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The Romance Issue:

WHEN LOVE
OUTGROWS THE
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NOT JUST ROSES & ROOM VIEWS

The New Romance Playbook

Once upon a time, romance meant snow-dusted mountains, matching scarves, and a candle-lit dinner with a view. Predictable, picture-perfect, and honestly-still charming. But today's idea of romance has evolved. It has loosened its grip on clichés and wandered into deeper, more meaningful territory. Romance is no longer just about where you go; it's about how you feel while you're there.

Modern couples are choosing experiences over itineraries. They're trading fixed schedules for slow mornings, curated dinners for shared discoveries, and postcard views for moments that linger long after the trip ends. Romance now lives in the quiet-walking hand in hand through a forest at dawn, listening to the sounds of wildlife waking up, or sitting on a private balcony as the sun dips behind rolling hills.

Nature-led escapes are seeing a renewed love affair. Think intimate lodges tucked near wildlife reserves, where days begin with misty safaris and end with conversations under starlit skies. There's something deeply romantic about disconnecting from screens and reconnecting with each other, surrounded by raw, untouched landscapes. In these spaces, time slows down—and so do you.

At the same time, Heritage and culture are emerging as unlikely muses of romance. Old-world architecture, storied streets, and lakeside walks offer a quiet charm where romance unfolds naturally—through shared moments rather than grand gestures. Even hill towns are being rediscovered beyond their postcard appeal. Misty paths, tea gardens, and slow evenings over warm cups create space for connection, where romance thrives in unhurried, unplanned moments.

Perhaps the most interesting shift, however, is the rise of spiritual romance. Destinations once seen as purely soulful or introspective are now being rediscovered by couples seeking depth. Watching evening prayers by a sacred river, walking through ancient temple towns, or starting the day with meditation—these experiences create a different kind of intimacy. One that's calm, grounding, and quietly powerful. Romance, here, is not loud. It's profound.

What ties all these experiences together is intention. Today's couples are choosing trips that reflect who they are and how they want to feel together. Romance is no longer staged; it's lived. It's found in shared silence, spontaneous laughter, soulful moments, and meaningful journeys.

Why this shift? In a world of fleeting swipes and endless scrolls, couples seek meaning. It's romance reborn: less about perfection, more about presence.

NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

Ramada by Wyndham - Darjeeling

Where? Darjeeling, West Bengal



What is unique?

Ramada Darjeeling pairs panoramic Himalayan scenery with city accessibility. Select rooms open to sweeping views of Mount Kangchenjunga, while the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway— a UNESCO World Heritage Site—lies within walking distance, grounding the stay in local character. The hotel offers 62 well-planned rooms, including family and interconnected options, all fitted with central heating and individual temperature controls for year-round comfort. Dining is a highlight: Darjeeling House operates as a 24-hour all-day restaurant with a live kitchen, complemented by an English Bar for relaxed evenings and a Tea Lounge celebrating the region's tea culture. An outdoor heated swimming pool, wellness facilities, and modern banqueting spaces add depth to the experience.

Why Choose Ramada by Wyndham ?

Choose Ramada Darjeeling for a stay that balances views, convenience, and dependable amenities. Its location suits both business and leisure travellers, offering easy access to key landmarks while remaining immersed in natural surroundings. Comfortable rooms with modern conveniences ensure familiarity after full days outdoors. Multiple dining venues provide flexibility across schedules and preferences. For meetings or celebrations, the hotel's conference and banquet facilities deliver professional support, technical readiness, and customised menus. Whether you're visiting for work, family travel, or a relaxed hill-station escape, Ramada Darjeeling offers a well-rounded base that combines scenery, comfort, and functionality.



jüSTa The Bagh - Kanha

Where? Kanha, Madhya Pradesh



What is unique?

jüSTa The Bagh Kanha is spread across 23 acres of forested landscape, creating a low-density jungle retreat defined by sal trees, open lawns, and natural walking trails. Its setting near the Mukki Gate places guests close to the core safari zones while still feeling secluded and expansive. The resort encourages a slower pace—days shaped by birdwatching, nature walks, and quiet time by the pool amid forest sounds. Accommodation ranges from compact Standard Rooms to spacious Junior Suites, all oriented toward jungle views and practical comfort. Dining at SABOR adds to the sense of place, offering multi-cuisine meals in both indoor and alfresco settings where freshness, simplicity, and the outdoors take centre stage.

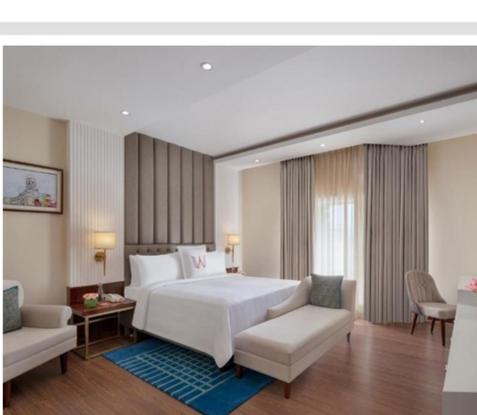
Why Choose jüSTa The Bagh - Kanha ?

Choose jüSTa The Bagh Kanha for an immersive wildlife stay that balances proximity to safaris with space to unwind. Its location supports effortless early-morning and afternoon game drives, increasing opportunities to explore Kanha's meadows, forests, and iconic species. The resort's scale ensures privacy and calm, ideal for travellers seeking relief from crowded lodges. Evenings unfold naturally—under open skies, shared conversations, or uninterrupted stillness. Comfortable rooms, dependable amenities, and attentive service make it suitable for families, couples, and nature-focused travellers alike. jüSTa The Bagh Kanha works especially well if your priority is authenticity, breathing room, and a genuine connection to the forest rather than a rushed wildlife checklist.



Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels, Madhuban, Dehradun

Where? Dehradun, Uttarakhand



What is unique?

Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels Madhuban, Dehradun is a landmark on Rajpur Road that blends legacy character with contemporary hospitality. Its setting places guests between the city centre and the foothills, offering views that shift from urban charm to the Doon Valley's greenery. The hotel features 73 thoughtfully designed rooms and suites, including heritage-inspired Junior Suites and expansive Presidential accommodation with valley panoramas. Culinary spaces reflect regional identity—WelcomCafe highlights Garhwali and continental flavours with alfresco seating, while Swizzle offers a relaxed lounge atmosphere. What further sets the hotel apart is its scale of event infrastructure, with refined indoor halls and large outdoor lawns capable of hosting everything from focused meetings to grand social celebrations.

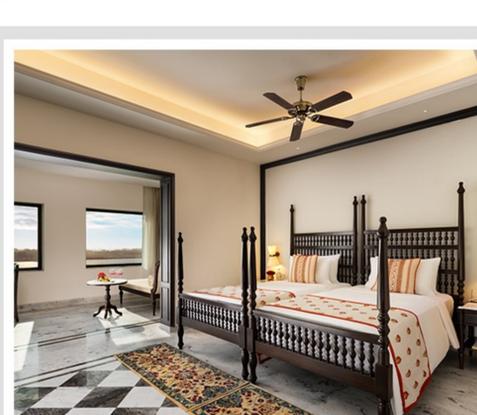
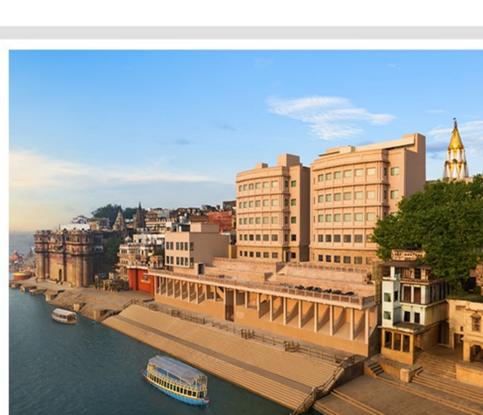
Why Choose Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels, Madhuban, Dehradun?

Choose Welcomhotel Madhuban for its balance of accessibility, comfort, and versatility. Its central location ensures easy connectivity to Dehradun's key attractions, business districts, and Jolly Grant Airport, making it suitable for both short stays and extended visits. Spacious rooms, wellness facilities such as the outdoor pool and fitness centre, and ITC's trusted service standards create a dependable stay experience. For weddings, conferences, or social gatherings, the hotel's range of indoor venues and expansive lawns provides flexibility rarely available within city limits. Whether travelling for work, leisure, or celebrations, Madhuban offers a reliable base that combines convenience with a sense of place.



Avantika by the Ganges - IHCL SeleQtions

Where? Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



What is unique?

Avantika by the Ganges is set directly on Ram Ghat, offering uninterrupted river views where sunrise rituals and evening aarti feel personally staged. With only 43 thoughtfully designed rooms, the hotel maintains an intimate scale, balancing riverfront suites and calm city-facing spaces focused on quiet renewal. Its all-vegetarian culinary philosophy stands apart—presenting Varanasi's flavours through elevated thalis, tasting menus, and chef-led tables, while thoughtfully accommodating Jain, vegan, and gluten-free preferences. Signature journeys such as the dawn Panchteerth Yatra and a privately viewed Ganga Aarti place guests at the spiritual core of the city. The non-alcoholic, vegetarian events setting further distinguishes Avantika as a refined venue for meaningful gatherings aligned with local ethos.

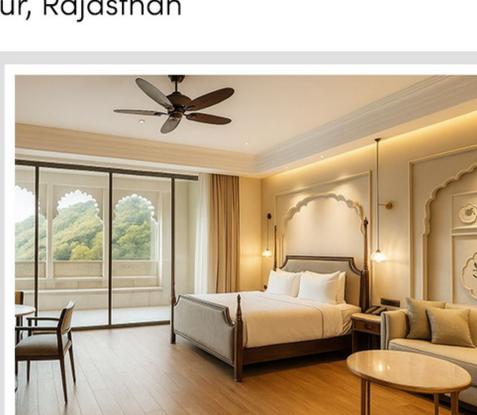
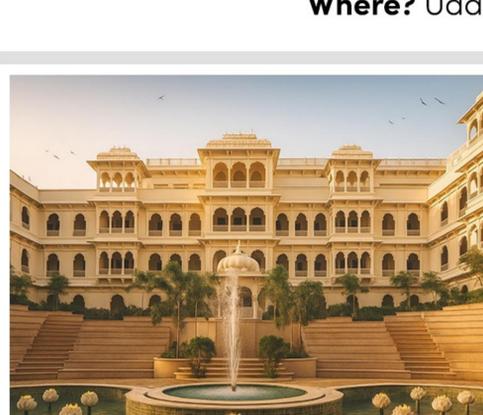
Why Choose Avantika by the Ganges - IHCL SeleQtions?

Choose Avantika for a stay that connects you deeply with Varanasi without compromising comfort. The location simplifies access to the city's most significant ghats while sparing you the chaos typically associated with them. Personalised butler service, guided cultural interactions, and seamless transfers ensure effortless throughout your stay. Wellness offerings—including spa therapies, yoga, meditation, and a modern gym—support physical and mental balance after immersive days outdoors. For intimate celebrations or spiritual ceremonies, the hotel's elegant indoor and terrace spaces provide a calm, purpose-driven environment. Avantika suits travellers seeking authenticity, privacy, and a sense of place that feels considered rather than curated.



Wyndham Garden Udaipur

Where? Udaipur, Rajasthan



What is unique?

Set against the serene Aravalli Range, Wyndham Garden Udaipur blends contemporary comfort with the cultural essence of Rajasthan. The resort's architecture and thoughtful décor draw from Udaipur's artistic heritage, featuring authentic regional murals, earthy colour palettes, and thoughtfully curated local décor that give every space an authentic regional identity. A distinctive highlight is the seasonal farming experience, offering guests a rare opportunity to engage with rural Rajasthan. From vegetable picking to learning traditional cultivation practices, this immersive activity fosters a meaningful connection to the land. Landscaped gardens, tranquil poolside areas, and mountain-view sit-outs further enhance the sense of calm, inviting guests to slow down and reconnect with nature. Dining at Kesar, the all-day restaurant, celebrates Rajasthan's rich culinary traditions through menus inspired by local produce, regional spices, and homely flavours. The resort also features spacious banquet halls and open-air lawns, making it an ideal destination for weddings and intimate celebrations set against a scenic natural backdrop.

Why Choose Wyndham Garden Udaipur ?

What truly sets Wyndham Garden Udaipur apart is its peaceful seclusion combined with excellent accessibility. Located approximately 30 minutes from the airport, the resort offers a seamless transition from travel to tranquility. Spread across expansive grounds, it features 72 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, many with private balconies overlooking the Aravalli hills. Select suites offer private jacuzzis under open skies, blending indulgent luxury with nature. Calm, restorative, and deeply rooted in local culture, Wyndham Garden Udaipur is more than a stay—it is a mindful retreat shaped by landscape, heritage, and gentle pace.



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Sariska Lodge, Sariska, Rajasthan



For couples who believe romance is less about grand declarations and more about shared silences, Sariska Lodge feels like a discovery meant to be kept between two people. Set at the edge of the Sariska Tiger Reserve, where the Aravalli Hills fold into ancient ruins and forgotten forts, this is a place where love doesn't perform — it settles in. Legends of the Pandavas' Agyatvas linger in the air, temples lie scattered like quiet witnesses to time, and the wilderness hums with a life that has reclaimed its rhythm. Romance here is not staged; it unfolds slowly, in moments that feel earned.

Days begin with the soft thrill of an early morning safari, tracking tigers and leopards through forests that once held only echoes, now alive again. Afternoons drift by on private patios overlooking grasslands and mountains, or soaking in plunge pools while the hills turn amber. Come evening, cocktails by a crackling fireplace give way to intimate dinners — perhaps under the stars at an ancient chattri, accompanied by live folk music that feels less like entertainment and more like a story being retold. Breakfast might be served at fort ruins, where history and stillness share the table.

Beyond the lodge, shared experiences deepen the connection. Trek together to Tehla Fort as the landscape opens up below, wander through old towns with stepwells and havelis, or sit side by side learning the delicate art of carpet weaving or pottery, carrying home something handmade — and personal. Spiritual journeys to centuries-old temples, hidden within forests and hills, invite quiet reflection, while lakeside picnics and horseback trails at sunrise or sundown offer moments that don't need words.

Even wellness becomes a shared ritual — sunrise Surya Namaskars by a reservoir, rooftop meditation under open skies, or Ayurvedic therapies that slow everything down. Sariska Lodge is not about escaping the world together; it's about rediscovering each other within it. In a landscape shaped by time, romance finds a deeper, truer form — one that lingers long after the journey ends.



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Mr. Rajnish Rai

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The Ultimate Travelling Camp

**Building Luxury Where
the Map Ends**

For The Ultimate Travelling Camp (TUTC), the journey begins long before a guest arrives. It starts with a question: Can luxury exist in places where infrastructure doesn't? The answer, as TUTC has proven time and again, lies in vision, patience, and an unshakeable belief in place-led hospitality.

Reflects on a journey that began with a simple but powerful belief: meaningful travel should leave destinations better than it found them. After nearly 15 years in the corporate world, Rajnish stepped away to pursue a vision that challenged conventional hospitality norms. Alongside trusted colleagues, he chose to build immersive luxury camps in remote destinations—places often overlooked, yet rich in natural and cultural heritage. The early years were demanding, marked by logistical challenges and learning curves unique to offbeat locations. Yet, these very challenges became the foundation of TUTC's resilience and distinctive identity.

Setting up camps in such remote terrains came with formidable challenges. There were no established supply chains, limited connectivity, and unpredictable environmental conditions. Materials had to be transported over long distances, often across difficult terrain. Teams were trained on-site, systems were created from scratch, and timelines were dictated by nature rather than spreadsheets.

Yet, these challenges shaped TUTC's DNA. Each camp was designed to be modular, low-impact, and reversible—ensuring that the land could return to its original state if needed. Sustainability was not an afterthought; it was embedded into every decision, from architecture and energy use to water management and waste disposal.

Perhaps the most defining aspect of TUTC's journey was its focus on people. Local communities were not just beneficiaries but partners. From construction to operations, local talent was trained and empowered, creating employment while preserving indigenous knowledge and traditions. This deep community

integration became a cornerstone of the brand's authenticity.

Today, every TUTC camp tells a story—of the land it stands on, the people who built it, and the vision that brought it to life. The journey of setting up each camp is as immersive as the experience it offers guests: thoughtful, deliberate, and deeply connected to its surroundings.

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