schedule. United currently operates 10 non-stop flights per week between Chicago and Hong Kong. In addition to Ho Chi Minh City, United flies to 12 other destinations in the Asia-Pacific region.

United Airlines, 800-538-2929, www.united.com

2006 Taipei International Travel Fair Breaks All Records

BY AL HAUT

The four day annual Taipei International Fair, Taiwan's largest international tourism event, took place from November 3 to November 6 at the Taipei World Trade Center.

This was the twentieth edition of Taipei ITF and broke all records including a new record for floor space requiring all available halls at the Center. In total, 1,150 exhibition booths were occupied by exhibitors from 60 countries compared to 784 booths from 58 countries last year. Visitors this year totaled 172,280 compared to 143,209 last year. More popular than ever, this venue for local and international tourism has become the largest international travel fair in the Asia/Pacific region and one of the world's most important travel events. The last day of the Fair welcomed 30,885 visitors with many expressing the opinion that the event should be longer than four days.

Opening day ceremonies featured a colorful dance performance by an indigenous group from a central Taiwan aboriginal village, flute and string music provided by a troupe from the Philippines and a Japanese group which presented a lion dance show. Participating in the ceremonies were Tsai Duei, Taiwan's minister of transportation and communications, Hsu Wen-sheng, director general of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau, Stanley Yen, director of the ITF Organizing Committee and representatives of some of the Fair's participants including the governor of Alaska. In his address, Minister Tsai noted that over the past two decades, Taiwan's tourism industry has grown rapidly just as Taipei ITF has consistently expanded with the net effect of establishing Taiwan as an important marketplace in the region for



The record breaking 20th edition of Taipei ITF, the largest international travel fair in the Asia/Pacific region, was held November 3-6 at the Taipei World Trade Center.

tourism businesses from around the world. He further commented that the Ministry's plan to double the number of tourist arrivals over a period of eight years is materializing.

Opening day of ITF 2006 was the first time that the general public was admitted to the Fair on the afternoon of the first day and throughout the day they were entertained by cultural performances presented by troupes from all over Taiwan as well as from Japan, India, Mongolia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Korea and Hawaii. It was a good day for business as well with over 1,000 pairs of buyers and sellers getting together.

To assist visitors wishing more information before making decisions pertinent to their next travel destination, more than 40 product presentations designed to provide the latest in travel products including new destinations and travel packages were given by local

and foreign businesses. Presentation attendance was between 20 and 30 percent higher than last year. Adding to the excitement of the Fair, visitors had opportunities to win over 500 prizes ranging from a visit to a hot spring to airline tickets and hotel stays.

Japan continued to be the country with the largest number of exhibitors. Japan places considerable emphasis on attracting tourists from Taiwan with over one million tourists traveling between Taiwan and Japan each year. In terms of number of exhibitors, Malaysia was number two followed by Korea, Hong Kong, Macau, Australia, Thailand and Singapore. First time participants this year included Iran, Kenya, Sweden and Tunisia. Exhibitors ranged from national and local tourism bureaus, travel agencies, hotels and resorts, theme parks, youth travel and other tourism related organizations. As

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is in the past, Asia/Pacific, Europe, America, the Middle East and Africa each had their own section as well as Taiwan with more than 600 exhibitors.

Mainland China also participated for the first time and tourism officials responsible for the presentation of the Cross Strait Taipei Travel Fair went all out to insure that visitors left with a lasting impression.

Exhibitors from 31 provinces and cities were present and events included not just cultural performances but a display of kung fu martial arts by young monks from the world famous Shaolin Temple. A large exhibition of photography featuring the best scenic and cultural spots further provided visitors with lasting images.

A highlight of the Fair was a travel seminar held on the last day with the topic of travel relations between Taiwan and mainland China taking center stage. The presentation of respective perspectives by three tourism experts from each country clearly indicated optimism with regard to the future of cross-strait travel and drew applause from an audience comprised of tourism industry representatives, the general public and the media.

At the conclusion of the seminar, Mr. Yen expressed his pleasure with the way in which ITF had become a venue where tourism experts from around the world could exchange their views and learn from each other.

Taiwan Tourist Office, www.taiwantourism.org

NEW SEMINARS ADDED TO IDE-ASIA

The American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) has announced more seminars have been added to the schedule for the upcoming International Destination Expo (IDE)—Asia, being held in Jeju, Republic of Korea, March 25-29, 2007.

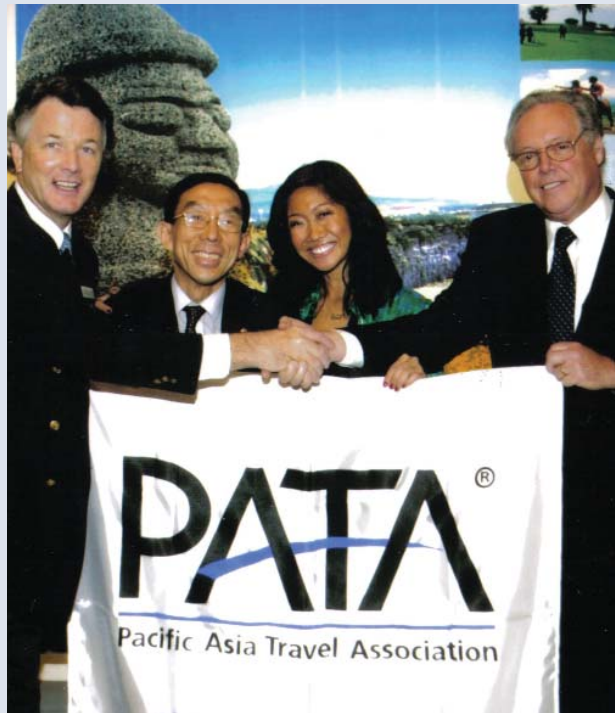
New seminars include: DS Jeju, Korea: A Beautiful Escape! presented by Suh Yong-Kun and William Cannon Hunter; Experience the Dynamism and Beauty of Korea, courtesy of Daegu Metropolitan City Tourism Division; The Potential of Incheon as a Favored Tourist Destination, courtesy of Incheon Metropolitan City Tourism Division; and Korea, Up Close and Personal, presented by Sung Woock Cho and Korean suppliers.

"Korea-specific seminars are an important component of IDE, and critical to the experience of travel agents who attend in order to become destination specialists," said ASTA President and CEO Cheryl Hudak, CTC. "There's no better way to learn how to sell Korea than from Korean travel professionals."

Those who register for DS Jeju, Korea: A Beautiful Escape! will learn about "The Island of Mystery," now known as "The Island of World Peace," home to a world-class convention center. This destination offers a range of services and attractions for travelers with diverse needs. Sunday, March 25, 2007, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Experience the Dynamism and Beauty of Korea offers (two sessions): Session 1: The first will be a fashion show featuring Korean

KOREAN TOURISM HOSTS PATA EVENT



At a recent PATA event hosted by the Korea Tourism Organization held in New York City, shown left to right: Jim Ferguson, PATA Director, North America; Sung-Woock Cho, Director, Korea Tourism Organization; Connie Chong, Korean-born journalist, TV anchor on WB11 and Jack Maraffi, Chairman, NY PATA.

attire, and beauty tips. Session 2— The Charming Cities of Korea's East Coast—will be presented by Mi-ae Han, and will showcase the cities that dot this picturesque region. This seminar includes details on Ulleungdo Island and the cities of Pohang, Yeongcheon, Yeongdeok, and Uljin as well as Korea's ancient capital, Gyeongju. Monday, March 26, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

The Potential of Incheon as a Favored Tourist Destination, presented by Lee Seung Hak, will explore Incheon as the gateway to Northeast Asia. Renowned for its diverse historical and modern attractions, including its nearly 150 islands, Incheon is home to Korea's only Chinatown.

Additionally, Ganghwado Island's dolmen sites were recently added to UNESCO's World Cultural Heritage list. Tuesday, March 27, 2007, 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. At Korea, Up Close and Personal, Sung Woock Cho, will teach agents how to sell the history and culture of Korea, and representatives from Korean airline carriers and hotels will share information about their agent support programs.

Participants also will get information from an experienced inbound tour operator who markets to U.S. travelers. Monday, March 26, 2007, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

ASTA, meetings@astahq.com, www.astanet.com

DIETHELM TRAVEL ASIA VOTED ASIA'S LEADING TOUR OPERATOR

Diethelm Travel Asia has been voted "Asia's Leading Tour Operator" in the World Travel Awards. The prestigious prize was awarded after a vote by travel agents in more than 200 countries.

John Watson – CEO of DTA received the award at a gala ceremony in the Turks & Caicos Islands, attended by the global travel industry's most influential figures.

"This is a great honor for our company and all those who have made it possible," said Watson.

The World Travel Awards have been dubbed "the Oscars" of the travel industry. They were established in 1993 to reward excellence in this fast growing industry. More than 160,000 travel professionals including 110,000 travel agents voted in the awards.

"It is particularly pleasing to see all our staff's hard work acknowledged by people in the industry," said Watson. "It reflects the high level of professionalism of everyone at Diethelm that has delivered outstanding service to our customers."

Diethelm Travel Asia is the leading inbound tourism agency in South East Asia with official licensed offices in Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, employing a staff of 700, designing itineraries for tourists from more than 95 countries.

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NEW RESORT FACILITIES REPOSITIONING SAMED ISLAND AS UPMARKET LEISURE DESTINATION

The opening of the luxury Paradee Resort and upgrades to three other resorts are repositioning Samed Island in Thailand as an up-market leisure destination. The island in the Gulf of Thailand has long been popular with backpackers and Bangkok-based weekenders.

Accommodation options have now developed well beyond simple beach huts. The

40-villa Paradee Resort at the southern tip of Samed (sometimes spelled "Samet") will be fully operational by November 1 and is already running at 50 percent occupancy. When the resort is complete, rates will start from \$337 and rise to \$562 for beachfront cottages with private pools and \$1,800 for the beachside Paradee Suite, which is being created by Abacus Design, a leading interior designer in the hospitality sector in Asia. The Paradee has a spa centre with four private treatment rooms.

The four-star Le Vimarn Resort in Samed, which has a beach-view two-story spa center, has just finished upgrades to four honeymoon cottages, which are already popular with Korean newlyweds. Cottage rates range from \$195 to \$570.

On the same beach, the four-star Ao Phrao Resort, which includes a two-bedroom hilltop suite overlooking the beach, will refurbish next year. Rates currently range from \$120 to \$330.

The three-star Sai Kaew Resort in the northeast of Samed Island opened an additional 30 cottages and a swimming pool in its garden area last year and will open its La Luna Italian beachside restaurant in September. Room rates range from \$85 to \$290.

At the northern end of the island, Mooban Talay Resort also offers international-class accommodation.

"New resort facilities on Samed Island now offer a much wider range of options at the middle and upper end of the market that weren't there a few years ago," said Mr Chanchai Doungjit, Director of the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Rayong and Chanthaburi office, which is responsible for marketing this part of Thailand's eastern seaboard. "The fine sand beaches, coral coves and seafood that Samed is famous for are still there. Now guests can enjoy them while staying in international-class resorts."

Mr. Luzi Matzig, Group Managing Director of Asian Trails, a major inbound tour operator in Thailand, said Samed's advantage was that visitors didn't need to fly to reach it. The fact that it is less than three hours' travel time by car and boat from Bangkok also helps. "I recommend Samed

to repeat visitors to Thailand who have perhaps seen other famous places in Thailand already," he said. "It's ideal for honeymooners, couples and families on shorter stays."

Samed Island, a 30-minute boat ride from Ban Phe in Rayong province on the mainland, has no paved roads. Most guests arrive directly at their resort by boat.

Resorts on Samed offer day trips to nearby islands to visit a sea turtle conservation station. The same excursion offers snorkeling at Talu Island and a walk up to the archipelago viewpoint on Kuddee Island.

Samed itself is popular with birdwatchers and hosts a number of oriental-pied hornbills, a species indicative of healthy forest biodiversity.

The island is part of the Khao Laem Ya-Mu Koh Samed marine national park under the protection of Thailand's forestry department.

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PATA FLORIDA LEADERS RECEIVE AWARD



Shown above at a recent PATA Florida meeting, a special award was presented to Fran and Jerry Bardasch, by the membership, in appreciate for their outstanding leadership, exemplary service and dedication which has contributed to the success of the PATA Florida Chapter.

Jerry Bardasch is the Secretariat and Fran Bardasch is the Programme Chairperson of The PATA Florida Chapter. In the past several years, with their leadership, PATA Florida's membership has more than doubled and the monthly travel industry suppliers/presenters have been solidly booked each month (already booked into 2008). They spend countless hours devoted to the PATA Florida Chapter and the growth and success of this chapter is due to their untiring efforts.
PATA Florida Chapter, 954-450-5715

ASIA JOURNEYS' 2007 BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE; NEW SALES MANAGERS APPOINTED

Asia Journeys' China 2007 brochure is now available. They have focused on destinations in China which are most requested and visited by the first time traveler there, including the must see cities and destinations of Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin, Shanghai, and the Yangtze River. Included are visits to historical and cultural attractions, and World Heritage Cultural Sites. The finest services and hotels are always offered, with tour prices just slightly changed from 2006. On the other hand, exotic and far-away places are fast becoming a focal point, not only for the adventurous, but for many visitors to China. Classic tours such as The Silk Road, Shangri-La, and Tibet experience the magnificent and historical civilizations, with cultures established over a thousand years ago.

The Yangtze River Spring Special Cruise is \$1,599 plus taxes. This 11-day cruise includes transpacific round trip air fare from San Francisco and intra-China air fares, with tours in Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai. Post trip extensions are also available to Hong Kong.

The Grand Yangtze River Tour is \$3,256 plus taxes. It is a guaranteed departure program, 17-days/15-nights and includes Beijing - Xi'an - Chongqing - Shanghai - Guilin. Visit the attractions of these major cities, and cruise the Yangtze River aboard the Victoria Cruise lines for seven days. The tour departs on April 10 from San Francisco for Beijing; add-on fares via United Airlines from ORD, JFK, MIA, and other cities, are minimal.

Beijing-Xi'an-Hangzhou-Shanghai is \$1,799 plus taxes. It is a 10-day, eight night program including the major highlights of each city, including the Great Wall, Tianamen Square, the Terra Cotta warriors and soldiers of Xi'an, a cruise on famed West Lake, and a tour dynamic Shanghai's historic, yet modern, attractions - the Bund, Yu Gardens, and its Old Shopping Bazaar. Depart San Francisco on June 9.

Classic Yangtze River is \$2,199 plus taxes, visiting Beijing, Xi'an, the Yangtze River, and Shanghai. On October 31, depart San Francisco to begin this 12-day/10-night adventure. The journey includes Beijing and Xi'an, visiting the major attractions, prior to cruising the mighty Yangtze River. The tour continues to Shanghai, combining the historic, cultural and modern, into a dynamic metropolis. Minimal add-on fares on United Airlines from inland cities. Also available is an extension to Hong Kong for four days and three nights. This independent package includes transfers to and from the airport/hotel, daily American breakfast, and a half-day city sightseeing tour. All Asia Journeys' tours are commissionable to retail travel agents and throughout the year, Asia Journeys offers special rates on their website.

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TRANSLUCENT DINING AT THE FORTRESS IN SRI LANKA

Glass plates, glass cups, glass crockery; they have all been seen before, however The Fortress is taking glass to the vanguard and will be the first to launch glass cutlery. Their custom made glass spoons, glass knives and glass forks will make it the first property in the world to offer an all glass dining experience.

The brainchild of Hunter Reynolds, The Fortress' Executive Assistant Manager for Food and Beverage, this glassware will be used in The Fortress' wine cellar Wine³, a glass cave with over 2,000 bottles of the finest wines. Wine³ brings together wine and fine food in a breathtaking setting.

This will be further enhanced by the simple yet elegant glass cutlery and crockery. The contemporary range they have created for The Fortress are not only rare but also exclusive to property, blending seamlessly with the all glass surroundings of Wine³ where guests will be able to peep through the myriad of bottles to the Indian Ocean beyond.

With a unique blend of Old Ceylon with Modern Asia, The Fortress will offer an unrivalled resort experience and cultural journey. Located on the South Coast near the historic town of Galle, The Fortress will be the perfect base to discover the history of this region. The Fortress will also offer a secluded haven from the outside world for those who want to relax whether that is in the spa, the pool, or in Sea Lounge with a cocktail.

The Fortress, Sri Lanka is the latest addition to the Per Aquum Resorts • Spas • Residences portfolio.

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SHANGRI-LA'S PHUKET RESORT AND SPA TO OPEN 2008

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, one of Asia's leading luxury hotel groups, has signed an agreement with Durham Holdings (Thailand) Limited, an affiliated company of PT Jan Darmadi Investindo, to manage Shangri-La's Phuket Resort and Spa, opening the end of 2008.

Shangri-La's Phuket Resort and Spa will be situated on the west coast of Thailand's Phuket Island on Bang Tao Bay beach. The property is set amidst lagoons, gardens and a natural river flowing to the sea.

Designed by Arcadia Design Architects of Huelva, Spain, the 315-room resort hotel is comprised of 223 guestrooms and suites, and 92 grand/deluxe villas. All villas include water features with either plunge pools or positions suspended over lagoon waters. Private gardens will be accessible from large terraces. Fifty pool villas will shortly be released for private sale through international property consultants CB Richard Ellis; they will be an integral luxury component of the resort, operated by Shangri-La.

CHI, The Spa at Shangri-La - Shangri-La's signature spa brand - will be located in its own spa village in the resort. These villas will truly create a "spa within a spa" environment with space for in-room treatments and direct access to all CHI spa village facilities and amenities. Inspired by the legend of Shangri-La, CHI offers treatments based on ancient Chinese and Himalayan healing rituals and traditions. The spa's location overlooking a lagoon, providing the opportunity for waterborne arrivals by guests, will enhance the sensation of a secluded and exclusive spa experience.

Additional recreational options will include a health club, tennis courts, squash court, water sports, kid's club and entertainment center, and three swimming pools including a three-tiered cascading pool.

Dining options will include a piazza with a market atmosphere of open kitchens, cafes and specialty retail shops; a grill; a Thai restaurant; two pool restaurants; a tapas bar and lobby lounge.

A beachfront, ocean view chapel will be the venue for weddings, vow renewals and related ceremonies.

Meeting and banquet facilities will include a grand ballroom with foyer with a capacity of 400 and 100 persons respectively. Additional function rooms will offer more meeting space.

Shangri-La's Phuket Resort and Spa will complement the hotel group's new wave of deluxe resort properties currently under development in the Maldives; Seychelles; and Boracay, Philippines.

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, www.shangri-la.com

TOP TEN HOLIDAY TIPS FOR LANTA ISLAND – THAILAND

The new 185-room Rawi Warin Resort & Spa in southern Thailand has released a travel agent and consumer fact sheet: "Top Ten Holiday Tips for Lanta Island."

Lanta Island, Lan Ta is suitable for visitors who want to combine beachside relaxation and dining with nature-based experiences

such as hiking, biking, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Ms. Napasorn Kakai, Tourism Authority of Thailand Director for Krabi, said, "There is now much better road and ferry access to Koh Lanta and the quality and variety of tourism activities on the island has developed in the last few years."

The Raw Warin's "Top Ten Holiday Tips for Koh Lanta" fact sheet recommends that visitors: enjoy scenic vistas on a drive or bike ride around the island; take a day trip to snorkel and swim at Rok island; inspect My Kaow "Crystal Wood" Cave; hike up to Tiger Cave; walk the coastal path to the lighthouse on the southern tip of the island; inspect the old Lanta capital Baan See Raya and the nearby sea gypsy village; eat and drink in Saladan harbor while watching the ferries and fishing boats; take a canoe or longtail boat ride into the mangroves to spot macaque monkeys and eagles; enjoy sunset cocktails, followed by a seafood dinner and beach bar hopping on Klong Dao beach; and go fishing for marlin and sailfish in a long-tail boat.

"We believe the Rawi Warin and Lanta island is a new destination which delivers a high quality southern Thailand family beach experience, but without the crowds, prices and commercial hassles of Phuket or Samui," said Mr. Wichit Somboonchoke, Executive Assistant Manager of the Rawi Warin, which opened in December 2005.

The Rawi Warin Resort & Spa, www.rawiwarin.com

THE PALACE HOTEL GUAM TO BE RE-BRANDED AS SHERATON LAGUNA GUAM RESORT

The Palace Hotel Guam, located on Oka Point Tamuning, checked-out its last guest on Thursday, November 30, 2006. The hotel opened on April 17, 1991 and currently employs 118 people.

On June 1, 2006, Ken Corporation of Japan purchased the Palace Hotel Guam and announced that it will be re-branded to the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort. Ken Corporation also announced that a \$40 million plus renovation was going to be made to the hotel raising its classification from a one star hotel to a five and-a-half star resort.

The renovation plans include transforming the hotel's garden court to an extensive tropical lagoon, its current 368 standard rooms and 35 suites to 227 standard rooms and 84 suites, and replacing the three food and beverage outlets with five food and beverage outlets including a Japanese fine dining restaurant, international café, lounge, bar and poolside venue. The hotel's existing chapel will also be replaced with a unique, "floating" chapel on the property's lagoon.

The Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort will be under a full-scale renovation from December 2006 to March 2007. The hotel will be unlike any hotel in Guam, offering state-of-the-art amenities and facilities that the island and its guests have yet to experience. A soft opening is anticipated for April 1, 2007 and grand opening for April 20, 2007.

The Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort, www.starwoodhotels.com

FREE FIJI WITH AUSTRALIAN PACIFIC TOURING

Australian Pacific Touring is offering Free Fiji, where couples save \$920. This popular fully escorted early booking offers visitors the chance to enjoy two nights, plus breakfast daily and transfers to the Outrigger On the Lagoon situated on Fiji's famous Coral Coast.

On day one, arrive Nadi, Fiji and after an early morning arrival, transfer to the Outrigger on the Lagoon, where the room is ready for check-in. The remainder of day is at leisure to relax and explore. The Outrigger on the Lagoon is a 5-star resort nestled on Fiji's Coral Coast. With views looking out towards the tropical waters and the beaches, the resort is surrounded by 40 acres of lush frangipani-fringed gardens. The air-conditioned room features a private lanai (patio) and the freshwater pool is a short stroll from the room. On day two, guests can explore the island or relax. A local island host will be on hand to offer recommendations. Day three is departure day. This package is only available when departing two days earlier on the southbound flight from Los Angeles and travelers must fly international sectors with Qantas. You must book and deposit by March 31, 2007.

In addition, APT's New Zealand brochure offers six touring styles to choose from so there is a vacation for every budget or desire. Escorted Nights 'N Sights is a style of touring which allows the client to utilize a tour escort for advice and guidance, while having the freedom and flexibility to maintain independence on vacation. Small

Group Touring is designed for travelers wanting to discover destinations of unique natural beauty with a group of like-minded companions. These small group tours allow an in-depth exploration on an intimate scale, and visit New Zealand, Tasmania and Kangaroo Island.

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ISLANDSESCAPES BY GOWAY ANNOUNCES STAFF PROMOTION

IslandsEscapes by Goway has recently added to the profile of Islands Destinations that are managed by Product Manager Kim Friedrich. Kim's responsibilities have now expanded to include overall contract and product management, product development, and marketing and sales for the Islands of Asia and the Indian Ocean.

These additional destinations will now be handled by Kim Friedrich in conjunction with her responsibilities for marketing and sales of the Cook Islands, Fiji, Tahiti, Western Samoa, and the Kingdom of Tonga. In this newly developed role, Kim will work closely with Bob Glazier, Goway Product Manager for Asia, and Christy Fraser, Goway Product Manager for AFRICAExperts. Idyllic Islands is the lat-

est brochure to be released by Goway and joins the group of travel planners to Downunder, Africa, and Asia.

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AIR TAHITI NUI SIGNS NEW INTERLINE E-TICKET AGREEMENT WITH DELTA AIR LINES

Air Tahiti Nui has signed a new interline e-ticket agreement with Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines. The new partnership will enable travelers to use a single electronic, paperless ticket for itineraries that include travel on Air Tahiti Nui and Delta flights, providing convenience to customers and carriers alike.

Prior to the announcement, passengers received paper tickets for flights on either Air Tahiti Nui or Delta if booked from the other carrier. Interline e-tickets now permit customers to travel and check their baggage through to their final destinations on both airlines using a paperless multi-carrier ticket. Air Tahiti Nui's interline e-ticket agreement network now includes Delta Air Lines and American Airlines.

Travelers booked on Delta Air Lines flights connecting with Air Tahiti Nui's twice-daily nonstop service from Los Angeles International Airport to Papeete, Tahiti, and thrice-weekly nonstop service from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport – with one-stop connections from Papeete to Sydney and Auckland – will benefit from the ease of smooth e-ticket travel with both carriers, eliminating the worry of losing, forgetting, or changing paper tickets and allowing passengers to keep track of their travel plans using a single e-ticket itinerary they can easily share with friends and family by email.

"Our new interline e-ticketing partnership with Delta will provide an enhanced service to those on their way to Tahiti with Air Tahiti Nui," said Barry Zorn, Air Tahiti Nui's Senior Vice President Network.

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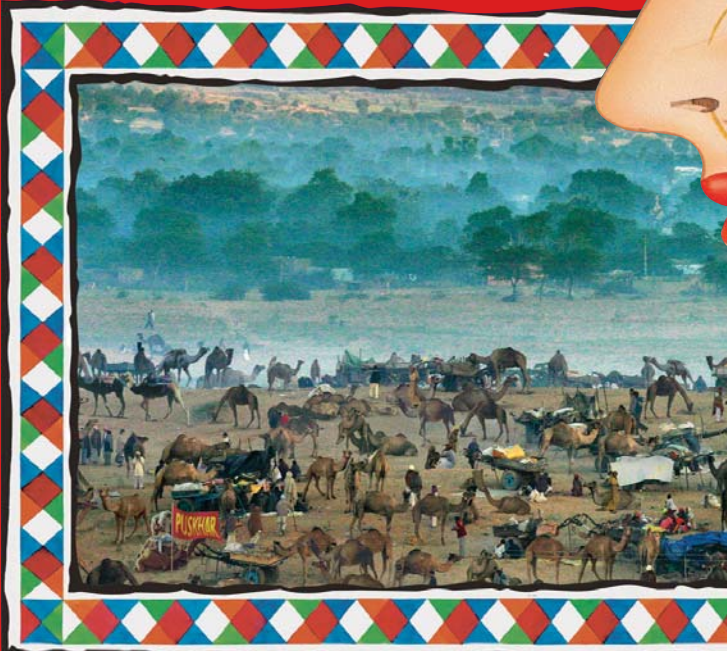
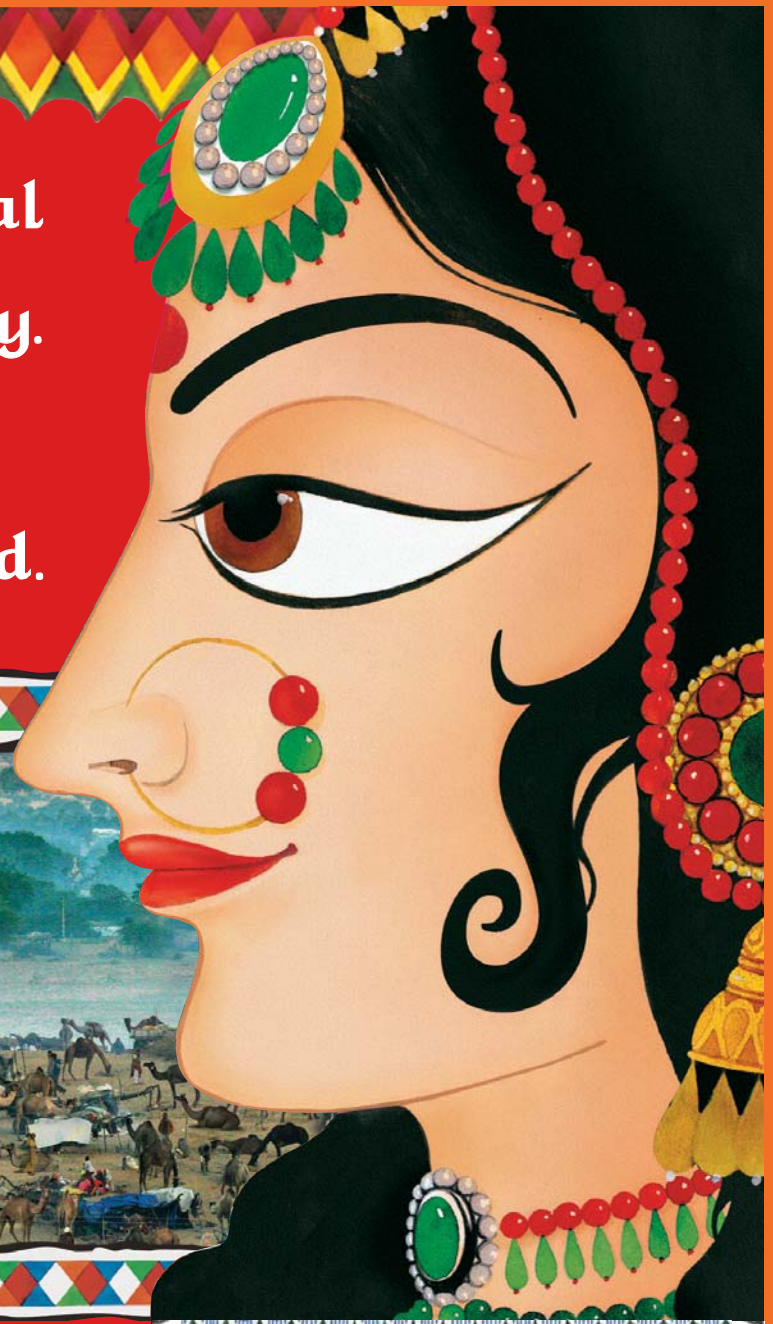
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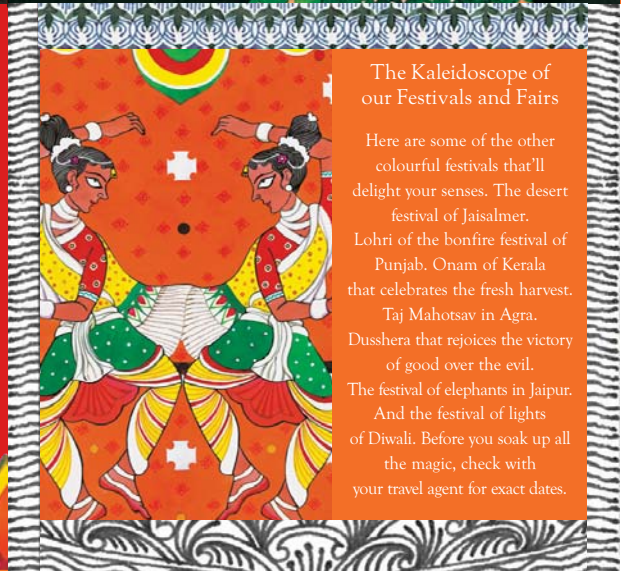
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