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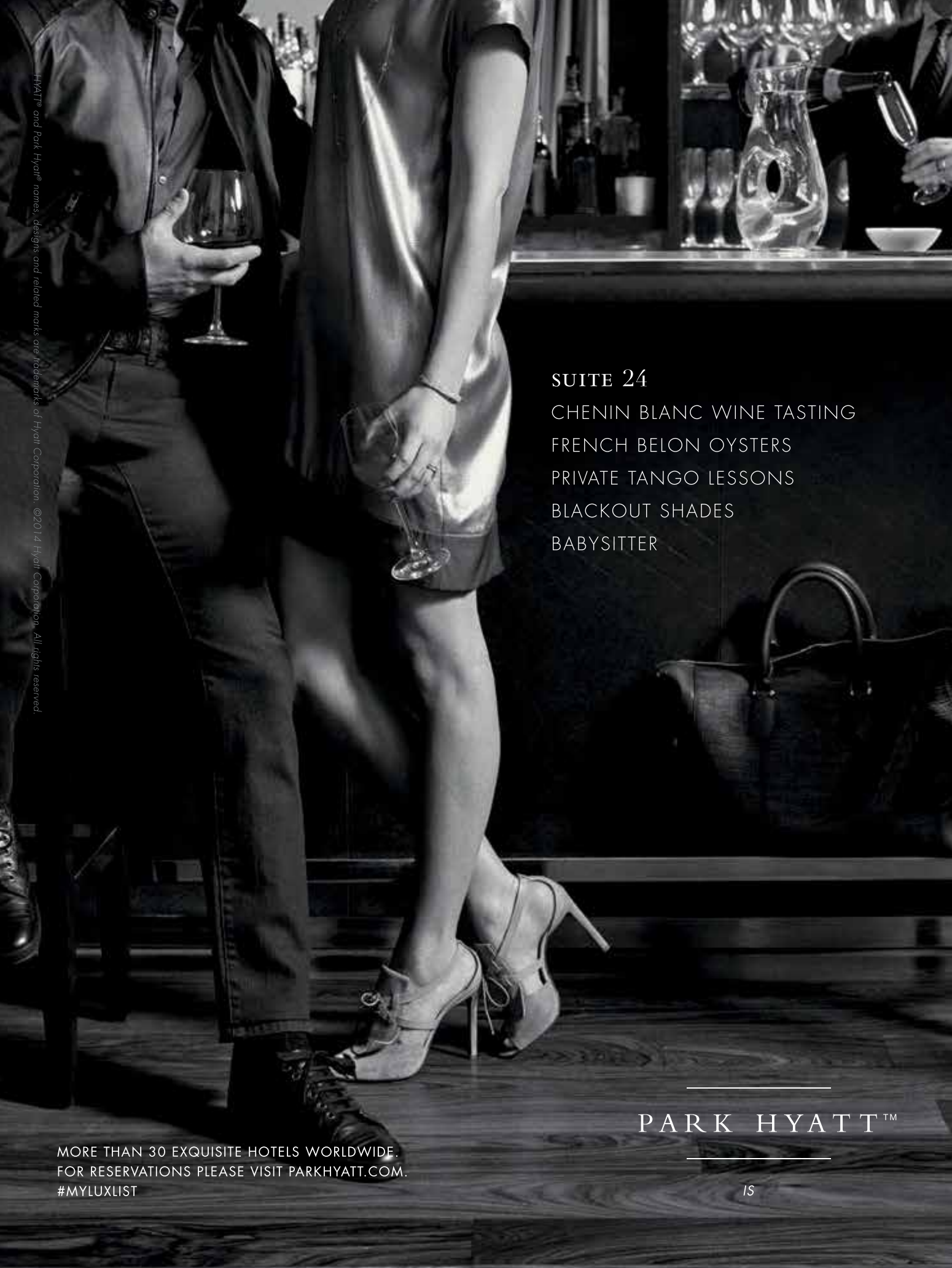
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A colourful Ambassador car, a stylish feature of the hotel, at Andaz Delhi. Produced by Simon Clays
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With a plethora of art on display, in and around the grounds of Andaz Delhi, it truly is the Indian capital's first art hotel.

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The team at Travel+Leisure India and South Asia shares their most glamorous experiences to complement everything we have covered in the issue.



AND, IT'S A WRAP: The photoshoot at Andaz Delhi turned out to be a date with Delhi and a celebration of its evolution over the centuries.

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The Park Hyatt Mallorca is a beautiful and considerably constructed property, wedged against a terracotta hillside that gazes out at the waters of the island's east coast. Styled like a village from a Giorgio de Chirico dream, the hotel, a retreat situated in a tranquil valley surrounded by a wealth of Mallorcan beauty, offers everything the luxury traveller could wish for. Throw in an A1 tapas restaurant and access to the best golf on the island, and it's pretty much hard to top.



A village-style, well-equipped hotel on an island—truly unforgettable!

ANWESHA SANYAL

The great thing about an Andaz hotel—a Hyatt concept—is how it can transport you to another world from the moment you step inside. As such, Andaz Amsterdam, Prinsengracht remains my favourite in the world. For some, it's like going down a rabbit hole and into Alice's Wonderland; for others, it is the discovery of one of designer Marcel Wanders' masterpieces.

You can wander about its dark corridors, red underground passages, and an edgy Victorian garden, completely withdrawn into yourself, discovering the prismatic city through the artist's vision and never being disappointed by what you find around the corner: video installations and larger-than-life artwork.



The only time that I ever felt like I didn't know what to expect was at a Hyatt hotel.

The China Kitchen - Hyatt Regency Delhi has been a Delhi institution for some time and a personal favourite of mine. Its champagne Sunday brunch is not just etched on my taste buds, but also my life. It's the venue I first dated my wife and first met my mother-in-law where she had to decide if I was cut from the right cloth. Fortunately, I made that cut and have been celebrating Valentine's Day and wedding anniversaries ever since. With pink champagne, of course.



The China Kitchen introduced Delhi to a first-of-its-kind kitchen-dining experience



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No one has the globe covered like the Hyatt group of hotels. Here's an exclusive preview of the new properties that just opened their doors to guests.



The deep blue of the ocean, vibrant decor and a laid-back vibe make The Confidante Miami Beach perfect for a beachside vacation.

Debut

Retro on the Beach

A playful and inviting lifestyle hotel on South Beach, Miami, is the newest member of The Unbound Collection by Hyatt.

With its art deco style, beachside location, impeccable service and al fresco rooftop spa, The Confidante Miami Beach reflects the spirit of Florida. Housed in a refurbished 1940s building, the hotel features décor that is a vibrant mix of aquamarines and yellows. Striped lounge chairs line the pool, while multi-coloured cabanas dot the lawn. The property is a tribute to America at its zenith, when everything was bigger, brighter, and better. The same sentiment exists in the rooms, where retro charm is evident in the wood-panelled headboards and pop art. It's all very Miami.

The property has a variety of exciting dining and wining options. On offer at

Bird & Bone is country-style cuisine created by Chef Richard Hales, who sources ingredients from small farms and organic butchers. Hot chicken and waffles, shrimp and heirloom grits, and bone-in Angus ribeye steak stand out. You can enjoy a sundowner at the elegant Library Bar, or head to the Crown Room on the terrace. Dinner time can be as late as you wish at Asian-American TALDE Miami Beach restaurant that has a tavern-like vibe; must-tries include the dumplings and kung pao chicken wings. Access to the beach, breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and rejuvenating therapies are some of the highlights of The Confidante Miami Beach. —RADHIKA SIKARIA

Bahama Mia

Grand Hyatt Baha Mar in Nassau captures the spirit of the Bahamas and takes your idea of luxury several notches higher.

Life in the Bahamas is a breeze. In Nassau, the capital city, pastel-coloured British colonial buildings are set against a hilly landscape and fringed with sun-kissed beaches. Standing tall on the shores of the popular Cable Beach is the unmissable Grand Hyatt Baha Mar.

On entering the property, you're greeted by an airy and spacious lobby that has high-vaulted ceilings, white walls and a stunning view of the beach, and the property's exclusive BEACH Sanctuary. Accommodation is offered in 1,800 ocean, fountain and island-view rooms, including 230 luxurious suites that comprise one, two and three-bedroom residences. The decor pays homage to the Caribbean aesthetic and the colour scheme depends on the tower in which the room is. For instance, rooms in the East Tower have bright nautical blue walls with white and gold accents, while those in the West Tower feature peaches, blues, and greens.

There are 20 restaurants, 11 lounges, 7 pools, a casino spanning 100,000 square feet, an 18-hole, 72-par Royal Blue Golf Course, and 200,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor space at your disposal. And, if all of this manages to excite you to the extent of exhaustion, all you need to do is step in to the 30,000-square-foot ESPA Spa here. —R.S.



The casino at Grand Hyatt Baha Mar is the Caribbean's largest and features 1,140 slot machines, 119 game tables, and unmatched ocean views.

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hearty English breakfast at Gallery Kitchen before you catch a flight. Or, if you're there in time for lunch, check out Gallery Café, where you can relish locals favourites like fish and chips, bangers and mash, and a spicy curry. If you're trying to get some work done, book one of the meeting spaces equipped with audio-visual equipment and necessary mod-cons. Get your fill of London right at the airport when you stay at Hyatt Place London Heathrow Airport. —R.S.

The airport hotel is conveniently located near popular sights such as Windsor Castle and Twickenham Stadium.



Going Dutch

Hyatt Regency Amsterdam offers a wholesome slice of the city within its doors.

At the edge of the Plantage (plantation) district in Amsterdam, on a leafy boulevard and adjoining bike path, is the modern structure that houses Hyatt Regency Amsterdam. The first Hyatt Regency to open in the Netherlands, it is conveniently located near museums and cultural institutions, as well as the botanical gardens and Artis Royal Zoo. Accommodation is offered in 211 beautifully appointed guest rooms, including 13 Regency Suites, the Ambassador Suite, and the Spinoza Suite. The decor is inspired by the hotel's verdant surroundings and all the rooms feature blooming botanical artworks. As a tribute to the historic bond between Holland and Indonesia, the hotel offers delicious Indonesian cuisine at Mama Makan and exotic cocktails inspired by the journeys of plants, herbs, and spices at Mama Makan Bar. —R.S.



With contemporary event spaces and a 200-square-metre ballroom bathed in natural light, Hyatt Regency Amsterdam is ideal for destination weddings.

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The hotel features two intriguing water-themed art installations by Japanese artist Hirotoishi Sawada.

Thai High

Enjoy refined and uniquely Thai experiences at Park Hyatt Bangkok, where dramatic artworks, direct access to a luxury mall, and unique dining spaces keep things interesting.

Occupying the top 27 floors of the curvilinear and twisted coil-like structure that is the Central Embassy retail complex, Park Hyatt Bangkok offers a unique and modern outlook on Bangkok. The asymmetrical structure in which it is housed forms the figure 'eight' and has an eye-catching façade created with extruded aluminium tiles that form a shimmering iconic pattern. Within, in stark contrast to the shadow-and-light play outside, are 222 warm guest rooms with a hint of local flavour designed to exude a sense of 'liveable luxury' and serenity for a comfortable stay experience. The exclusive Presidential Suite is an extravagant penthouse with a private pool and spa and a spectacular bird's-eye view of the city.

The hotel is innovative with its dining and entertainment venues as well. On Level 9 and 10 are the Embassy Room and Living Room. The former is a melange of Western and Asian culinary styles, while the latter is a serene, light-filled space that is perfect for afternoon tea, enjoying comfort foods, tea, wine and canapés as the sun goes down. Indulge in a variety of premium whiskies, champagne, classic cocktails, and cigars at The Bar on Level 10. And if you're looking to get high on Bangkok's charms, take a ride up to the top three floors to the hotel's signature entertainment complex for good food, drinks, music and dramatic views. —R.S.



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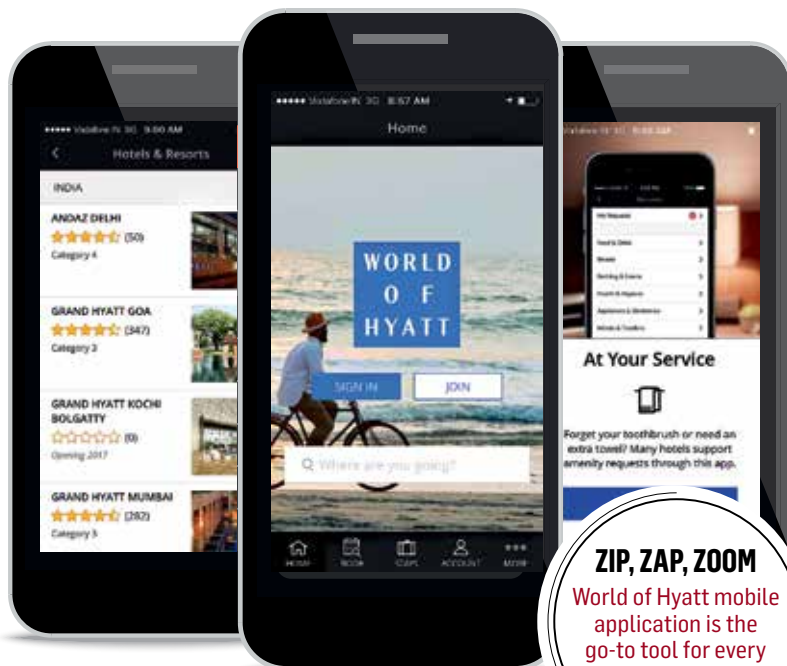
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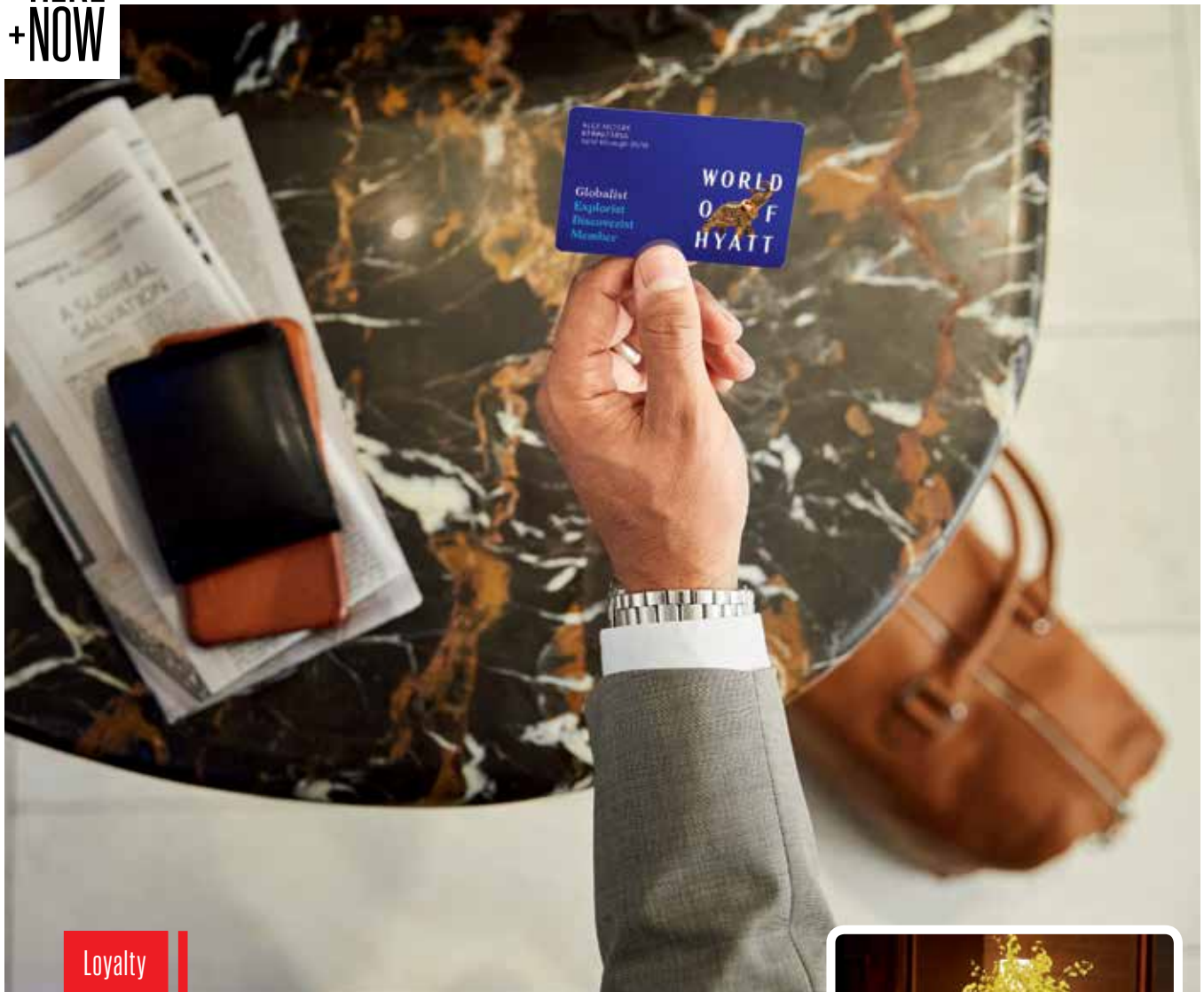
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Chef Christian Apetz, with more than 22 years of work experience, prefers to combine his penchant for history and discovery to create dishes that are native to Central Texas and made with ingredients sourced locally.

As any frequent guest of the hotel chain can tell you, Hyatt hotels offer lovers of true gastronomy much more than fad recipes and fashionable interiors. Always a trendsetter, the hotel brand is focussed on giving its patrons a taste of the warmth of heart-felt hospitality. This is why the chain follows the triple-bottomline of healthy people, healthy planet, healthy community. Let's meet the people who're taking this revolutionary new approach to F&B services off-the-ground—the Master Chefs at Hyatt hotels!

CHEF CHRISTIAN APETZ THE DRISKILL HOTEL

Chef Christian Apetz ditches the obsession with being trendy for tradition—after all that's what has endeared the Driskill Hotel to its guests for 130 years now. Austin Hot Fried Chicken at the 1886 Café and Bakery is a classic. The recipe, you ask? "Takes two full days to prepare," quips the chef. The chicken breast and thighs are cured overnight in a flavourful sugar and salt rub. The cooks then confit the legs in duck fat and flavourings for about six hours on the second day. On the third day, the chicken is dredged in seasoned flour and deep fried. Served with crisp garlic potatoes and garlic toast, bacon country

gravy and coleslaw, and drizzled with local honey and sea salt, you can imagine why it's stayed top-of-menu since 1886!

CHEF GUILLAUME BRACAVAL HYATT REGENCY TOKYO

Yuzu-kosho, that is citrus, salt and pepper in Japanese, is an important element of the creations of Chef Guillaume Bracaval. The Executive Chef at Cuisine[s] Michel Troisgros uses Japan's fresh produce and develops them with signature, innovative dishes. The approach is in line with the restaurant's preference to keep its menu fresh with new products of seasons.

Born in Northern France, he was interested in cooking from childhood. After his education at local cooking schools, he trained at Michelin starred restaurants in Paris. It was at the same time when his bond with Japanese cuisine was built. The bond has become stronger, as the chef continues to incorporate authentic Japanese ingredients discovered during his travels all over the country.

The a-la-carte menu at the restaurant keeps its hallmark dishes constant, and in true French cuisine style, offers extra truffles to guests who want to add an optional punch to the subtletness of exquisite dishes.



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HYATT REGENCY
DANANG RESORT
AND SPA**

Chef Frederik Farina, Italian by birth but today a global citizen with a particular penchant for South East Asian freshness, knows diverse cultures. At one point he went from Milan to Miami, and then from Miami to Bangkok. He is now busy exploring Vietnamese culture. The chef says that Italians and Asians have one surprising thing in common—their love of sharing food. This is what ties together the dishes at the resort's popular restaurant, Green House. From seafood platters and luscious risottos to fresh handmade pastas, the chef loves to plate fresh food that's wholesome and stylish.

Chef Farina not only picks vegetables from an organic garden, but also enables disadvantaged students from a local school to grow and sell more than 20 kinds of vegetables applying clean vegetable farming techniques specified by him and his team. In fact, the chef has committed to buying the entire production from Thanh Tam School

Organic Garden, so that children with disabilities can learn and turn their new-found knowledge into a livelihood once the formal programme is over.

**CHEF CHRISTIAN
SINICROPI
GRAND HYATT CANNES
HOTEL MARTINEZ**

"We do not cheat with the product," says Chef Christian Sinicropi. At La Palme d'Or, the hotel's signature restaurant named after the world's most famous cinema award from this iconic town, one star ingredient is presented three ways, allowing diners to truly savour flavour, texture and aroma. In the chef's words, "This caters to our primal instinct for true taste, which is the essence of pleasure for body and mind."

Thriving in a town that celebrates true creativity and art, Chef Sinicropi collaborates with his wife Catherine, who designs the crockery he presents his creations on. The couple successfully completed a formal course at Beaux-Arts (Fine Art School of Ceramics) in Vallauris, a well-known city that inspired Picasso in his own ceramic work.

From above: Chef Christian Sinicropi; a La Palme d'Or delicacy; Chef Frederik Farina at work in the kitchen; Opposite: Chef Christian Apetz; Austin Hot Fried Chicken; a dessert made by Chef Guillaume Bracaval.

At the Cannes Film Festival each year, they design a dish to be served to the festival's president. This has included Alice in Wonderland, which was aptly created and served to Tim Burton when he was President, Taxi Driver for Robert De Niro, Jaws for Steven Spielberg and Mad Max for George Miller.

Chef Sinicropi has co-authored *Petits Plats Grand Ecran*, a cookbook featuring 60 recipes dedicated to cinema. His latest creative invention is *The Cube*, a new menu design inspired by the dice. On each side, guests discover different 'movements' focusing on specific ingredients. For a variety of reasons and seasonal factors, when a certain produce is not available in the market, no concessions are possible. That product is immediately removed from the corresponding face of *The Cube* and



replaced, a reaction to seasonal availability that was earlier not possible. His great innovations do not just keep La Palme d'Or a favourite in this town, but also the only two Michelin star restaurant in Cannes, rated 18/20 and four Toques by Gault Millau and #2 rank in the Alpes Maritimes region on The Lists: 1000 Remarkable Restaurants in the World.

**CHEF JEAN-FRANÇOIS
ROUQUETTE
PARK HYATT
PARIS-VENDÔME**

At Pur', the chef apologises in advance for the unpredictability of the sea tide and

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what fare it may or may not bring on a particular day. Chef Jean-François Rouquette heads Pur', where purity of the food and produce comes before everything else. That his menu changes often is accepted, but what often surprises guests is how much he welcomes their requests, especially at the prestigious Table du Chef. This involves a separate table placed next to the dynamic open kitchen, where diners get to experience an elite selection of dishes and products, all accompanied by fine vintage wines.

Since 2005, Jean-François Rouquette has been leading the kitchen at Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme, and his restaurant, Pur' has been awarded one Michelin star and four Toques by Gault Millau. A few things define Chef Rouquette's food. The easiest to identify is his use of flora in dishes. He incorporates specific blooms to present dishes based on the seasons with fresh, vibrant herbs in his spring creations, and game, mushrooms and winter vegetables in his autumn cuisine. Even



Chef Jean-François Rouquette and one of his creations.



The creative use of flowers makes the cuisine of Chef Jean-François Rouquette outstanding. The Chef's Table, overlooking the open kitchen of the Michelin-starred chef, is an exclusive dining experience with each dish complemented by wine or champagne.

AWARDS

CHEF CHRISTIAN SINICROPI, PALME D'OR, GRAND HYATT CANNES 2 Michelin Stars; 4 Toques in the Gault Millau

CHEF JEAN FRANCOIS ROUQUETTE, PUR', PARK HYATT PARIS VENDOME 1 Michelin Star, 4 Toques in the Gault Millau

CHEF GUILLAUME BRACAVAL, CUISINE (S) MICHEL TROIGROS, HYATT REGENCY TOKYO 2 Michelin Stars



visually, his dishes match the daintiness of flowers by presenting gorgeously plated food that plays on all the senses. The common perception about French cuisine is that it is traditional with a lot of meat, creamy sauce and special ingredients such as oysters and snails. This chef is more than happy to challenge such ideas. He has had his share of traditional training, but his cuisine is a much more

contemporary take on French cuisine. The prime ingredient is in the absolute centre and his sauces are much lighter.

As the 'chef of flowers' states simply and rather delightfully, "My cuisine is oriented towards the most beautiful things brought to us daily by earth and sea."

CHEF SEBASTIEN ARCHAMBAULT
PARK HYATT NEW YORK
Bevy, located in Central Park South, opened in

Chef Sebastian Archambault; a signature dish created by the chef.



spring 2017 with a rustic, new American menu. In a completely redesigned space by Yabu Pushelberg, Chef Sebastian Archambault and his team expertly execute a menu of rotating seasonal mains, vegetable-centric sides, wood-fired preparations, and dishes 'for two.' A 1,200-bottle wine library with a custom ladder on the north side of the room adds to the delight of the guests.

Chef Archambault hails from Lubbock, Texas, where his parents owned and operated a small restaurant, Crêpe Suzette, before returning to their home in Le Bugue, France. Born American and raised in France, he quickly developed a love of food that ultimately led him to a culinary school in Paris. But Chef Sebastian wasn't new to the trade. Having grown-up in the kitchens of a family-owned business and working the kitchens of many three-star restaurants and small Parisian bistros, running this exclusive Manhattan restaurant is a dream come true for Chef Archambault.

"I had my own station at the age of

eight, taking care of cleaning lettuce and peeling potatoes during prep time. For service, my job was to handle frogs' legs with garlic and parsley," he says.

His father, who was the chef, was product oriented and always leafing through old culinary books to keep evolving his recipes. His mother was in charge of the front of the house. "Believe me, it was not easy! I know too well the tension that can build up between the kitchen and servers," he says.

That experience gave him the ownership that determines and influences how he runs his kitchen even to this day, despite his wide experience with fine-dining establishments through Mexico, Corsica and Los Angeles. The menu at Bevy, though elegant, remains rustic.

From the one-and-a-half-pound Maine Lobster, Heirloom Tomatoes with Kalamata Tapenade and Feta, the Crispy Candied Bacon or the Housemade Pull-Apart Bread with Caramelised Onions and Boursin, every bit of Chef Archambault's experience presents itself proudly on the plate. ■



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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

If you live to eat, you're going to feel more alive experiencing the Park Hyatt Masters of Food & Wine programme. Award-winning chefs, professional chocolatiers, craft brew masters, local farmers and sommeliers come together to host unforgettable interactive food and drink events. A sampler: go truffle hunting in Milan, visit an aqua farm in California for oyster tasting, learn to identify fresh fish at a market in Tokyo, take an ecological excursion in the Maldives or do a wine tasting at a vineyard in Mendoza. These awesome experiences help you know more about your food by tracing its journey from farm to table. Guests can visit the website to locate a Masters of Food & Wine event near them, test a new recipe and learn more about Park Hyatt Hotels around the world.

From above:
The Park Hyatt Masters of Food & Wine programme; Andaz Salon's guest itinerary features local attractions.



TWIST THE KALEIDOSCOPE

The best way to get to know a place is through its people, culture and flavours. What if all of these are bundled well and delivered to you by local experts in the comfort of your hotel? Andaz Salon, the signature cultural programme of Andaz hotels, is an initiative based on the idea. An experiential venue that hosts events that deliver cultural experiences, the platform is where travel meets creativity and communities. The events have interesting content and lively discussions for guests

and neighbours, and opportunities for local emerging talent. The event could be a wine and cheese pairing, an art exhibition, a local music performance or a video art showcase, like the one on display at Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht. The exhibition is a one-of-a-kind glimpse into the medium of video art. It lets visitors explore more than 40 original works of art created by young, emerging artists and established global masters of the art form.

ON-THE-GO BREAKFAST BOWLS

Light, nutritious and delicious meals-on-the-go are a reality now with the Hyatt Place's innovative new promotion — Build Your Own Breakfast. As a part of this promotion, you can look forward to innovative and healthy Oiknos Greek yoghurt meals, breakfast bowls and some premium ingredients like cage-free eggs, all-natural bacon and sausage, to more indulgent ones like a warm caramelised

banana yogurt topping. The complimentary bowls are available at select Hyatt Place hotels across the United States and Canada.

ENJOY LOCAL FLAVOURS

Hawaii's farmers' markets are particularly special for the variety of local artisanal foods and crafts they offer. At Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort in Honolulu, you don't even need to step out of the premises to visit one. Every Tuesday and Thursday, between 4pm and 8pm, the resort hosts a wonderful indoor farmers' market. You can talk to farmers, pick up some local produce and munch on an array of Oahu-style snacks and regional Hawaiian bites.

STAYFIT@HYATT

Guests at Hyatt hotels across North America and the Caribbean can enjoy the latest in cardio and strength equipment, and exercise programmes thanks to the chain YogaAway LLC, a Denver-based studio. Have a healthy stay!

From above: The farmers' market at Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa; portraits with pets by Park Hyatt Vienna's resident photography team; penguins enthral onlookers at Hyatt Regency Maui.



EARN AND REDEEM loyalty points at over 700 locations across the globe with the World of Hyatt loyalty programme. You can exchange these points for airline miles, free nights or car rental rewards.



HYATT'S SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES

IN GOOD COMPANY Perhaps you're familiar with pet-friendly hotels. And now, here's a hotel that values your time spent with your pet as much as you do! Besides welcoming your pets, Park Hyatt Vienna runs a very special promotion for them. The property's in-house photography team specialises in pet photos. The team conducts shoots in which pets can pose with their masters and be part of solo shots with their favourite toys and accessories. Vienna is home to some beautiful parks that are the perfect backdrops for such shoots. Prices vary according to the package you opt for—a one hour session for 10 edited pictures, or a two-hour session for 25 photographs.

DATE WITH THE PENGUINS Now you don't have to travel to the Poles to shake hands with a penguin. Hawaiian shores are known for their African black-footed penguins, and at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa, you can get up close and personal with them. The seven resident penguins take centre stage at the atrium lobby at 9.30 am every morning. Watch them go about their daily activities with carefree abandon, while you enjoy your stay at the hotel.

BEYOND
Spas

Reset. Recharge. Refresh

Feel nourished, calm and renewed at the relaxing Hyatt spas, as age-old wellness traditions help you relinquish stress and serve your wellness and beauty needs, says **Shibani Bawa**.

The Sereno Spa at Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa is known for its therapies using steam infused with Ashtagandha herbs.

Hyatt hotels across India are taking age-old wellness traditions and scaling them up to offer unique spa experiences. So whether you're on a business trip to Hyderabad or a relaxing family getaway to Goa, there's always a Hyatt spa ready to take you in its fold and leave you completely rejuvenated.

SHAMANA SPA | Grand Hyatt Goa

There are plenty of reasons to check in to the tranquil Shamana Spa. A luxurious Chocolate Fondue Wrap amidst candles and champagne is just one of them. This treatment uses the most natural products, starting with an exfoliation with coconut milk and coconut powder followed by an application of a deliciously aromatic chocolate fondue. If you prefer to stick with Indian spices, go for the healing scrub with rice powder, clove, cinnamon and cardamom that are best suited to relax tired muscles. The packages on offer include the Spa Bridal Shower, with customised bathrobes for the party, an exciting array of themed options, a specially curated menu of your favourite health foods and detox drinks, and the Moon & Stars Massage—a relaxing massage in the company of the moon and the stars, giving you an unforgettable outdoors experience of a lifetime.

SHVASA SPA | Hyatt Regency Gurgaon

The chic Shvasa Spa offers some ancient Indian massages that work as wonderful antidotes for the frenetic demands of modern day living. The Udvartana tones and strengthens the body with the application of oils along with a mix of herbal powders. This special combination of powders is rough in nature and hot in potency and creates friction when massaged. The herbal tincture opens up the pores, melts down blockages and knots and increases the heat inside tissues. It is highly effective for reducing cellulite, toning muscles and removal of dead



The spas at Hyatt use the most natural salts and oils.

**The Spa Bridal Shower
at Shamana Spa has an
exciting array of theme
options to choose from.**



The comfortable treatment rooms at Siddh Spa, Hyatt Regency Chennai encourage one to visit more often.



skin cells. Kizhi is another Ayurvedic treatment in which warm poultices filled with powders or medical concoctions are dipped in herbal oils and massaged over the body.

SERENO SPA | Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa

Not all spa experiences need to involve a massage. Sereno Spa revives a centuries-old ritual with its Sarvanga Vashpa Swedan Yantra or the steam bath. Here the steam is infused with an Ashtagandha blend of eight powerful herbs—chandan, kesar, tulsi, camphor, heena, agar, bel and durva, each having distinct medicinal properties. You can soak it in while kicking back in an ornate steam chamber made of seasoned medicinal wood from the Malabar Kino tree for enhanced therapeutic effects.

CLUB OASIS | Grand Hyatt Mumbai

After you've rid your body of its many toxins in the swanky Club Oasis, you've earned yourself the right to a decadent buffet at the hotel's speciality restaurant. The Eat and Retreat package begins with a luxurious foot reflexology, body cleansing with honey, milk and gram powder, an aromatherapy massage and facial, then leads you to a lavish spread of delicious fare.





Left: A luxurious Chocolate Fondue Wrap. Opposite: The Hyatt spas have eco-friendly ambience and tranquil rooms to take you away from the pressures of fast-paced life.

CLUB OLYMPUS | Hyatt Regency Delhi

Marma therapy is an ancient Indian practice used to manipulate the subtle energy (prana) in the body for healing effects. Marmas are the vital points, a total of 107, in the body where the life force energy is concentrated. The therapy combines massage techniques and acupressure to give you a complete mind, body and spiritual healing. Warm blended oils unique to your constitution are poured generously from head to toe to detox and rejuvenate every cell to stimulate the natural cleansing processes and improve body and mind balance.

SIDDH SPA | Hyatt Regency Chennai

Situated in the heart of Chennai, Siddh Spa is set against ceramic garden artwork known as the Garden of Earthly Delights. Most of the wellness therapies here are inspired by ancient Siddha practices that form an integral part of traditional South Indian medicine. Guests can choose from a range of treatments based on their Ayurvedic dosha—Vatham, Pitham or Kapham. The Siddh Spa experience includes blending products under the guidance of Siddh practitioners along with personalised preparation of thavara, extract of roots, herbs and flowers, precious metals and mineral salts,

At Siddh Spa, therapies are inspired by ancient Siddha practices.

to set individuals on their path to complete well-being.

ANDAZ SPA | Andaz Delhi

The best-selling Chakra Balancing Massage at Andaz Spa allows your intuition to guide you regarding the therapy that your body needs. It helps correct energy imbalances through a combination of massage and guided energy meditation, leaving you physically rejuvenated and emotionally recharged. With chakra as an indicator, the therapist encourages you to share a particular problem area in your body and then advises the appropriate therapy, ingredients and essentials to help.

THE SPA | Hyatt Amritsar

A traditional Hawaiian massage, Lomi Lomi is one of their special offerings. It involves kneading, rubbing and soothing of tired muscles to leave you purring like a cat. It also uses a combination of nut oils and sometimes elements of prayer, breathing and dance to restore energy and soothe the body. ■

SPECIAL PRODUCTS

Hyatt spas are known to use products par excellence, whether internationally sourced or created in-house using the finest local ingredients. Siddh Spa at Hyatt Regency Chennai uses Comfort Zone products that are developed and produced in Parma, Italy, in a facility that uses 100 per cent of its energy from renewable sources. The products include formulations for the face and body created to address all primary skin concerns. After getting your treatment at the spa, therapists will also suggest the perfect products for home care for your skin.

Hyatt Cares

World of Hyatt's eco policy has gone beyond towel and linen usage to initiatives that help conserve the environment, one hotel at a time. **Divya Behl** and **Vikas Plakkot** find out more.

With the planet screaming for environmental preservation, now more than ever, 'responsible luxury' has become the need of the hour. Hyatt opened its doors to 'go green' initiatives with the objective of becoming a chain of sustainable luxury hotels. Their Hyatt Thrive programme is based on three principles—use resources thoughtfully to reduce emissions and waste, conserve water and purchase sustainably; build smart designs that are environment-friendly; and innovate and inspire to drive interesting solutions to make the supply-chain more effective. Besides executing an award-winning environmentally-friendly policy, many of the group's hotels have also introduced game-changing programmes to put a smile back on the face of Mother Earth.

■ HYATT REGENCY DELHI

The first of the group's hotels to receive Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification, Hyatt's Delhi property generates more than 75 per cent of its electricity from green hydro power. As the only hotel in the city to achieve this status, it's also 100 per cent committed to reducing its light pollution. Careful selection of mounting points ensures that there's minimal intrusion on the night sky. A further boon, tucked out of the way, on the roof, is the property's reflective solar panels.

■ HYATT REGENCY GREENWICH

Located in the heart of one of Connecticut's favourite seaside towns, Hyatt Regency Greenwich is the first of the group's properties to introduce a hyper-efficient fuel cell. While solid fuel technology probably won't mean too much to you while you're sipping on your Gin Ricky at the Gazebo Bar, you'll sleep soundly in the





Clockwise: You can take an on-property, self-guided sustainability tour at Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa; Grand Hyatt Singapore has a range of eco-friendly corporate initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint; Hyatt Regency O'Hare has received WasteWise certification from the Environmental Protection Agency, US; in 2015, Hyatt Regency Greenwich introduced a hyper-efficient fuel cell to cut its energy costs and generate its own electricity on-site.



knowledge that you've played your part in a hefty 40 per cent carbon emission reduction.

■ GRAND HYATT SINGAPORE

Situated in the middle of one of Asia's busiest commercial centres, Grand Hyatt Singapore serves in excess of 5,000 exquisite dishes a day. All of which, regardless of impeccable taste and presentation, leave a considerable amount of leftovers. Well, that was until the hotel joined forces with Biomax Technologies and Meiko Clean Solutions and installed a state-of-the-art waste recycling system. Today, the upshot is that every crumb and morsel consigned to the waste bin gets magically transformed into organic fertiliser in less than a day. If that wasn't enough food-focussed wizardry, the property was also among the first in Asia to be awarded certification for its efforts in using sustainable seafood stocks and its guarantee of traceable sources.

■ HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT AND SPA

This beach-facing hotel is keeping the natural beauty and magic of Maui alive through its unique green initiatives. Also a recipient of LEED-EBOM Silver Certification, Hyatt Regency Maui Resort and Spa recently set up one of Hawaii's largest solar panel systems. The panels provide for the property's power needs, equivalent to that consumed by 158 island homes. The photovoltaic system's reduction of harmful CO₂ emissions is akin to removing over 100 cars from the roads for good.

■ HYATT REGENCY PUNE

The first Hyatt property in Pune has in place Hyatt Earth—Hyatt's environmental programme to protect the planet and conserve resources. With the use of windmill energy, solar panels and rainwater harvesting, the hotel is dedicated to environmental protection. More recently, the hotel teamed up with Israel-based Phoebus Energy to install technology that has reduced the consumption of diesel for water heating by 90 per cent annually—big numbers in the world of CO₂ reduction.

■ HYATT REGENCY O'HARE

A WasteWise certified hotel, the hotel has set a record for recycling cardboard used in its premises—some 14,000 pounds per month. Their Commingle Compactor can recycle plastic, glass and cans as well. Also, the property has installed a food digester machine that converts waste into grey energy—around 2,000 pounds each month, with the compost generated every four weeks, adding 3,000 pounds to the tally. The hotel prides itself on low consumption of electricity and about 7,000 plants throughout the building that oxygenate the air naturally.



■ PARK HYATT GOA RESORT AND SPA

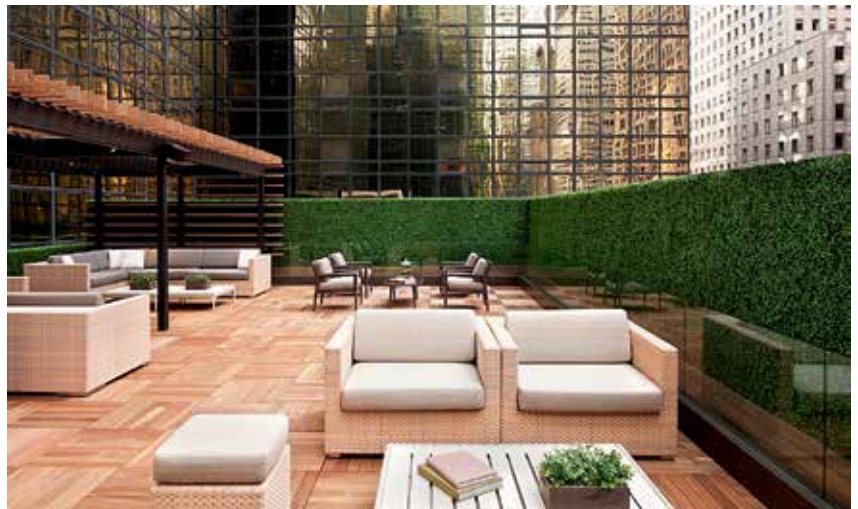
Taking full advantage of its 45 acres effectively, Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa grows a variety of organic herbs and vegetables. What they cannot produce on site is sourced locally, greatly reducing their carbon footprint. Working in total symbiosis, the hotel then recycles its waste to compost to use at the farms. But why just take our word for it? Go visit and the property will happily give you a guided tour, complete with your very own horticulture expert.

■ HYATT REGENCY VANCOUVER

This gorgeous hotel's approach to green initiatives is simple: donate, recycle, and outsource. Anything in excess and in good condition is donated to shelters; its seafood sourcing partnership with Oceanwise ensures the production of pro-ocean seafood. For instance, confit octopus and poached side striped shrimp served at the Mosaic Grill are made of sustainably-caught octopus and shrimp respectively. Plus, the entire premises is powered by Canada's leading renewable energy provider.

■ GRAND HYATT NEW YORK

This property took on the NYC Carbon Challenge, dropping \$2.3 million on a new building management system that balances the use of heat and air-conditioning. This, in combination with an overhauled ventilation and electrical system, slashes its carbon



footprint by 2,400 metric tonnes a year. Additionally, they compost all hotel cafeteria waste, source local ingredients, have replaced bottled water with still water at the in-house Grand Club, and give complimentary digital access to the *New York Times* and the *Financial Times*, instead of physical newspapers.

■ HYATT ZIVA CANCUN

Ziva is the first Hyatt property in Mexico to receive Green Globe certification, which requires an extensive list of do's. But, by running social empowerment projects such as Epiphany Caravan that brings toys to children, conducting annual fund raising events to support local organisations, and running awareness campaigns, the hotel has set an example for luxury chains. ■

Clockwise from top: Attention to detail and tropical design integrity makes Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa an eco-sensitive resort; Grand Hyatt New York is certified as "Green" by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

HYATT 2020 VISION

Taking water conservation very seriously, the group aims to reduce its consumption by as much as 40 per cent in some of its hotels. It aims to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 25 per cent per square metre. Visitors can expect massive design changes in its building structures too, with a focus on environmentally-sustainable and nature-friendly design.

Memorable Launches

Perhaps you've wondered what it takes to make your stay at a hotel special. The General Managers of select Hyatt properties tell **Shibani Bawa** about their experiences opening and managing these hotels.



JEAN-FRANCOIS DURAND
General Manager, Hyatt Regency
Moscow Petrovsky Park

When I took over as General Manager of Hyatt Regency Ekaterinburg, the hotel was still under construction. And, we had the Shanghai Summit with 13 visiting Presidents to cater to! During this time, I learned it's crucial to hire the correct talent for a specific job. A hotel is a place where people are connected, where work and leisure come together. When the right people for the task at hand handle things, the hotel comes alive with a character of its own. This is why you need to know your staff and understand their temperament. With dedication and passion anything is possible, as was the case with the opening of the hotel during a demanding time.



MICHEL MORAUAU
General Manager,
Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile

As intense as every opening, closing and running of operations has been, I've always learned something important from them. One of my best takeaways was that it pays to believe in yourself. At Hyatt Paris Madeleine, after the Parisian concept Cafe M started, one of the influential food critics took exception to the fine china dishes we served him, calling the deep dish a "dish that looks like a Golden Retriever dog dish." We were devastated. But just as we were thinking of pulling out the crockery, we noticed the restaurant started getting more customers, and they really loved the food and the presentation. Obviously, we stood by our choice.



SARA KEARNEY
General Manager,
Park Hyatt Chicago

The care that is inherent to the Hyatt way of doing things is best demonstrated in this example. During the opening of Park Hyatt Hamburg, I was struggling to sleep one night, so I took a stroll around the property to realise that the hotel looked eerily empty. In the staff dining room I realised the company president, Bernd Chorenge, was personally cooking a meal for all the hotel staff. The energy was electric and everybody was having a really good time. It taught me that when you really care for people, you bring out the best in them. The unconditional care I show to my staff, they show to guests, so it's vital to be connected to all.



VISHAL MEHRA
General Manager,
Park Hyatt Chennai

After many successful stints in various roles across Hyatt properties, I returned to the UAE to open Hyatt Capital Gate, Abu Dhabi. The experience was life changing. Seventeen months of pre-opening, a majority of it being with the full team onboard, meant constant innovation and engagement. The millennials today take jobs with the purpose of adding a skill. But there is only so much you can add if the opening is delayed. The resilience paid off and the team that came out of it was outstanding! It was an incredible journey with a multi-talented team. Later, I had the opportunity to open Hyatt Place Dubai/Al Rigga, another great experience.



MICHEL JAUSLIN
Area Vice President,
Hyatt of France

I experienced one of my biggest challenges managing Hyatt Regency Delhi as GM, when former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was shot. A mob had approached our hotel and the staff on premises did a splendid job of fending them off. On a lighter note, I learnt a few things about Indian hospitality the hard way. When I turned up for a dinner party at 8 pm as per the time given by the hosts, I realised the hosts themselves were unprepared. Even other guests arrived late, giving me the realisation that you shouldn't turn up at the exact time of invitation. Thereafter, I made it a point to only arrive for such invitations by 10 pm. ■



A BIT ARTSY
 With a rapidly growing art scene, Hyderabad hosts some outstanding art galleries. Visit Srishti Art Gallery for contemporary Indian art and the Kalakriti Art Gallery for not only its artwork, but also a great gastronomical experience at its cafe.

Small, *the* New Big

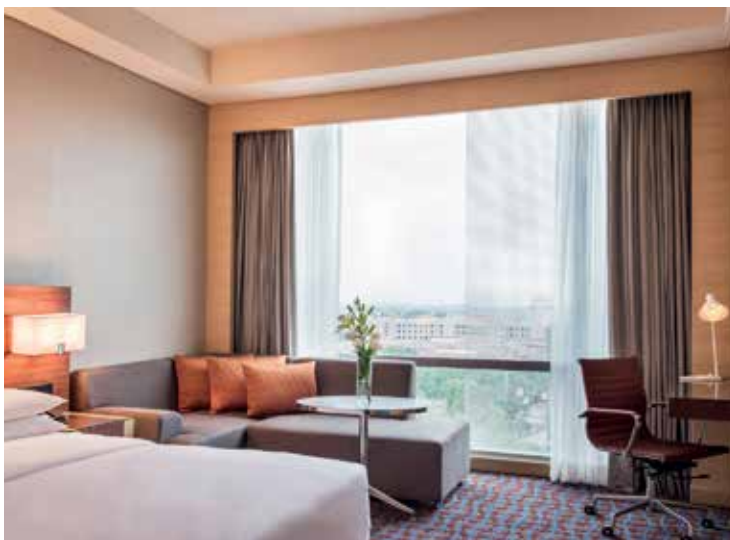
While the city has its charms, nothing beats the laid-back vibe of India's smaller urban hubs. You'll love the warmth of genuine hospitality as experienced in these quaint places, say **Divya Behl** and **Vikas Plakkot**.

HYDERABAD

The seat of the erstwhile dynasty of Qutb Shah, the city has two distinct personas. It is adorned with historical forts, majestic palaces and grand mosques in one half, and artificial lakes, modern skyscrapers and gourmet restaurants in the other. Climb up to the granite hill of Golconda to admire the fort's architectural beauty, walk through the bustling streets of Old Hyderabad, shop for the city's namesake pearls and delve into its delicious biryanis from **Cafe Bahar** or **Paradise**. The location of **Hyatt Hyderabad Gachibowli**, close to the airport, makes it the perfect combination of access and comfort. Another Hyatt hotel in the city, **Park Hyatt Hyderabad**, located in the upmarket Banjara Hills, is known for its stunning art, sumptuous suites, a lavish spa and famous restaurants.

LUCKNOW

The home of kebabs and nawabs, Lucknow, deserves more attention than it gets. The capital of India's largest state, the city has the finest architectural marvels from the Mughal era. Visit the famous *bhool-bhulaiya*—a labyrinth of narrow corridors—in Imambara, built in 1784, or stop over at Constantia built by French General Claude Martin. Shop for chikankari in the Chowk area or at SEWA that empowers women through its business. If you haven't had enough mutton kebabs through the day, then go to **Azrak-Lebua** or **The Spice Factory** for a perfect fine dining experience. To make your time in Lucknow more indulgent, stay at **Hyatt Regency Lucknow**, located centrally. Enjoy its two restaurants, lounge, and luxury spa—Siddh.





**KEEP CALM
AND DRINK WINE**

Pune is tantalisingly close to some of India's finest vineyards, just under a couple of hours' drive from the city. If you are short on time, sip on some amazing international and Indian wines at Dario's in Koregaon Park, a local favourite.

From historical monuments like Sinhagad Fort to shopping streets like Laxmi Road, tourists have a lot to look forward to in Maharashtra's cultural capital.

PUNE

Once a laid-back town with quaint old homes, today Pune is a bustling centre for commerce, second only to Mumbai in India's western flank. From monuments like Sinhagad Fort, heritage shopping streets like Laxmi Road, or the mysterious Osho Ashram, tourists have a lot to look forward to. Explore the ultra-trendy pubs and restaurants of the city spread out across the suburbs of Hinjewadi—**Malaka Spice** for finger licking food, **The Irish Village** for fresh beer and **Shisha Cafe** for its fantastic Jazz performances. Stay at **Hyatt Place Pune/Hinjawadi**, winner of the Best Debut Hotel title at Worldwide Achievers at the Business Leader Summit & Awards 2015.

RAMESWARAM

Connected to mainland India by a narrow sea-bridge, Rameswaram, previously known only for its temples, is now booming with cosmopolitan features. Go kitesurfing, windsurfing, kayaking or sailing. If the season is right, visit the Water Bird Sanctuary that hosts migratory birds from Europe and Australia. Take a stroll on its picturesque beaches or visit Dhanushkodi, home to the mythological Adam's Bridge that is



connected to Sri Lanka just 30 kilometres away. With very few upscale stay options available here, **Hyatt Place Rameswaram** doesn't come as a compromise. Its 24x7 vegetarian restaurant, buffet breakfast, outdoor pool, fully equipped gym and warm hospitality will make your holiday even more unforgettable.

CHANDIGARH

With its disciplined traffic and super organised civic systems, Chandigarh is a study in the charms of simplicity. Visit the Le Corbusier Centre to understand more about how the architectural legend planned the city. Do not forget to check out the calendar of Tagore Theatre that puts on some great shows on a very regular basis. No tourist spot in Chandigarh will disappoint you, be it the Rose Garden, Rock Garden or Sukhna Lake. Shopping is an absolute dream, especially the famous *phulkari* of Punjab, in Sector 17. Dine at **Piccante** in **Hyatt Regency Chandigarh**, rated the best in the city, or take part in the hotel's Zumba classes. Located at an equal distance from Mohali and Panchkula, the hotel is a central location for a city tour, shopping or business meeting.

From top: Hyatt Place Pune/Hinjawadi; Punjabi food at Hyatt Regency Chandigarh. Opposite: The lobby at Park Hyatt Hyderabad; a suite in Hyatt Regency Lucknow.



BOULDERING IN HAMPI

The art of bouldering, rock climbing without a rope, has found its wings in Hampi thanks to the endless spread of stone. Cross the river on a coracle boat and rent out equipment from Goan Corner/Shiva Guest House. Hampi is great for pros and amateurs alike.

If you like Gujarati cuisine, the fine dining restaurant Agashiye spoils you for choice.

HAMPI

The enchanting temple town of Hampi in Karnataka is a world unto itself. Miles of rocks and boulders, fascinating ruins dating back to the Vijayanagara era, banana plantations and paddy fields give the city a magical aura. Linger for a few days discovering the open museum that the town is. Visit grand temples like Virupaksha or Elephant Stables and palaces, hike up the Matanga Hill for a bird's-eye view of the city, or enjoy walking through its green fields. Head back to **Hyatt Place Hampi** where a cozy corner awaits you. Outstanding standard facilities aside, the hotel also conducts an excellent tour of the town that's well worth the trouble.

AHMEDABAD

Rated by Forbes as one of the world's top-five emerging cities, Ahmedabad's metamorphosis from a small town to a shining example of India's urban potential happened quickly. Take a 90-minute walking tour of Gandhi's first ashram along the Sabarmati river, which gives you a peek into the life and times of the Mahatma. From Segway rides to a butterfly park, the pedestrianised urban space of the 500-year old Kankaria Lake is the ideal choice for an entertaining evening in the city. If you're craving a Gujarati thali, the fine dining restaurant **Agashiye** spoils you for choice. Overlooking the gorgeous Vastrapur Lake, **Hyatt Ahmedabad** boasts the city's best spa and a range of restaurants and elegant rooms to make your time in the city more memorable.



RAIPUR

One of India's new-millennium cities, Raipur quickly out-grew its shanty town image. Located in the Mahanadi plains, India's Green Bowl, it is replete with fourth-century temples, state-of-the-art museums and art galleries. Visit Mahant Ghasidas Sangrahalaya, a unique anthropological museum, or drop by the Mahakoshal Art Gallery for fascinating art displays. A trip to Kevalya Dham Jain Temple, built entirely out of white marble, will leave you gobsmacked! **Hyatt Raipur**, located within Magneto-The Mall, a mixed-use complex in the business centre of the city, offers easy access to quality restaurants and cineplexes, making it an ideal choice to stay while in the city. ■

From top: Outdoor swimming pool at Hyatt Place Hampi; a spa treatment at Hyatt Raipur.

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A World of Choices

World-class hospitality meets spectacular settings at all of Hyatt's 739 properties spread over 57 countries. Here's a guide that ensures you get the most out of the Hyatt wedding experience, so your happily ever after takes off on an ecstatic note. **BY ANANYA BAHL**



STEP 1: POP THE QUESTION

FIVE PROPERTIES TO PROPOSE AT, AND WHY.

WHY HYATT?

OPTIONS, OPTIONS!
Over 700 hotels in varied settings, from nature-inspired and thrilling, shopping-oriented and hip to historic

SUPER SERVICE
Concierge on-call and staff that goes out of its way to ensure bespoke experiences

UNBELIEVABLE OFFERS
Great loyalty bonuses for members of the World of Hyatt programme

SOPHISTICATION BEYOND MEASURE
Stylish experiences, impeccable food and drinks, and a world of unmatched amenities

PARK HYATT MALDIVES HADAAHA

Choose from an array of private dining venues—Fresh Air Cinema for a romantic rooftop movie date; Hadahaa's Culinary Indulgence, which includes five dining experiences in five unique locations over 24 hours that'll keep your better half guessing; or Pampering Pleasure for Two, which brings together spa rejuvenation and culinary indulgence. You can even propose underwater at this PADI five-star dive resort or take part in a treasure hunt planned especially for you. Do not worry if you happen to drop the ring somewhere. The hotel's been known to send a search party dive team to retrieve your missing band of gold.

HYATT REGENCY GRAND CYPRESS

Let this Orlando property's resident wedding specialist, Brittany Scott, curate the best proposal ideas for you. Choose the ethereal Oak Terrace—an intimate setting with a large oak tree adorned with lanterns—for the most Instagram-worthy photos of your special moment, or Cypress Pointe—a private pavilion overlooking Lake Windsong—for a memory that'll last forever.



TRIVIA

LORD OF THE RINGS
Designed for the first time over 100 years ago by Charles Lewis Tiffany, the Tiffany Setting—a single diamond held up by four or six prongs—is the most popular engagement ring in the world. Its classic design changed the way diamond rings were made, earning it the title of the Ring of Rings. (Tiffany setting; 18-carat yellow gold; ₹777,723)



HYATT PARIS MADELEINE

Could there be a more ideal city than Paris to pop the question? With an enviable location near Place de la Madeleine and shopping at Galeries Lafayette, this hotel is steeped in Parisian romance. Check-in to one of its brand-new Parisian Suites for Eiffel Tower views, or the Presidential Suite for a magical experience. The concierge can help you book a Paris dinner cruise, go on a round of shopping at Faubourg St. Honoré and Royale Streets, and try lesser-known Parisian delights. A trip to Moulin Rouge is a must. Celebrate in the evening with drinks at La Chinoiserie. With its roof glass, from the workshops of Gustave Eiffel, it is considered the heart of the hotel.

HYATT ZILARA ROSE HALL

This adults-only retreat in Montego Bay provides lots of fun under the Caribbean sun. Your wish is the concierge's command. From booking you an exclusive couple's massage on the beach with the Caribbean's most popular therapist, arranging a candle-lit dinner for two on the beach, to chocolate-dipped strawberries and vintage wine in your suite, there is much pampering that you both can have here. We hear Tanisha at the hotel spa does hair and make-up fit for a red-carpet starlet. But, if Hollywood glamour isn't your thing, enjoy the surf in your hair as you go down on bended knee.

ANDAZ DELHI

No time to travel? You can sign-up for a curated cooking workshop for two in a private space, and slip the ring into the dessert she's making. Book an Andaz Delhi 401 Experience and write your proposal out during a class with a calligraphy master, or be unique and propose on a New Delhi rooftop during a tour of the city's vibrant parkour scene. The property offers a variety of interactive recreational outlets for couples to get to know each other, including cooking demonstrations in a private space within the hotel by chefs from AnnaMaya, the modern European food hall.



Clockwise from left: Drinks at Andaz Delhi; seaside romance at Hyatt Rosehall Zilara.



NUMBER PLAY

Zola, the American online wedding registry giant, conducted a pre-engagement poll with 1,000 engaged couples and newlyweds, and found the following:

55% of brides-to-be had a location in mind

30% of brides admitted to getting a manicure only because they thought they were getting engaged

70% of brides said they dreamed about the perfect ring

94% of couples discussed marriage before getting engaged

50% of couples went ring shopping together

STEP 2: SCOUT FOR LOCATIONS

HYATT OFFERS A WORLD OF CHOICES FOR COUPLES LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT SETTING.



FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME

Love the sea? You could consider getting hitched at any one of these spectacular properties.

HYATT REGENCY NICE PALAIS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE

Does it get more indulgent than a wedding on the French Riviera? It can, when you're getting married at a hotel that's considered to be among the region's most prominent art-deco emblems. Choose the Azur Ballroom for spectacular views of the Mediterranean, enjoy special guest room packages and savour seasonal delights and hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Cyril Cheype here.

PARK HYATT GOA RESORT AND SPA

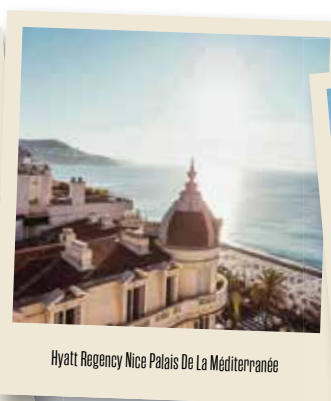
Love the idea of a Goa wedding? You'll love it more at this spectacular hotel opening out to languid views of the Arabian Sea. What's more, the property has an exclusive spot for private weddings on Arossim Beach. You can put your guests up at one of the 250 Portuguese-inspired rooms overlooking glittering lagoons, indulge them at Sereno Spa—the perfect welcome treat for the bridal party—and treat them to the creations of an award-winning F&B team. Book with them and enjoy free honeymoon nights at any Hyatt property in the world!

ANDAZ PENINSULA PAPAGAYO RESORT

Venues ranging from cozy to sprawling and seaside to studios, and even the classic cascading pool, make this the perfect venue for a wedding by the azure Culebra Bay. Contact wedding organiser Maria Victoria Gomez to plan the perfect Pura Vida Costa Rican wedding, using décor with a vibrant but singular mix of colours and indigenous flowers to party like a Tico at your ceremony.



Park Hyatt Goa Resort and Spa



Hyatt Regency Nice Palais De La Méditerranée



Andaz Peninsula Papagayo Resort, Costa Rica



MUST-VISIT
 Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow's reservation department provides a visa support letter, enabling guests to secure a visa at the local Russian Consulate.

LET HISTORY BE YOUR WITNESS

Your wedding will go down as an event to remember, just as many historic moments did, in these famous locations.



HYATT PLACE HAMPPI

For friendly service and a homely atmosphere, book this stylish hotel in the UNESCO-listed ancient city of Hampi. The property offers an exclusive online group booking page, customised menus, special tours to the boulder city for guests, indoor and outdoor banquet spaces, and access to the holy Panchvati Temple, located just 10 minutes away.

ARARAT PARK HYATT MOSCOW

This luxurious hotel is located right next to the Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral. The artistic Bolshoi Theatre is a stone's throw away. The hotel's cosy Armenian Chapel is the ideal setting for an intimate church wedding, after which the Bibliotheque and Sargsyan Banquette Halls can host large receptions. Get hitched here and earn points for your first anniversary celebrations.

HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA - A PARK HYATT HOTEL

Step into an undiscovered world where old traditions entwine effortlessly with new beginnings—a world with firm handshakes and unwavering smiles. A world that is Canberra's finest global hotel. Hyatt Hotel Canberra is set on vast, manicured lawns and gardens fit for a royal wedding. From intimate family gatherings to larger scale gala weddings, it offers Canberra's most luxurious wedding reception venues. The dedicated wedding team will be on hand to guide you through the planning process and ensure that every detail of your special day is exactly as you dreamed.

A ROYAL LOVE STORY

In 1562 when Mughal emperor Akbar married Hira Kunwari, later known as Jodha, for political reasons, little did he realise that she, his third wife, would be the love of his life. She was the only queen who could pass a *farman* (a royal order), otherwise a privilege of the emperor.



CITY CITY BANG BANG

If you like all things hip and cool, your wedding should be no different. So which one of these glamorous urban centres are you picking for your big day?



Andaz 5th Avenue perfectly captures the chic city vibe.



GRAND HYATT MUMBAI

Grand Hyatt Mumbai is the perfect venue for big, fat Indian weddings. With 547 rooms, 110 residential apartments and over 60,000 square feet of art-inspired spaces, the property makes no excuses for being decadent, with the theme #LivingGrand. It boasts indoor and outdoor venues for picture-perfect celebrations, a spa, a salon, a kids' area, a team of transcontinental chefs and a dedicated events team. Choose the Gardens or the Grand Ballroom for a regal affair.

ANDAZ 5TH AVENUE

Nothing typifies urban chic like New York and this boutique hotel captures that vibe perfectly. Featuring contemporary indoor and outdoor spaces for intimate weddings for up to 80 guests, farm-fresh menus that change every season, an outdoor courtyard against the backdrop of the New York Public Library and the unique, residential-style Apartment 2E, the hotel is the stuff stylish wedding dreams are made of.

HYATT REGENCY JOHANNESBURG

This hotel captures Johannesburg's effervescence like none other. For an intimate ceremony for up to 10 people, you'll find the Presidential Suite ideal; the Garden Terrace is the perfect setting for a larger gathering of up to 60 guests; and the Ballroom can comfortably accommodate a 200-guest gala. Plus, newlyweds get a complimentary night at the hotel. You'll love the manicured garden, perfect for photo-ops, and the management will happily bend backwards to cater to all ethnic dietary needs.

Experiences at any Hyatt property are always amazing, from restaurants to the quality of hospitality. Grand Hyatt Mumbai was no different. It's a good looking property with amazing interiors. My favourite part was the food, and this was an unanimous opinion. We had a specific décor in mind and the hotel managed to do a great job within the stipulated budget—it looked regal!"

SONAKSHI KHANNA
MARRIED AT GRAND HYATT MUMBAI

SUPER FUN FOR EVERYONE

One-stop-shop properties with entertainment for the bridal party.

HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT AND SPA

Think of a lavish beach wedding set against the Florida sunset, events on a private island, outdoor courtyards and elegant ballrooms. To this, add a spa, golf course, lazy river with water slides, and vibrant coterie of culinary experts—led ably by Michael Dolch—all there to make sure your wedding's nothing short of a blockbuster. The award-winning wedding team here offers you the option of the Hyatt Personal Preference programme, which takes into consideration all special dietary needs.

GRAND HYATT BALI

This seaside property has 636 spacious guest rooms with views of the Indian Ocean, lagoons and tropical gardens, ballrooms with Balinese décor, open-air bars and deluxe beach-front villa venues. Plus, it offers access to Nusa Dua Beach and customised menus for the luxuriously large-scale Bali wedding you have always dreamed of. All of this planned exclusively with the help of resident wedding expert, Hana Mawarti. For fun, between wedding events, check out the tennis courts, Kriya Spa, shopping arcade and extensive watersports counter.

HYATT REGENCY WAIKIKI BEACH RESORT AND SPA

Facing the Waikiki Beach, the 1,230 rooms, Pualeilani Atrium Shopping Plaza and famed Na Ho'ola Spa are some of this resort's features. A beautiful terrace overlooking the white sands of Waikiki lends itself beautifully to the romantic wedding. There are activities such as lei making, ukulele, hula classes and a weekly farmers market for your guests. World of Hyatt points earned on every dollar spent on food and beverage during the celebrations can be redeemed during your honeymoon booked with the chain. The resort can even set up a special ceremony room in a venue of your choice within the property.



Wedding Pizzaz

Boost your wedding festivities with these great ideas:

What's a Hawaiian wedding without some traditional entertainment? Get in touch with the Kuhio Beach Torchlighting & Hula show for a spectacular torch-lighting ceremony complete with Hula experts from the University of Hawaii.

When in Bali, you've got to do a traditional Balinese spa themed hens party. Grand Hyatt Bali's Kriya Spa offers a heavenly massage with local roots and herbs that your guests will love!



Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa offers splendid views of the Pacific Ocean.





GO LOCAL

Add some indigenous flavour to your wedding celebrations at one of these hotels.

PARK HYATT MALLORCA

Fashioned like a traditional Mallorquin hilltop village steeped in local art and cultural heritage, this property is set in a peaceful valley, away from the din of touristy hotspots. With 142 residential rooms, four restaurants and Serenitas Spa, it's the ideal choice for an understated wedding celebration. Each venue is designed in sync with Mallorquin aesthetics, with valley or Mediterranean Sea views. Special bachelor/bachelorette party packages are on offer as well.



PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK

A ski resort that offers the all-season Vail Valley Mountain Escape, this makes for a pristine setting for weddings, typifying 'modern mountain sophistication'. With scenic outdoor settings, 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor venues, World of Hyatt points, bespoke catering and special wedding packages, the hotel ensures that your wedding will be a dyed-in-the-wool Colorado mountain stunner.



GRAND HYATT GOA

Twenty eight acres of luxurious tropical gardenscape that blend into Bambolim Bay, 313 guest rooms designed in 17th-century Indo-Portuguese style, delectable Goan cuisine, an enviable location between North and South Goa and, to top things off, the susegado of India's sunshine state will make your wedding a luxurious party with dollops of local flavour. Ten indoor and five outdoor venues, including the Indo-Portuguese palace and a gorgeous waterfront with exquisite spa and salon services ensure you're not just spoiled silly, but also spoiled for choice.



LOVE IN THE AIR

Grand Hyatt Goa pulls out all the stops to ensure your coming together is an unforgettable experience. One couple said their 'I do's' on a hot-air balloon and in another, the groom proposed to his lady-love from an air-borne helicopter!

LOVE, ACTUALLY

Timeless locations to seal it with a kiss.

PARK HYATT VIENNA

This award-winning hotel is housed in a 100-year-old building in Vienna's most historic district. A limousine, an antique car or a carriage is at your disposal, as are stylish flower arrangements by Andreas Bamesberger's Zweigstelle. The other attractions include experience of music and lighting, spa packages for the bride and groom at Arany Spa, artisan wedding cakes and charming indoor banquet halls done up with exquisite tapestry. Try these to make sure your wedding is perfect, romantic and memorable.

PARK HYATT PARIS-VENDÔME

Located in the city of love, this property has quite a lot to live up to. And it does this with menus curated by Michelin-starred chef, Jean-François Rouquette, wedding cakes designed by award-winning pastry chef, Jimmy Mornet, on-demand Indian food, and magical venues such as Les Orchidées—an intimate orchid garden—and the Amethyst room—with fine oak floors, mirrors, golden mouldings and bronze sculptures. Do check-in to the Vendôme Suite with views of the famous Rue de la Paix and Place Vendôme after the celebrations.

ANDAZ MAUI AT WAILEA RESORT

This luxury hotel in Hawaii believes no two weddings should be alike. Venues include the Laule'a Event Lawn with breathtaking vistas of the Pacific Ocean and West Maui mountains, Nohea Lawn on the white-sand Mokapu Beach, and the Nohea infinity and lagoon pool. The photography department is ably led by Coral from Pacific Dream Photography. Not that you need more incentive, but getting married here also gets you more World of Hyatt points.



MUST-VISIT

Park Hyatt Paris is located in a stunning historic palace that's been refurbished with the design scheme of interior planner Ed Tuttle.



With magnificent palaces, stately gardens and impeccable infrastructure, Vienna is one of the finest examples of a European imperial city. Culture defines its essence and that's why it holds tremendous appeal for Indians—to travel, wed and enjoy everything else under the sun!"

GAURAV BATRA

AVP MOTWANE ENTERTAINMENT & WEDDINGS,
PLANNERS OF THE RECENT JINDAL-JASANI AND
VASWANI-FABIANI WEDDINGS IN VIENNA

Selecting Park Hyatt Vienna was the single best decision we made when planning our wedding. I recall, the very first time we saw the space, we fell silent, looked at one another in awe, and knew in that moment that we were looking at a very special place that would be the perfect venue for our wedding."

KIEREAN AND MARC NASR

MARRIED AT PARK HYATT VIENNA
IN SEPTEMBER 2015



GRAND HYATT MACAU

Located in the Cotai area of the City of Dreams, this property offers over 21,000 square foot of wedding space—100 banquets, to be precise—with a capacity of up to 1,300. The pillar-free, 20,600 square feet Grand Ballroom houses big and opulent gatherings and the Salão do Teatro—an ode to the city's Portuguese heritage—is a dramatic space of 8,330 square feet. The hotel acs the thematic wedding game: you can choose from 'Shanghai 1930s', 'Modern & Chic', 'Opulence Ball', or just about any other theme you may have in mind. Don't forget to hop into the casino later.

ANDAZ WEST HOLLYWOOD

Enjoy a wedding on LA's Sunset Strip at this stylish boutique hotel with chic venues such as the Panorama Ballroom and Sundeck Rooftop, both offering unending views of the city. Staci Brener and Samantha Newport are the resident wedding planners and they have plenty of experience in putting together quintessential Hollywood-style weddings. Try the Mezz Lounge for brunches or the acclaimed Riot House Restaurant and Bar for a cozy rehearsal dinner.

THE GAME CHANGERS

You could be on set. Only, it's your wedding!



Clockwise from left: Wedding set-up at Grand Hyatt Macau; Andaz West Hollywood overlooking LA's Sunset Strip; flowers at Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki, Greece.



HYATT REGENCY THESSALONIKI

Exuding Greek charm, this hotel is perfect for that unique wedding with its 152 guest rooms (including 34 suites), restaurants serving authentic Greek fare, landscaped gardens, swimming pool with waterfall and nine unique spaces for events, as well as the largest casino in the Balkans. Besides the two large ballrooms, the hotel gardens offer a gorgeous backdrop for outdoor weddings, and the twin meeting spaces, Ephesus and Epidaurus, are perfect for intimate dinners.

Celebrity Weddings

Shilpa Shetty's wedding reception at Grand Hyatt Mumbai was the stuff of dreams. Bollywood royalty turned up to congratulate the newly-weds. Flowers and butterflies adorned the venue, while guests feasted on Italian, Indian, Thai and Chinese fare. And the wedding cake weighed 80 kilograms! British Indian performers RDB and Rishi Rich entertained the actor's famous guests.

Actors Riteish Deshmukh and Genelia D'Souza threw a lavish wedding reception at Grand Hyatt Mumbai in 2012. Rekha, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Kareena Kapoor, Aamir Khan, Randhir Kapoor, Bappi Lahiri, Sushmita Sen and Mithun Chakraborty, among many others, graced the occasion. The bride was the cynosure of all eyes in a peach lehenga, while Riteish kept a low profile in a black outfit.

DIFFERENT STROKES

Try one of these hotels for an out-of-the-box wedding.

The ocean-view chapel at Hyatt Regency Jeju.



PARK HYATT ZANZIBAR

Located in the UNESCO-listed Stone Town of the East African island of Zanzibar, this hotel offers a great mix of history, culture, luxury and seaside vistas. It has 67 well-appointed rooms, innovative menus, quaint and artistic spaces in the 17th-century Mambo Msiige section for wedding photoshoots and smaller functions, and all the other trappings of a gala wedding.

HYATT REGENCY KATHMANDU

A few minutes away from the Tibetan Boudhanath Stupa, this luxury hotel is set in 37 acres of landscaped grounds and decorated in the Nepali-Newari style, perfectly blending contemporary luxury with the traditional. The hotel has several banquet venues and 280 rooms, including seven suites—enough room for all your guests, and more!

HYATT REGENCY JEJU

Say 'I do' at a scenic ocean-view chapel on South Korea's largest island, while at this hotel. Highlights include multiple ballrooms, the Cliff Garden by the beach, customisable menus, special anniversary packages, 222 luxury rooms and suites, including special Korean Ondol rooms, and the opportunity to celebrate your special day at the island's only international chain hotel.

THE NOVELTIES

BE AMONG THE FIRST TO CHECK OUT THESE NEW PROPERTIES ON THE DESTINATION WEDDING MAP.



Grand Hyatt Baha Mar



Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbour



Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields

YOUR HYATT WEDDING GUIDE

Once you choose to get married at a Hyatt property, six specific aspects become key:

The Setting

Seaside, mountain-top, forest, underwater, in-flight, in the heart of a city, UNESCO world heritage sites...you name it and they've got it covered, whether for your proposal, or your wedding, sangeet, rehearsal dinner or anniversary.



Guest

Accommodations

At World of Hyatt, your comfort, safety and privacy are of utmost importance. There are luxurious rooms, restaurants, spas, shuttle services, business centres and personal butlers to take care of all the little things.

Culinary Delights

Choose from Michelin-starred to local farm-fresh meals at Hyatt properties around the world. Almost all hotels are flexible to cater to Indian needs, if they are informed well in advance.

Ideas and Inspiration

Do you already have an idea of what your wedding should be like? Need inspiration? Every Hyatt property has dedicated wedding specialists who can help create tailor-made themes. Browse the World of Hyatt website for more information.



Personalised Venue

Finding it difficult to choose a venue? Log-on to meetings.hyatt.com and click on weddings. Then, select the Venue Personalizer section and make your preference—first continent, then interests. And voila! A filtered listing of venues will pop up to meet your needs.

Rewards

Stay up-to-date with offers and rewards at World of Hyatt, where your wedding could earn you a free stay, flight or honeymoon/ anniversary package!



STEP 3: YOUR HAPPILY EVER AFTER

WHAT CAN TOP A SMASHING, MULTIPLE-DAY, FIVE-STAR WEDDING CELEBRATION? THE CHANCE TO TAKE OFF TO ANOTHER FASCINATING DESTINATION FOR YOUR HONEYMOON, OF COURSE...

THE EXOTIC EAST

Described as a 'sanctuary of serenity', **Park Hyatt Siem Reap** combines the charm of the Far East with top-notch wellness hospitality. Take sunrise tours of Angkor Wat, relax at the spa and enjoy Cambodian culinary treats at this sprawling property.

For a dose of Thailand's royal heritage, head to **Hyatt Regency Hua Hin**, home to the acclaimed The BARAI Spa and Residential Suites, a lagoon with 315 metres of beachfront and 16 acres of romance with secluded ponds, foliage et al.

WINE VALLEY

If you'd like nothing but a glass of wine, all day, every day on your honeymoon, head to **Andaz Napa**, a boutique property in California that's nestled in the heart of North America's wine country. Tee off, go for wine-tasting tours, head out for a hot-air balloon ride or relax at the spa when here.

HIGH OCTANE FUN

The Caribbean is the ultimate beach getaway! Head to **Hyatt Regency Aruba Spa Resort and Casino** or

the adults-only **Hyatt Zilara Cancun** in Mexico for an unforgettable honeymoon with your partner.

THE EUROPEAN TRAIL

Europe can do no wrong as far as honeymoons are concerned. Check-in to **Park Hyatt Milan** for a truly stylish five-star honeymoon: stay in the top-floor suite for panoramic views of Duomo Cathedral and Milan's sparkling skyline. A meal at the hotel's two Michelin star restaurant, VUN Andrea Aprea, should not be missed. Head to **Andaz Amsterdam**,

Prinsengracht, an art hotel in the heart of the capital of the Netherlands, and you'll feel like you're playing a part in *Alice in Wonderland*.

EUROPE MEETS ASIA

Book a charming British honeymoon at **Hyatt Regency London – The Churchill** or enjoy the blend of Europe and Asia along with Istanbul's inimitable nightlife at **Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas**: check-in to its 110 square metre Diplomatic Suite for all the Turkish luxuries you can imagine.



Clockwise: Hyatt Regency Hua Hin, a beachfront location, is a prominent wedding destination; enjoy wine tasting in Napa Valley's Andaz Napa; spa rituals set to rejuvenate newlyweds in the exotic Eastern properties of the chain; the Dining Room, a restaurant at Park Hyatt Siem Reap.

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A mix of
**work and
pleasure**

World of Hyatt ensures that you, the frequent business traveller, never experience the stress of staying at a hotel. A comprehensive guide by ANANYA BAHL...

ASIA

BESIDES CULINARY TREATS, HOTELS IN THIS REGION OFFER GREAT VALUE ADDITIONS.

LUXE LIFE

Hyatt Regency Delhi offers rooms with larger work desks and better lighting. Opt for the bespoke **Hyatt Regency Delhi Residence** fully-serviced apartments for longer business trips. Regency Club rooms and suites provide access to the Club Lounge with continental breakfast and evening hors d'oeuvres and two-way airport transfers. **Hyatt Regency Tokyo** offers beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites that are a subtle blend of comfort and function. Do find time

to sample the traditional Japanese breakfast at Kakou restaurant inside the hotel. Smart phones with unlimited 4G mobile Internet access, a Hong Kong city-guide and other facilities are available in every room of the **Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui**. At the **Hyatt Regency Baku**, guests on club floors can avail the private concierge service.

SO SAY THE STATISTICS
India is set to become the sixth biggest global business travel market by 2019, says the GBTA BTI™ Outlook India Report.



From above: Japanese treats at Kakou restaurant; the grand view from Hyatt Regency Baku's Regency Club.



AFTER HOURS

Ditch that glass of after-work whisky for a therapy session at **Hyatt Regency Tokyo's** penthouse Joule Spa & Wellness Centre. Or, enjoy a game of golf at the Gotemba Golf Club and Showa-no-Mori Golf Course—a great way to work-up an appetite for the Michelin Guide Tokyo-certified French restaurant, Cuisine[s] Michel Troisgros. Sample a range of whiskies at **Hyatt Regency Delhi's** Polo Lounge or unwind with a swim at **Hyatt Regency Baku's** Armaiti Spa.



BUSINESS TRAVELLER'S WISHLIST

A daily, complimentary shuttle bus runs from the commercial Shinjuku station to **Hyatt Regency Tokyo**. The hotel is located in thriving Shinjuku, ideal for both social and business events. **Hyatt Regency Delhi's** business centre provides video-conferencing facilities, information about local trade and commerce, a 10-seater conference room and audio-visual equipment. One must also experience **The Mansion**, New Delhi's first meeting space with open-show kitchens, that redefine the approach to events held in the city.

Grand Hyatt Guangzhou is located conveniently in the business district at Pearl River



New Town. The hotel organises complimentary shuttle service to the Pazhou International Convention Centre for buyers during the annual Spring & Autumn Canton Fair.

Hyatt Regency Dubai, in Deira, has 17 meeting rooms and a large crystal ballroom with some of the best event spaces in the UAE. Opt for the Daily Delegate Package at the **Hyatt Regency Baku**, famed for its work meeting facilities.

THE AMERICAS

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LUXE LIFE

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BUSINESS TRAVELLER'S WISHLIST



Hyatt Regency Dallas has a state-of-the-art FedEx Office Business Center. **Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor** is located near the airport and offers a 24-hour self-service business centre along with over 22,000 square feet of specialised meeting space with Boston

Harbor and city skyline vistas, complimentary airport transfers and Personal Preference Dining options for meetings.

Hyatt Regency Long Beach is located conveniently near the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Centre which



makes it the perfect location for client meetings. The Regency or Beacon Ballrooms are perfect venues for this. Additionally, the hotel's modernised business centre provides iMac desktops and self-service kiosks that are a dream to work on.

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Do more than work on your next business trip. The concierge is always happy to help!

Hyatt Regency Toronto: Tour the entertainment district of the city with 150 restaurants, bars and clubs, head to the Niagara Falls and attend a laughter-filled evening at the Second City Comedy Club.

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HYATT'S ECA or Event Concierge App is a web-based, mobile-friendly application that allows meeting planners to make requests onsite during their meeting.



EUROPE

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LUXE LIFE

The rooms at **Hyatt Regency Amsterdam** are inspired by its location in the city's Plantage neighbourhood. Each room is decorated with soothing botanical artwork and walk-in rain-showers to ensure you're relaxed for a full day of work. **Park Hyatt Zurich** is a sophisticated and flexible meeting and event space in Zurich. The classy hotel has seven spectacular venues that can be divided into three soundproof event spaces. Its experienced team of meeting and event managers get you more bang for your buck. **Hyatt Regency Paris—Charles de Gaulle** is a winner for its location next to Charles de Gaulle airport and Parc des Expositions Paris Nord Villepinte.



BUSINESS TRAVELLER'S WISHLIST

Located next to the trade fair Koelnmesse, **Hyatt Regency Cologne** offers 24 distinctive meeting and event spaces and a flexible campus for small-scale events. Avail of the Global Meetings Offer to PICK2 from a host of packages, bonus points and discounts. The business centre at **Hyatt Regency Moscow Petrovsky Park** provides to-go meals and allows you to order from room service. **Hyatt Place West London/Hayes** is a super option to host small

Clockwise: Drinks at the Hyatt Regency Paris-Charles de Gaulle; guest lobby at Hyatt Regency Amsterdam; the brand new Meeting Campus at Hyatt Regency Cologne.

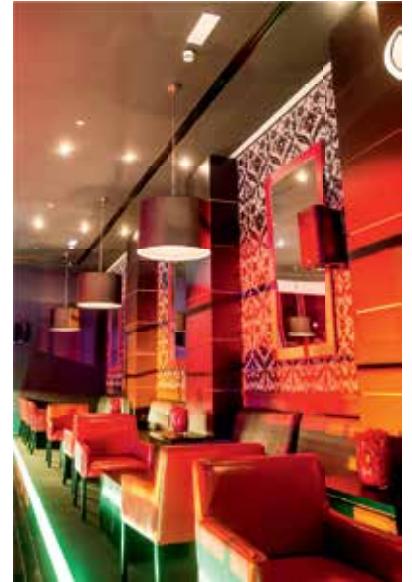
meetings and training classes. The meeting rooms can be set up in the classroom, theatre and U-shape layouts, making it the most versatile choice for meetings.

AFTER HOURS

Could there be anything more German than a beer garden and especially one on the banks of the Rhine? Well, now you know where to cool off after meetings at **Hyatt Regency Cologne!** Savour Indonesian delights at **Mama Makan, Hyatt Regency Amsterdam's** onsite restaurant or head for a refreshing run at **Oosterpark**. The **Equinox Spa** with an indoor swimming pool and jacuzzi is a classic when it comes to relaxation at **Hyatt Regency Paris—Charles de Gaulle**.

MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN

With Germany's busiest airport 7 minutes away, 3,320 square feet of flexible event space, and a host of facilities, **Hyatt Place Frankfurt Airport** has everything to make your meetings far-reaching. The upscale venue has a dedicated Meeting Host to design a catering menu that fits your theme.



Clockwise from above: The Lobby Lounge at Hyatt Regency Johannesburg; Bar Lounge at Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam; Dar Beida Restaurant at Hyatt Regency Casablanca.

AFRICA

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LUXE LIFE

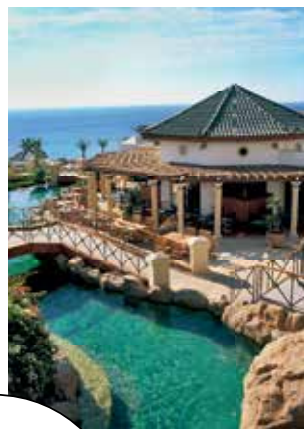
Hyatt Regency Johannesburg is a premier business hotel located close to O. R. Tambo International Airport and Sandton CBD's banking district. It offers 244 luxurious rooms with modern amenities for the discerning business traveller. Join the World of Hyatt loyalty

programme to ensure you get the most out of your stay at this property. **Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro** offers well-appointed rooms with views of the Indian Ocean. Check-in to one of the United Nations Square facing rooms at **Hyatt Regency Casablanca**, it's the perfect choice for those travelling here for diplomatic reasons.



BUSINESS TRAVELLER'S WISHLIST

Opt for a generously sized Regency Club Guestroom at **Hyatt Regency Johannesburg** and enjoy private-access top floors offering butlers on request, concierge service and a private lounge. **Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro's** business centre offers translators, DHL services, office equipment as well as mobile phones on rent.



PERK-ME-UP
With MICE travel on the rise, Hyatt Regency Sharm El Sheikh Resort makes a great getaway for your sales team.

From left: Restaurant OneNINEone at Hyatt Regency Johannesburg; Café Fresco at Hyatt Regency Sharm El Sheikh Resort.

AFTER HOURS

Hyatt Regency Johannesburg's award-winning restaurant, **oneNINEone**, with its private dining room that can seat up to 12 guests, is perfect for an intimate post-meeting get-together with clients. **Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro's The Spa** is the perfect place to unwind after work. The hotel also houses a shopping arcade selling African products. **Hyatt Regency Casablanca** pays an ode to Morocco's French heritage at its **Café M** where you can savour treats after a meeting and take a dip in the pool.

STAY APPY!
Track your travel expenses with the Concur App that allows you to snap photos of all your bills, lest they get lost.



Clockwise: Hyatt Regency Sydney; the trendy Hyatt Place Melbourne; Park Hyatt Melbourne; contemporary dining.

AUSTRALIA

SPACE, FACILITIES AND CONNECTIVITY DEFINE THE COMFORT OF DOING BUSINESS AT HYATT HOTELS DOWN UNDER.

LUXE LIFE

As the city's largest premium hotel, **Hyatt Regency Sydney** houses 892 luxurious rooms with business-related amenities. **Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields** has 166 spacious rooms with Cosy Corners that allow you to play around with space and get a "home away from home" feeling.



BUSINESS TRAVELLER'S WISHLIST

Hyatt Regency Sydney offers 39,826 square feet of chic meeting and event space with two large ballrooms and 21 meeting rooms and delectable catering services to ensure that your business event is a success. **Hyatt Regency Perth** provides 32,291 square feet of space for business events. The Australian Events Centre at **Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields** can host corporate events at a grand scale. With 13,993 square feet of flexible floor space across 10 meeting and event venues, **Hyatt Hotel Canberra** can deliver to any business event requirement.

AFTER HOURS

Hyatt Regency Sydney's sky bar, **Zephyr**, with Darling Harbour in full view, offers the perfect spot for a post-meeting drink. If you are staying at **Hyatt Regency Perth**, do try the spa session provided in the comfort of your room by **Rosemoon Spa**. The hotel's popular lounge, **Conservatory**, located in the lobby, is where you can enjoy live entertainment with a drink. Its café is another great place for a casual meal. Enjoy a round of afternoon tea with clients at **Hyatt Hotel Canberra's** heritage Tea Lounge.

ON THE HARBOUR

Located on one of the world's most beautiful harbours, **Park Hyatt Sydney** personifies modern harbourside luxury. The hotel has 5,470 square feet of meeting space across five elegant rooms that feature specially commissioned Australian artworks. The host of facilities at the hotel come with direct views of the Sydney Opera House and the spectacular harbour front.

LADIES ONLY

Started in 2008 by frequent business traveller Carolyn Pearson, **Maiden Voyage** (maiden-voyage.com), is a network for women business travellers from over 80 countries. The venture regularly releases a list of certified "female-friendly hotels", works with safety organisations and emergency transport companies and provides a list of international ambassadors who give out tips on things to do and see in cities.

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Andaz Delhi's feature stairway crowns the entrance to its AnnaMaya restaurant and dominates the property's reception.

Bodysuit, **Payal Jain**, price on request; trouser, **Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna**, ₹11,500; embroidered jacket, **Patine**, ₹1,30,000; Starlight necklace, **Outhouse**, ₹11,000; fur pom pom heels, **Fendi**, price on request.

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BY SHIBANI BAWA

Daylight streaming in through stained glass at AnnaMaya, Andaz Delhi.

Blouse, **Payal Jain**, ₹15,000; printed pant suit, **Payal Pratap**, ₹28,500; Spring of sparkle earrings, **Isharya for Swarovski Confluence**, ₹3,750; claw bangle, **Kichu at Nimai**, ₹2,060; watch, **Emporio Armani**, price on request; Gravitanita pumps, **Christian Louboutin**, ₹76,500; KAN I F leather bag, **Fendi** price on request.

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At first glance, Andaz Delhi seems to conform to the modern hotel mantra. But just a few steps through its main entrance and one starts noticing that the Delhi-ness is in the details. Even if the capital's nuances are lost on you, it won't be long before one of the many Andaz hosts will impart their insider knowledge of the capital and its many flavours that are etched into the property. 'Made in India' is the central philosophy of Andaz Delhi, running parallel with other brand pillars, such as the creation of a barrier-free environment and a commitment to contributing to the local community.

The literal translation of Andaz is 'personal style' and the watchword of each property is to represent and echo the local flavour of the city it is located in. While Andaz Amsterdam, for example, is themed around Alice in Wonderland (because Alice lived in Amsterdam), the decor of Andaz Tokyo revolves around the art of origami. At Andaz Delhi, however, one enters through Kashmiri Gate, an iconic symbol connecting Old



Andaz Delhi has two outdoor temperature-controlled swimming pools.

Linear lace bustier, **Shivan & Narresh**, ₹16,800; flared trousers, **Siddhartha Tytler**, ₹16,600; pendant, model's own; cuff, **Suhani Pittie for Swarovski Confluence**, price on request; sunglasses, Dirty 7 by **Frency & Mercury at Gem Optics**, ₹69,900; black heels, **Paralove**, ₹3,800.

THE HERO EXPERIENCES

Unlike regular sightseeing tours, Andaz Delhi offers a variety of experiences to help you get up close and personal with the culture of the city. The twist is that the property has identified local experts to act as Delhi Heroes. A guided tour with a Delhi Hero takes you to the heart of their place of work, to understand the nuances of their expertise, and maybe also pick up a tip or two from them. Among the Heroes, there's Rotash Sharma, Chief Gardener at Lodhi Gardens; Maha Singh Rao, coach at Hanuman Kushti Akhara; and Mujahid Habib, a parkour expert who displays his skills across the quaint rooftops of Old Delhi.

and New Delhi. Here, it exists in the form of a seven-layered papier-mâché installation hanging above the main entrance, symbolising the seven ancient cities of Delhi. Outside, the hotel fleet consists of vibrantly coloured Ambassadors and snazzy Jaguars—both Indian-owned brands.

Even the non-Indians who work here showcase a genuine love for the city, regaling me with an arcane knowledge of hidden gems and treasures buried around the city—a city I was born and brought up in and yet had no clue about. At the helm, General Manager Heddo Siebs is a master storyteller who enjoys riding a Royal Enfield and drives around his favourite neighbourhoods in an Ambassador. It's very much a love affair with the city for Heddo and he sees Delhi way beyond its chaos, heat, and traffic. He recently curated a fun treasure hunt for a group of travellers (that took them to places such as Khari Baoli, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Nehru Planetarium, and Meherchand Market) to showcase a wonderful mix of experiences that makes Delhi special. Although he was met with resistance from his local team initially, on account of 'traffic and heat,' Siebs found a solution. He took the Delhi Metro from a station within walking distance of the hotel and managed to cover the entire excursion in less than three hours in a largely air-conditioned environment.

Executive Chef Alex Moser also prides himself on sourcing as much local produce as he can. His excitement is palpable when he talks about discovering ancient Indian grains grown in the hills of the North, or a cheesemaker who produces burrata at a farm just outside Delhi and of procuring olive oil from Rajasthan, all of which make their way to your table at AnnaMaya, a European-style food hall. Quality and attention to detail are evident across the menu: salads made with vegetables from Tijara Organic Farm stand out. The kale, mandarin, and goat cheese salad with a lychee honey dressing, topped with melon seeds, red currants, and slow roasted carrots is fabulous. As is the lamb and spinach patty that comes with a creamy mash and onion compote, delicately sprinkled with Himalayan timur pepper. Several local producers are proudly named on the menu, with some of their produce available to buy at an arm's length in conveniently placed racks dotted around the restaurant. A range of natural millets, organic honey, flavoured salts, and sugar, as well as crockery, copper glasses, bottles, and other shiny momentos sit awaiting your attention. If the Microgreen Farm adds a sense of dynamic freshness to the space and highlights the farm-to-table concept, then the artwork, curated by Rajeev Sethi, represents prime ingredients found in some of our more infamous traditional regional recipes—think edible flowers and fruits and you're in the right ballpark. A huge pomegranate, for example, with its red seeds spilling out, greets AnnaMaya's guests at the entrance. In fact, each of the 401 guest rooms features a uniquely curated piece of art by Sethi. But the pièce de résistance, situated outside in the glimmer of the pool, is a marvellous limestone tribute to some of the city's more iconic monuments. It's a fitting showcase that celebrates the property's genuine passion for Delhi.

If the love affair with the city wasn't evident enough already, Andaz's very own collector's book, titled 401 Reasons to Fall in Love with Delhi, seals the deal. Yes, 401 more cynical residents of the city might consider that a push, but once you start flipping through it, you'll be stunned at the gems within. Fiona



Each guestroom at Andaz Delhi houses one of 401 uniquely created artworks inspired by Delhi.

Silk gown and overlay, **Essence of KAI**, ₹12,500 and ₹9,900.



Juniper Bar, India's first dedicated gin bar, offers a diverse selection of 35 stylised gin and tonic infusions.

Champagne dress, **Namrata Joshipura**, price on request; earrings, **Isharya by Swarovski Confluence**, ₹3,750; ring, **Starry Night by Pernia Qureshi**, ₹3,500; strappy heels, **NastyGal at Paralove**, ₹4,850.



Fluid layouts and functional design mark the common areas like the lift lobby at Andaz Delhi.

Sequin dress, **Namrata Joshipura**, price on request; earrings, **Nepra**, ₹3,600; strappy heels, **Paralove**, ₹3,800.



Designed by Bauer Latoza Studio, Andaz Delhi also has 100 residential, serviced apartments.

Off-shoulder top and pallazzo, **Geisha Designs**, ₹21,000; earrings, Beth by **Deepa Gurnani**, ₹1,500; ring, **Misho Designs**, ₹6,000; bracelet, **Suhani Pittie by Swarovski Confluence**, price on request; heels, **Asos at Paralove**, ₹3,150.



Unlike traditional conference rooms, Andaz Studios have barrier-free, co-working spaces.

Top and trouser, **Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna**, ₹14,500 (top), ₹11,500 (trouser); ring, **Starry Night**, **Pernia Qureshi**, ₹3,500; earrings, **Bloom Studd** by **Suneet Verma for Swarovski Confluence**, ₹5,300; watch, **Skagen**, price on request; bag, **Paloma tote** by **Christian Louboutin**, price on request; tie-up heels, **Christeria**, **Christian Louboutin**, price on request.

Caulfield, a well-known travel writer, has done an excellent job and there's treasure on every page. From the city's more celebrated iconic monuments to its forgotten rituals and hidden secrets, there really is something for everyone. Also, to further reinforce the concept and Andaz's genuine affection for the nation's capital, each room is dedicated to a particular 'reason' from the book. In fact, you'll find it sprawled open to the corresponding page on your room's coffee table and echoed in the art that festoons the walls of the room.

Needless to say, amenities are all locally sourced—everything from Ma Earth toiletries to the complimentary non-alcoholic drinks and snacks in your minibar. You'll find Haldiram namkeen, Marie biscuits, Paperboat's aam panna, and No. 3 Clive Road tea. Your room's furniture and upholstery is also all widely available across the city, so if you like the rug in your room, there's a fair chance you'll find it on a shopping spree in the city.

For some downtime, head to Juniper Bar, India's first dedicated gin bar. With 35 varieties of home-infused gins to choose from, your options are wide and cater to all tastes. Pick of the crop is Delhi Sapphire, a playful prod at the rivalry between the two cities and Bombay Sapphire, the gin brand.

Since customisation and artisanal products are the marque of the property, Andaz Spa too features an Apothecary Blending Bar. Here, you can custom-make your scrubs and infused oils as you prefer and require.

Located in Aerocity, an area that handles the bulk of Delhi's business travellers, The Studios make for the ideal space for creative meetings and events. For larger get-togethers, the oval ballroom can host up to 1,500 guests indoors—ideal for a big, fat Indian wedding. In fact, there's an Elephant Path created for just such a purpose.

For business or pleasure there are few properties that go quite so far as Andaz Delhi to seduce you into falling in love with the city. ■

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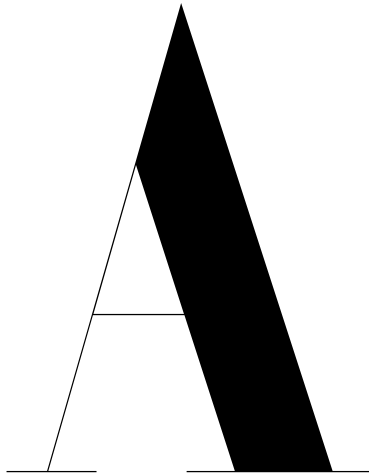
Eat Like A Local

At these Andaz hotels around the world, chefs hand pick the best local produce to rustle up authentic dishes to give you a peek into their culinary traditions.

BY GEETIKA SASAN BHANDARI



Tavern at Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills.



few years ago, 'farm-to-table', 'eating local' and 'sustainability', were just buzzwords in a fast-moving world quick to catch on to new phrases to serve as bait in marketing campaigns. Today, they are intrinsic to the hospitality industry, often the differentiating factors in a cookie cutter world. Since business and pleasure are no longer mutually exclusive, and travellers look at trips as opportunities to soak up experiences—both cultural and culinary—offering authentic dishes, crafted from locally sourced ingredients, is the future. It gives guests a chance to go beyond set menus catering to the lowest common denominator, is far healthier, and helps sustain the local economy. At Andaz, it is a part of the ethos. Chefs tie up with local farms, cultivate micro greens on the property and use indigenous techniques and recipes to rustle up some of the best local dishes you can sample.

ANDAZ TOKYO TORANOMON HILLS

Sun Rises on Gastronomy

In Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills, perched on the 51st floor is **Andaz Tavern**, the hotel's signature restaurant, with a stunning view of the city. Its USP is country-style European fare prepared with Japanese ingredients. The signature Lobster Bisque is served with parsnip cream and Hokkaido Sea Urchin.

Since indigenous is the foundation on which the menus are built, they change every season. If autumn has the matsutake mushroom, summer will have Kakigori desserts in the **Pastry Shop**. At **Andaz Tavern**, also try the Tsukiji market sashimi platter—Tsukiji is a famous fish market from where the chefs regularly source premium fish and is highly regarded. For the ultimate sushi experience, head to the **Rooftop Bar**, where you will find a cozy eight-seat restaurant, the **Sushi**. Using the freshest seasonal ingredients, prepared by Master Sushi Chefs, the 'omakase-style' (directly translates to 'respectfully leaving another to decide what is best') set menu is highly recommended. The a la carte menu also has a wide variety of seasonal fish—from barracuda to whelk (sea snails), squid to salmon roe (also called red caviar), and mackerel to Pacific saury.



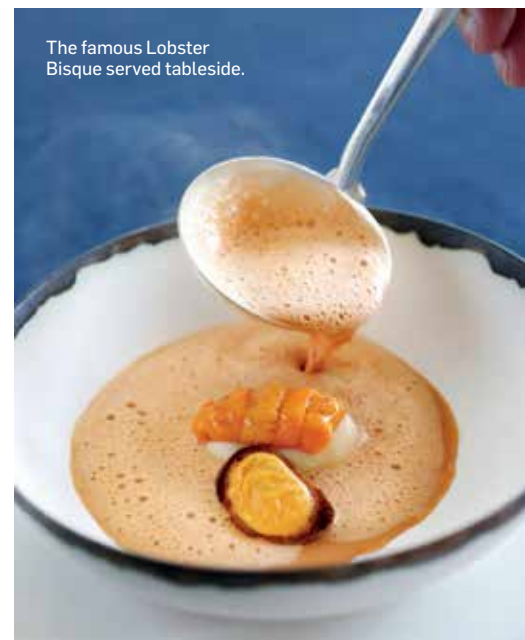
Authentic European cuisine presented in a Japanese-inspired Bento lunch box.



KNOW YOUR INGREDIENTS

■ **Matsutake mushroom:** It has a unique, rich taste and a sweet and spicy aroma—you could call it the equivalent of the black truffle for the Japanese.

■ **Kakigori desserts:** The Yamanashi prefecture in Chubu is famous for its yield of fruit—grapes, peaches, plums and cherries. Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills makes good use of these in various mouth-watering desserts.



The famous Lobster Bisque served tableside.



Traditional Japanese breakfast created with local seasonal ingredients.



The AnnaMaya food hall at Andaz Delhi.

ANDAZ DELHI

Europe on a Platter

Delhi's swanky Aerocity is abuzz with talk of the award-winning AnnaMaya, a modern European food hall that derives inspiration from the flavours of India. With an attempt to showcase forgotten ingredients and seasonal, rare products, the menu has been designed around consciously-sourced ingredients. So, black rice from the North East, amaranth from the Nilgiris and black peas from Ladakh are all likely to wind up on your table in global dishes. The menu changes monthly, sometimes weekly. For example, the kitchen has recently been working with a lot of seasonal flowers from the mountains.

When you're there, start with a bespoke dill lassi, and then move to the char roast pork belly, with royal cumin, kasundi mustard and aromatic garlic pink salt. The spicy mango curry, with coconut and steamed Kerala rice, is also a must try. For those off gluten or simply fancy a comforting khichdi, the bright yellow barnyard millet khichdi is the dish to order here.



RESPONSIBLE FARMING

AnnaMaya relies on produce from Tijara Farms

When Tijara Organic Farms started up, there was neither electricity, nor black-topped roads. "We used to carry things on our heads," says Sneha Yadav, the person behind Tijara Organic Farms, in a YouTube interview series titled *Project Swachh*. Hailing from a farming family, Sneha, was always interested in science. A post-graduate in plant genetics, she calls her baby an experimental project—where science, ideas and technology come together—and says they learn from science, from the grassroots, understand the logic and then implement. Spread across 10 acres in Rajasthan, the farm, which she runs along with her husband, Col. Tara, is a certified organic and biodynamic farm. Growing exotic and Indian vegetables and different kinds of leafy salads and herbs, their motto is 'Good and safe food for everybody'. <https://www.facebook.com/TijaraOrganicFarm/>

ANDAZ LONDON LIVERPOOL STREET

Heirloom Recipes Redone

Located in the centre of buzzy East London, this hotel boasts seven bars and restaurants, promising a peek into typically British gastronomy.

Since the hotel sources all its ingredients locally, their menus reflect the seasons. In autumn, you have game meat, and in winter, quail and turkey, pumpkin, quince and blood orange, while the breezy spring and summer months see a plethora of fresh asparagus, rhubarb and berries, elderflower and samphire.

What also makes the food distinctive is the fact that the hotel lays emphasis on getting on-board chefs who have a relationship with British cuisine and traditions, but can tweak it to create something relevant to contemporary tastes.

At **Eastway Brasserie**, sample a selection of the chef's classic favourites. You can't go wrong when you order **Thyme Well Spent**, a seasonal cocktail prepared with British staple spirit gin, distilled a few miles from the hotel. Drawing inspiration from the Indian and Bangladeshi communities and curry houses that dominate the nearby Brick Lane neighbourhood, **1901 Wine Lounge** offers local sweet and savoury treats like coronation chicken on chapatti bread. At the **George Pub**, order another English favourite, the beer battered fish and chips, and choose from a selection of locally sourced craft beer.

ANDAZ 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK

A Bite of the Big Apple

From the art on the walls to the ingredients in the dishes, the aim at Andaz is to give guests a little bit of New York in every moment. The hotel focuses on using seasonal ingredients and the highest quality produce.

Executive Chef Daniel Mowles weaves in the five New York boroughs into the dishes, by partnering with local purveyors. The taco shells are sourced from Nixtamal in Queens; the lox is from Russ and Daughters in Manhattan; and the bagels are from Zuckers. The hotel also reaches out to local farms for field greens, wild arugula, heirloom tomatoes, chicken and pork.

At **The Shop**, which prides itself on its American farm-to-table fare, you will be welcomed with warm potato bread from a local bread maker. Order Chef Mowles' lobster roll, the crostini with ramps and local ricotta, and white truffle risotto to ring in the New Year.

Down at the cellar level, **The Bar Downstairs** is where you must try the burrata (it incorporates duck yolks, as well as foie gras from the Hudson Valley). The shared plates are all based on local produce; the pork belly morsels with achiote, cumin and citrus, will most likely have come from the Tamworth-Berkshire hogs from upstate producer Meili Farm.





Clockwise from left: Reinterpreted British fare at Andaz London Liverpool Street; the bartender mixes eggnog at Andaz 5th Avenue, New York; sangria prepared from locally sourced fruit at Andaz 5th Avenue; cheddar and blackberry blintz at Andaz London Liverpool Street.



ANDAZ MAUI AT WALIEA RESORT

Local gets Global

Overlooking Mokapu Beach, this 15-acre resort is not only gorgeous, but also boasts four award-winning restaurants offering Hawaiian delicacies. Since the hotel sources most of its produce and fish from local farmers and foragers, expect an interplay of absolutely fresh and seasonal ingredients. In the summer, mango dominates, while spring is great for Pohole and bamboo shoots. In the winter, bottom fish such as opakapaka, onaga and uku (all from the snapper family) are delicacies. Mostly, the produce is picked, received and served to the guest in a matter of hours.

Maui's culinary richness comes from an amalgamation of global influences, and the chefs need to interpret authenticity, modify techniques and use local ingredients to create sustainable menus. The menus are rotated based on the farmers' forecasting of crops.

To sample the best of the island's cuisine, start at **Ka'ana Kitchen**. Try the Thai beef hangar steak, served with green papaya salad and a Thai-style vinaigrette. Wind down with an artisanal cocktail at **Lehua Lounge**, and order the cauliflower, popcorn and arare (a Japanese cracker) to go with it. At **Bumbye Beach Bar**, the Poke bowl (jasmine rice, wakame salad, fresh sashimi grade ahi, tossed in a sesame and soy dressing) is a must try.



From left: Hawaii's famous seafood features in many dishes at the restaurants of Andaz Maui, including the Ka'ana Kitchen; when in Hawaii, enjoy cocktails with beautiful local blooms.



ANDAZ MAYAKOBA RESORT RIVIERA MAYA

The Best of South America

The white sands and the cerulean beaches of the Caribbean serve as the ideal backdrop to the Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya, which boasts four restaurants offering local specialties.

Open exclusively for dinner and serving diverse Latin American cuisine, **Casa Amate's** must-have is the local Tikinxic (pronounced teekeen sheek), a marinated hogfish with anato Yucatán seed sauce. At **Cocina Milagro**, try the pulpo (octopus) fajita, served with guacamole, pico de gallo (a salsa) and tortillas. For dinner (the menus differ), we recommend the nage poached red snapper, served with native achiote, lemon and rustic potato with olive.

Olla Taco is open for all your meals, and the tasty sauces made with local produce are well worth sampling. For breakfast, try the delicious enchiladas filled with scrambled egg, bean sauce and roasted tomato, Mexican sausage crumble, pickled onion and roasted habanero chilli. End the day with a white chocolate mousse (it uses strawberry and rhubarb cream, abuelita chocolate crumble and horchata ice cream) at the beachfront **OllaCeviche**. But the real winner? **OllaCeviche's** tequila bar, with over 25 different tequilas. Salud! ■



Clockwise from top: The vibrant OllaCeviche at Mexico's Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya; the hotel's signature desserts; salad paguas with firewood.





From left: Art at Park Hyatt Beijing; an art work in the lobby of Park Hyatt Chicago.

Accommodating Art

Art is celebrated at Park Hyatt hotels and resorts, as is evident in the prominent displays of the works of well-known and up-and-coming artists. **Aparna Pednekar** takes us on an artsy tour of six of the brand's hotels, where brushstrokes complement hospitality innovations.

Art is the proper task of life," averred 19th-century German scholar Friedrich Nietzsche. This truism applies as much to the art connoisseur as to the jaded traveller, who checks into a luxury hotel away from home. Waking up to a Günther Uecker lithograph, dining next to a Dang Manh Ha painting, or stopping by to marvel at a Lucio Fontana sculpture in the lobby makes the traveller feel revitalised by beauty and engaged with life.

The Park Hyatt brand, since the opening of its first property in Chicago nearly 40 years ago, has invested in and showcased world-class contemporary art. Much of this passion is grounded in the late Jay Pritzker's (the group's founder) prolific interest and contribution to the arts and humanities. The billionaire philanthropist, who founded the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1979, was aware of the impact design and creativity has on human behaviour. His generous patronage of the



arts has blossomed over the decades into an enviable art collection across the brand's 40 properties, spanning the globe from Beaver Creek to Beijing, Hamburg to Hyderabad and Saigon to Sydney. The Park Hyatt brand's enduring engagement with the arts is fluid and exciting, always staying deeply involved with the global art community.

PALACIO DUHAU PARK HYATT BUENOS AIRES

Located in the aristocratic Recoleta district of the Argentinean capital, this neoclassical property is the epitome of the glamour of the 1930s. The hotel is spread over two buildings: a palace that was refurbished over a decade ago and a contemporary building designed in total harmony with the original architecture. Secluded gardens and an art gallery connect the buildings. The hotel is one of the Park Hyatt brand's most exquisite and features 165 rooms. The palace has 23 rooms and the modern building has 142 rooms. From sumptuous chandeliers in the palace's Crystal Room to the Vinoteca, where you can access 400 varieties of world-class Argentinean wine, the hotel offers a wide variety of dining and meeting spaces.

Its impressive artworks are showcased in two sections: an underground art gallery, Paseo de las Artes Duhau, and public areas. The art gallery showcases different

Guillermo Roux's spectacular *La Ronda* at Park Hyatt Buenos Aires.

exhibitions during the year. The private art collection, on the other hand, is displayed in the hotel's public areas, such as restaurants, rooms and lobby. Curated to reflect the charm and vitality of Buenos Aires, the collection features original works by Latin American artists such as *La Ronda* by Guillermo Roux, *Menina* by Manolo Valdes, black and white photos by Horacio Rosell, J. Janco's drawings, Juan Lecuona's acrylics and water colours by Luis Benedit. Of the sculptures that stand out is a bronze by Spanish artist Guerrero Medina that lords over the lobby.

SWEETS AND SUITS

When not hunting for relics in San Telmo or giving tango a whirl, here's what you should do at the hotel:

- ▶ Sate your sweet tooth with Pastry Chef Damián Betular's signature macaroons and petits gateaux at the luxurious Duhau Pâtisserie on the ground level.
- ▶ Pick up some exclusive souvenirs. Check out Marcelo Toledo's handmade silverware or Julio Perez Sanz's bejewelled handbags at the Art & Design shop on the concierge level.
- ▶ Get yourself fitted for a bespoke Italian suit at the 65-year-old Italian tailoring boutique, Luigi De Carlo. Their suits are a perfect blend of art and class. They deliver within 48 hours.



AN ART TRAIL IN NYC

Our picks from the city's art spaces

► The iconic shell-shaped Guggenheim Museum's latest exhibit, *Visionaries: Creating a Modern Guggenheim*, features the works of modern masters such as Calder, Kandinsky and Mondrian.
 ► MoMA is always a no-brainer and has turned even more alluring this year with a new café, museum

shop, a Bauhaus staircase and an exhibition celebrating the 150th anniversary of Frank Lloyd Wright.
 ► Discover Chelsea's artsy side as you hop through galleries such as Lisa Spellman's 303 Gallery, Tyler Rollins for South Asian art, The Walther Collection for Arthur Walther's African

photography and P.P.O.W.'s feminist art.
 ► Sign up for T.O.A.S.T (Tribeca Open Artist Studio Tour) for a peek into the lives and studios of artists such as Franta Nedved and Minnesota-born Sam Wagner—his pop-art celebrates all-American icons such as Marilyn Monroe and Cindy Crawford.

PARK HYATT NEW YORK

This three-year-old hotel—it opened in the summer of 2014—literally towers over midtown Manhattan, across the street from Carnegie Hall and one block to Central Park. The hotel is located on the first 25 floors of the One57 glass skyscraper and offers 210 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, including 92 suites. French architect, Christian de Portzamparc, designed the exterior of the building and interior designers were Yabu Pushelberg. It has garnered much acclaim for its attention to detail; think signature Park Hyatt branded bottles with striking NYC vignettes in the rooms and Le Labo's exclusively blended fragrances for in-room amenities.

Clockwise from left: Reina Mariana's work in Park Hyatt Buenos Aires; an installation at Park Hyatt New York; an art adorned nook in Park Hyatt New York.

The hotel features over 350 museum quality pieces of artwork curated by Erica Samuels, ten of which were commissioned specifically for the hotel. The collection flawlessly complements the interior design modelled after a well-appointed luxury New York home. Just this year, it acquired the installation *Swarm Study/ XI*, which occupies a prominent spot in Bevy, the signature restaurant created by the artist collective Random International. Carrying the interactive theme further, the hotel's concierge crafts personalised experiences for guests in collaboration with Carnegie Hall, MNDFL, the Central Park Conservancy and Phaidon.

PARK HYATT BEIJING

Located in Chang'an Avenue's tallest skyscraper, Yintai Centre, Park Hyatt Beijing has 246 spacious rooms, including 25 resplendent suites decorated in contemporary style with accents of ancient Chinese art. The lobby on the 63rd floor is home to the hotel's most striking artwork, Yi Jiang Nan—a sculpture made by the renowned



artist, Hu Bo and inspired by a Chinese poem from the Tang Dynasty. Inspired by a renowned painting by modern Chinese artist Lin Feng Mian, the 2.5-metre-high bronze, affectionately known as the 'Flute Lady', evokes pastoral bliss from the region to the south of the Yangtze River.

The first events in their *Art in the Park* series this year, the Fashion Art Afternoon Tea—in partnership with Issey Miyake in May—saw a chic table decorated with life artist Xiaohui Wei's travel inspirations and pastry chef George Yin's sensational food art menu. The menu included opera cake, barbecued teriyaki eel Panini, octopus balls and citrus-champagne berry jelly in presentations that mimic Miyake's designs. From the *yukata* (kimono) in the rooms to the soothing cloud motifs at Tian Spa on the 59th floor, the entire property is an ode to understated, dreamy luxury.

PARK HYATT CHENNAI

Occupying prime real estate next to the Governor's Residence, Park Hyatt Chennai is a study of discreet luxury and quiet sophistication. From Antahpura Spa, which offers therapies inspired by Tamil Nadu's Chettinad lineage, to Edge, the rooftop infinity pool overlooking Guindy National Park, the property is an oasis of peace and

From left: The lobby on the 63rd floor and The Gallery at Park Hyatt Beijing.

ARTSY IN BEIJING

Our top three picks from the city's art spaces and events:

- ▶ The 798 Art District in Dashanzi is brimming with art galleries and studios. It's the place to be to absorb the work of contemporary local artists such as Ai Wei Wei, Chen Feng, Sui Jianguo and Weng Fen.
- ▶ Beijing's first contemporary art gallery, Red Gate Gallery, set inside the iconic Dongbianmen Watchtower, is a must-visit for art aficionados.
- ▶ The decade-old Art Beijing fair, held in spring, is a great platform to see classic and contemporary artworks, design and public installations.



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The Levitating Lady by Kerala-based Chitra Gopi.

JUMBO FARE

Park Hyatt Chennai's Executive Chef Teuku Syafrulsyah serves up an avant-garde multi-sensory experience at The Flying Elephant, a peerless dining experience in the city. Designed by New Yorker George Wong, the symphony in

glass features five live kitchens spread over six different levels. On the menu—which is a work of art in itself—are Indian, Turkish, Western and Southeast Asian delicacies. Must-tries include the pork belly, Chilean sea bass and chocolate cake.

style. Chennai's textile history informs hotel interiors and small jewel-toned artworks inspired by the loom form a common motif through the property.

The hotel's most striking art acquisition is the bronze sculpture, *The Levitating Lady*, by Kerala-based Chitra Gopi. Bathed in bright light and connected to the ground by hair, she appears to float above the ground. For the hotel's first anniversary in 2013, the Park Hyatt brand collaborated with the Nungambakkam-based Gallery Veda to unveil a series of artworks, *False Alternatives*, beginning with a fibreglass bald

man with outstretched wings and leading to several canvases within the property.

PARK HYATT CHICAGO

The brand's first property occupies a prime piece of the Windy City's real estate, just off the Magnificent Mile. The 67-storey building was redesigned in 2006 by Dirk Lohan, in association with Wight & Company. Its urban-chic aesthetic leads from the striking black columns in the lobby into the 198 guest rooms with reproduction Eames furniture, Mies van der Rohe furnishings and stunning views of Lake Michigan.

The hotel's imposing yet modernist lobby, which currently showcases Sigmar Polke's 10-foot-tall canvas titled *Siberian Meteorites*, has hosted celebrated artworks such as Robert

Park Hyatt Chicago's lobby is currently home to Sigmar Polke's 10-foot-tall canvas titled *Siberian Meteorites*.



Rauschenberg's *Tropicana/Channel* and Gerhard Richter's *Domplatz Mailand*. Leading in through the corridors, guest rooms, spa and restaurants are other black-and-white artworks, commissioned by the hotel in association with Staci Boris, who is the associate curator for Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art.

PARK HYATT TOKYO

Park Hyatt Tokyo's interior design begins at the hotel's front door with *Gutsy*, the enormous handmade mask crafted by Japanese artist and actress Mieko Yuki, greeting guests with a complicated smile. The artist's whimsical ceramic muses and jesters, which are in deliberate contrast to the bold architecture, also appear throughout *Delicatessen*, the hotel's uptown eatery and gourmet shop, and in the main elevators. *Air-flow*, the work of painter and sculptor Antony Donaldson—an early proponent of the British pop art movement in the sixties—graces the central foyer. Donaldson's patented bronze and steel *globe* conveys the international theme and spirit of the hotel, interpreting this traditional subject beyond conventional limits by spanning

from the vast to the smaller and more familiar. The intriguing sculpture evokes questions and is the first hint of the style and surprises that await you within the hotel.

Dreamlike, thoughtful and highly personal paintings by Yoshitaka Echizenya are displayed in the bathrooms of hotel's Park and Deluxe rooms. ■

Clockwise: An installation at Park Hyatt Chicago; Gutsy by Mieko Yuki at Park Hyatt Tokyo.

AMERICAN EPICUREAN ODYSSEY



The NoMI Kitchen, Lounge and Garden on the seventh floor of Park Hyatt Chicago is where the city's well-heeled crowd come together for exemplary meals and unforgettable soirees. Chef Satoru Takeuchi's seasonal menu focusses on American classics created with top-notch produce, such as sea urchin from Santa Barbara and milk-fed pork from Wisconsin. The tiger roll with snow crab and Bigeye spicy tuna are as outstanding as the breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. NoMI Garden also supplies fresh ingredients, such as detoxifying Akati tea leaves, for exclusive treatments at the spa.





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BY PREETI VERMA LAL

Clockwise: Cherry blossoms at Japan's Arakura Sengen shrine in Kawaguchiko; the magnificent Eiffel Tower in Paris; a Singapore city street; Seattle's Space Needle and the downtown skyline; Burj Khalifa in Dubai; Berlin's Brandenburg Gate; a view of Toronto from Hyatt Regency Toronto.



HOTEL DU LOUVRE, PARIS

Located next to the Louvre, not far from the Opéra Garnier, the historic five-star Hotel du Louvre (Paris) has 165 stylish Parisian guest rooms, including 65 suites.

DAY ONE

Begin your day with a French breakfast at **Brasserie du Louvre**, located under the arcades of the Place du Palais-Royal. For lunch, book a table at **Laperouse**, one of the oldest Parisian restaurants that Voltaire and writers from the Age of Enlightenment frequented. For an art-fix, the concierge recommends **Centre Pompidou**, Europe's multi-disciplinary museum of modern art, and **Fondation Louis Vuitton** that hosts Louis Vuitton Group CEO Bernard Arnault's art collection. After sun-set, order a drink at **Experimental Cocktail Club**. A must-have dining experience is Cyril Lignac's modern version of traditional French gastronomy at **Le Quinzième**.

DAY TWO

Pick up coffee and croissants from **Cafe Marly** and then get ready for a day trip to Amiens, an hour's drive from Paris. There's the water market, the **Jules Verne house** (the prolific French author lived

here from 1871 to 1905) and floating gardens. The biggest attraction is **Amiens Cathedral**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sate your sweet-tooth for lunch. Order the traditional Amiens confectionery—macarons d'Amiens, chocolate and orange curved biscuits; duck pâté in pastry; and an oven-baked cheese-topped crêpe. For a little laugh, have dinner at **Clown Bar**, which is known for chef Atsumi Sota's brilliant French small plate menu.

DAY THREE

Order breakfast in-room and check with the concierge for a walk/cycle around town. Have lunch at **Chez Aline**, a 50s-retro restaurant known for the best sandwiches in Paris, including the ultimate French lunch of jambon-beurre (ham on a buttered baguette). Before leaving, enjoy shopping at the major departmental stores like **Le Printemps** or **Galerias Lafayette** or at the elegant boutiques of rue Saint-Honoré and trendy shops of **Le Marais**. End your Parisian sojourn with a grand dinner at **Le Meurice**, Alain Ducasse's Michelin three-star restaurant.

TIP Wear comfortable shoes, as you're going to spend a lot of time walking in the Louvre.



ANDAZ SINGAPORE

Housed within the striking **DUO** skyscrapers, Andaz Singapore is located minutes from Marina Bay and the city's thriving central business district.

DAY ONE

Order breakfast at **The Green Oven** where everything on the menu is baked in a large, green vintage-style Beech oven in the centre of the kitchen. Enjoy a rain shower in the room before stepping out for lunch at **Singapore Zam Zam**, a simple restaurant that has been dishing up tasty nasi briyani, murtabak and roti prata for more than a 100

years. Spend the afternoon at **Objectifs**, a visual arts centre dedicated to photography and cinema. Set the evening aside for a drink at **Atlas** (try their innovative drinks) and dinner at the hotel's **Atley on 25** for a street-dining experience.

DAY TWO

Opt for local breakfast in the neighbourhood, ask any Andaz Host for suggestions. Look for **Trishaw Uncle**—Singapore's only licensed operator of trishaw tours, offering a range of three-wheeler expeditions, including food-themed tours. Return to the hotel and get dressed for a traditional dinner at **Bumbu Restaurant** known for its Indonesian, Peranakan and Thai style dishes.

DAY THREE

After breakfast in the room, head to **Artistry**, an art gallery-cum-café where there is live music, locally roasted coffee, and artisanal desserts served on handcrafted pottery. Have lunch at **Artichoke**, a restaurant that serves communal plates of modern

Middle Eastern food along with cool music, and shop at **Bugis Street**, Singapore's biggest street market. Finish your trip with dinner at **Waku Ghin**, the famous Japanese restaurant and the epitome of dining exclusiveness. It seats just 25 and meals are priced at ₹24,000-a-person and up.

ANDAZ TOKYO TORANOMON HILLS

Standing tall between the Tokyo Tower and Imperial Palace, Andaz Tokyo offers easy access to the city's glitzy shopping district, Tokyo station and other attractions.

DAY ONE

Wake up to the awe-inspiring view of Mt Fuji followed by breakfast on the 51st floor at **Andaz Tavern**. Before stepping out for lunch at the unusual restaurant **Robot**, take out a few minutes to enjoy the art work within the hotel—the chain is famous for its collection. Head to **21_21 Design Sight**, a museum created by architect Tadao Ando and fashion designer Issey Miyake. Spend the evening at **Est** for cocktail masterpieces like the Luna Rossa and Golden Daiquiri originals. Return to the hotel for dinner at **Sushi**.

DAY TWO

After breakfast, hop onto a train for a day trip to Hakone

(100 kilometres from Tokyo). Say a prayer at the **Hakone Shrine**, take a boat ride on Lake Ashinoko, visit **Okada Museum of Art** and **Hakone Glass no Mori**, a small theme park about Venetian glass. Slough off city weariness at **Yumoro Hot Springs**. Return to Tokyo for dinner at **Asagaya Bird Land**, a famous yakitori restaurant, for their grilled chicken skewers.

DAY THREE

Begin the day with a lazy breakfast in your room. Take your Andaz Host's recommendation of a visit to the outer garden of the **Imperial Palace**. For lunch, go back 200 years in time for a tofu meal at **Tokyo Shiba Tofuya Ukai**. Loosen your purse-strings at **Ginza**, Tokyo's glitziest shopping district. Step into **Nobu** for a fine-dining experience second to none.

TIP Book a [Return to Myself treatment at AO Spa & Club](#) for the famed [yuzu-yu footbath for better blood circulation](#).



Clockwise: An award-winning mixologist creates a premium tea cocktail at the Rooftop Bar, Andaz Tokyo; dallah, the traditional vessel in which Arabic coffee is made and served from; souvenirs on sale at the heritage area of Textile Souk, Dubai. Opposite: The front entrance of Hotel du Louvre, Paris; Haji Lane in Singapore.

PARK HYATT DUBAI

Barely ten minutes away from Dubai International Airport, Gold Souk, Dubai Museum and Burj Khalifa, Park Hyatt Dubai sits on the banks of Dubai Creek and is known for its award-winning restaurants, luxury spa and each of the 223 rooms opening out onto a spectacular view of the Creek.

DAY ONE

Begin your day with breakfast at **Cafe Arabesque**, which serves food influenced by the flavours of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Head straight to the 18-hole championship course **Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club** adjacent to the hotel; the concierge will happily arrange the tee times. Spend the afternoon at **Alserkal Avenue**, home to Dubai's growing art scene. Enjoy dinner at the hotel's **The Thai Kitchen**, where the



cuisine is spicy and the dress code smart casual.

DAY TWO

After breakfast, slather on the sun screen and make sure you're high on adrenaline for an adventurous desert tour! Take a quad bike tour through the desert. Experience the thrill of sandboarding down steep dunes. Ride a camel, Bedouin-style and visit a camel farm. For sanddune bashing, race along the dusty trails and rumble up and down the desert hills. End your day with dinner at **Logma**. Located in one of Dubai's funkier strip malls, this casual cafe serves up authentic Khaleeji cuisine.

DAY THREE

After enjoying a leisurely in-room breakfast, visit Dubai's beaches as recommended by

the concierge. Of the lot of them, pick from **Burj Beach, Jumeriah Beach, Kite Beach, Ghantoot or 4x4 Beach**. Head straight to **Coya** restaurant for lunch and make sure to order ceviche, the Solomillo de Res (spicy beef fillet) and a pisco sour. In Dubai, every shopaholic will be spoiled for choice with so many options—some of the best are **The Dubai Mall, BurJuman** and the **Mall of the Emirates**. If malls are not on your agenda, head to the souks and boutiques. Ask the concierge for suggestions. Conclude your Dubai trip with a meal at **Play**, a new Mediterranean eatery that creates fusion dishes.

TIP Step into the hotel's **Court Art** for unheard of local lore and work by folksy regional artists.

HYATT AT OLIVE 8, SEATTLE

Hyatt at Olive 8 is one of the most celebrated LEED-certified buildings in the city, with each of the 346 guest rooms specifically designed to reduce carbon footprint.

DAY ONE

Begin your morning with the best farm-to-table breakfast at **Urbane** where the chef works with farmers who are dedicated to sustainable farming. Book a bed for yourself in **Elaia spa**, which uses only organic and local products. Have lunch at **Chop't**, which serves Stevie Wonder-approved vegan salads that owner Makini Howell developed when she was Wonder's personal chef. Walk around Columbia City, the most diverse place in the United States with over 60 spoken languages, and visit **Girin** in Pioneer Square for an unusual drink: the Korean makgeolli. **Girin** is, as far as they know, the only place brewing it in the United States. Return to **Urbane** for a quiet dinner.

DAY 2

Do a quick breakfast and pack for a day trip to Olympic Peninsula. Any Twilight-reader would place it as the

setting of Stephenie Meyer's vampire novels. You can book a **Twilight tour**. However, there is much more to it than vampires—national and state parks, rainforests, lakes, mountains, lavender farms and the **Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge**. Return to Seattle, rest and get ready for dinner at **Cafe Campagne**, a picture-perfect Parisian-style brasserie in Pike Place Market.

DAY 3

Check with the concierge about the local wineries and breweries. You can pick from their recommendations—**Columbia Winery, Chateau Ste. Michelle, Washington Hills Winery** and **Redhook Ale Brewery**. When hungry, step into **B's Po Boy** for the authentic New Orleans-style sandwich. Enjoy shopping in downtown Seattle—from the **Pacific Place Shopping Center, Westlake Shopping Centre** to the **Nordstrom Flagship Store**. Have dinner at **Canlis**, which has, since 1950, been universally considered the apex of Seattle fine dining. This restaurant requires a suit or sport coat for men.

TIP As a gesture towards people with special needs, **Hyatt at Olive 8** provides assistive devices for people with disabilities.





Clockwise from left: Park Hyatt Dubai's swimming pool has in-set palm trees and lush tropical gardens around it; the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto Entertainment District; the new Jamboree Bar inside Grand Hyatt Berlin; the skybridge at Lincoln Square.

HYATT REGENCY TORONTO

Sitting smug in the heart of Toronto's downtown Entertainment District, Hyatt Regency Toronto is a pet-friendly hotel with 394 stylish guest rooms, including 32 suites.

DAY ONE

Begin the day with a breakfast buffet at **King Street Social Restaurant**, which serves freshly brewed Starbucks coffee. Take a few laps in the seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool with a view of the downtown Toronto skyline. Have lunch at CN Tower's 350-metre-high **360 The Restaurant** featuring unforgettable food combined with a magnificent revolving view of the city. Toronto is known for its neighbourhoods, so book a tour to check out the most dynamic areas. Start your evening off with drinks in Hyatt's **Mix Bistro Bar** overlooking the hustle and bustle of King Street. For dinner, take a culinary tour of Toronto's diverse cultural

neighbourhoods with Luma's innovative menu.

DAY TWO

Get ready to roar with the lions on a day trip to the **African Lion Safari**. Barely an hour's drive west of Toronto, this is neither wild nor a zoo (at your own risk!) to see all kinds of wildlife. The other options include a cruise aboard the **African Queen Boat** or the **Nature Boy** scenic railway. Have lunch at **Mombasa Market Restaurant** or try the signature Elephant Tail fry on a stick in **Nairobi Hut Fry**. Have dinner at **Spice Route Asian Bistro Bar** and experience sheer bliss with a mixture of eclectic Asian décor, mesmerising music and distinctive cuisine.

DAY THREE

In-room dining is a good idea on the third day. Check with the concierge whether there's a concert or baseball game happening in the **Rogers' Centre**. If not, you could try the state-of-the-art **Ripley's Aquarium** and **Royal Ontario Museum**, Canada's largest museum of world culture and natural history.

GRAND HYATT BERLIN

Located near Potsdamer Platz in Berlin's vibrant city centre, Grand Hyatt Berlin has 342 guest rooms and suites with a modern design scheme that reflects Germany's versatile capital.

DAY ONE

Have breakfast at **Vox Terrace** under old linden trees. Follow it up with a guided tour of the hotel's contemporary art pieces. Have lunch at **Borchardt**, a classic among restaurants since 1895. Spend a few hours at **Museumsinsel**, the world-famous Museum Island that has buildings with art and archaeological collections from the 19th century. In the evening, order drinks at **Bar Marqués**, a colonial-style Spanish bar known for excellent cocktails and tapas.

DAY 2

After breakfast, head out on the day trip to **Peacock Island**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which features a white fairy-tale palace, Berlin's oldest rose garden and plenty of peacocks strutting the island. Return from the island for dinner at **Grill Royal**, a steakhouse that offers steak classics from Japan to Australia with countless side dish options.

DAY 3

Order breakfast in-room and then explore Berlin's outdoors. Pick a map and hire a bicycle from the concierge to peddle around Berlin's parks. For a lazy look at the city, sail on the Spree or Landwehrkanal beside historic and modern buildings while enjoying the sight of bridges, unusual shorelines and the cityscape. Order a two, three or four-course lunch at **Pauly Saal** in the heart of Mitte's art district. ■



THREE STATES *on your* PLATE

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MAHARASHTRA, PUNJAB, OR
TAMIL NADU? YOU CAN STILL
GET A TASTE OF THE LOCAL
FLAVOURS, COURTESY
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BY CHARUKESI RAMADURAI





Playwright and author George Bernard Shaw is known to have said many funny and **insightful things** in his life, but perhaps his most astute statement ever was—“There is no sincerer love than the **love of food.**” Indeed, there is no more delightful way to explore a new city or even country than **through its food.** And when it comes to India, the incredible variety of regional cuisine is enough to please the most discerning and **demanding foodie.**

SOUTHERN COMFORT **Tamil Nadu**

It is best to begin this journey in the South with the state of Tamil Nadu, which is miles from dishes like Chicken Tikka Masala and Rogan Josh that are synonymous with Indian cuisine globally.

In this state, rice is the undisputed staple—indeed the king in most meals—starting with breakfast. South Indian cuisine, especially Tamil food, can range from the searing hot to the soothing mild. The popular ingredients used for seasoning are tamarind, green and red chilli, black pepper, cumin, coriander and curry leaves.

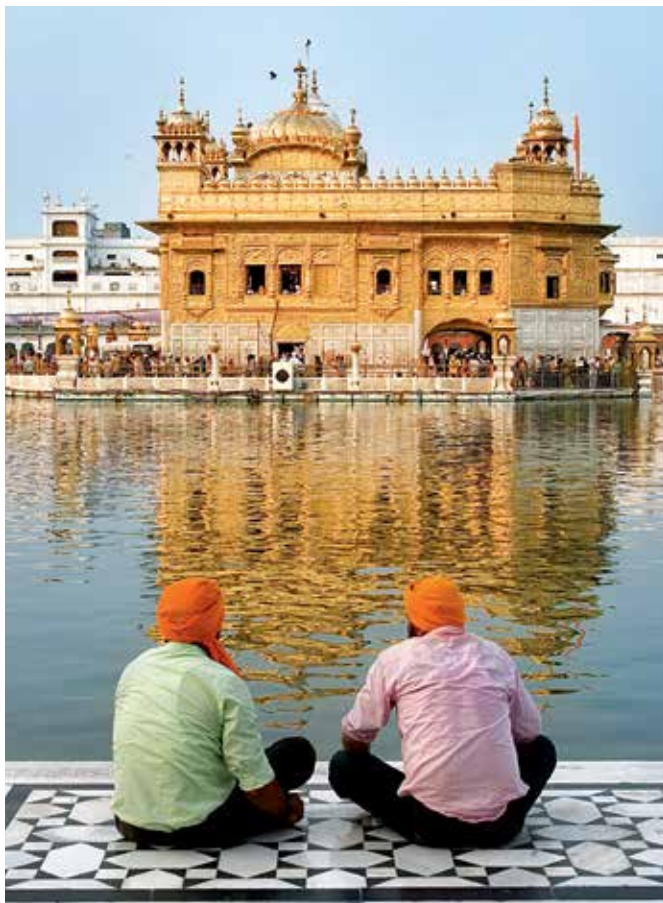
Locals believe—and rightly so—that a day beginning with a meal of spongy *idlis* (fitting the popular description of being “as soft as jasmine from Madurai”) dipped into hot sambhar can never go wrong. The breakfast table generally groans under the weight of other rice-based dishes, such as the crisp *dosas*, *vadas* and the fragrant *pongal*, all served with a variety of colourful and flavourful chutneys made with coconut, coriander, ginger, onion and tomatoes.

The food in Chennai derives influence from all over the state: the piquancy of Chettinadu’s meat dishes, the multi-ethnic flavours of Madurai, the royal recipes of Thanjavur and the fresh seafood





Clockwise from left: Cooling coconut chutney, the perfect accompaniment to the spicy Podi idli at The Dining Room; a typical South Indian breakfast; the Golden Temple in Amritsar.



IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO PAINT THE TOWN RED...

Head to the Flying Elephant at Park Hyatt Chennai. On Fridays and Saturdays, the multi-cuisine restaurant comes up with a specially curated drinks menu with prices starting at just ₹500. Or, take a trip around the world with Spice Haat's Super Large Sunday Brunch (₹1,850). The team of chefs here dishes out international fare—from Thai curries and sushi to Tibetan thukpa and much more.

from the coast. The repertoire, therefore, goes way beyond the typical dishes (*idli-dosa* versions) usually found in restaurants across the country.

From uniquely Tamil versions of the evergreen biryani, to succulent chicken and pork gravies, ending with sweets dripping with the goodness of milk and ghee, Tamil Nadu has something to suit every taste. All of this is preceded or washed down (and often both) with a hot cup of frothy filter *kapi* served in a stainless-steel tumbler.

The two Hyatt hotels in Chennai pride themselves on authentic recipes from the state, their offerings inspired from local kitchens. The *Kozhi Chettinadu* is a particularly popular dish at the **Spice Haat in Hyatt Regency Chennai**, a nod to the culinary legacy of the prosperous Chettiar trading community of the Sivaganga district. The *kozhi* (chicken) is slow-cooked in a spicy concoction of freshly ground pepper, star anise, cloves, cinnamon, coconut and tamarind, blended with tomato paste, creating meat so tender that it falls off the bone.

And for those with more adventurous palates, the perfect wake-up call comes in the form of *Podi Idli* (coated with a fiery powder paste) at **The Dining Room** breakfast buffet at **Park Hyatt Chennai**. Or, for later in the day, derive comfort from the *Sambhar Saadam*—rice premixed with tangy sambhar stew—that wafts with the aroma of freshly ground spices and coconut.

SOUL FOOD Punjab

In the 2003 bestseller *Shantaram*, former Australian convict Gregory David Roberts wrote, "Food is music to the body; music is food to the heart." Although his story was set in Mumbai, this description fits the North Indian state of Punjab most aptly. Here, food is as welcoming and hearty as



From above: A mix of delicacies from Punjab and Haryana are on offer at Urban Café at Hyatt Regency Chandigarh; Amritsar's famed street food, the delicious *Chole Kulche*.

the people. Copious quantities of butter and cream are used to add the final zing to many dishes, leaving a warm afterglow both in the stomach and the soul.

Punjab is known as the bread basket of the country, which means that wheat (and its derivatives) dominate mealtimes, along with both vegetarian and meat dishes. Dairy products also form a regular part of the Punjabi diet in all forms: *lassi*, yoghurt, paneer and just good old milk. Locals love to haunt their favourite street *dhabas*, where the food is certain to be finger-licking good.

The ideal way to experience authentic Punjabi cuisine is at a local home, where the food is served with genuine affection, along with freshly churned butter. Failing that, head to the **Hyatt Regency in Chandigarh**—the capital city of both Punjab and Haryana—for a taste of the spiced Achari Paneer Tikka at **Urban Café**. The many ingredients that go into traditional north Indian pickles—mustard seeds, fenugreek, chillies and so on—are used to marinate the paneer, after which the soft pieces of cottage cheese are skewered and baked in clay tandoor ovens.



THE BEST OF WORLD CUISINE

The all-day dining restaurant of Hyatt Amritsar, Collage is famous for an extensive buffet layover for breakfast and dinner. On offer are Indian and global delicacies, interactive kitchens and al fresco dining in a casual atmosphere.



Clockwise from left: Glasshouse, Hyatt Regency Mumbai's 24-hour diner; the wood-fired pizza served at Glasshouse; the delicious Shanghai dumpling soup at China House, Grand Hyatt Mumbai.



At India's original *Eat, Pray, Love* city of Amritsar, the must-try dish is Chole Kulcha. And if the thought of Delhi Belly keeps you away from the street stalls, find equivalent flavours at **Collage** in **Hyatt Amritsar**. One of north India's most popular street delicacies, chole kulcha showcases the complex flavours of chickpeas made into a delicious gravy and soft flatbread topped with (what else) butter.

In this land of kababs, meat lovers need look no further than at the non-vegetarian kabab platter at **Hyatt Regency Ludhiana**. Dip into the unmatched flavours of nostalgia along with those of the restaurant's six signature kebabs. The platter of haryali kebab, murgh malai kebab, lal murgh kebab, fish tikka, tandoori prawns and galauti kebab (the chef's hat tip to Awadh) is served up with **Gallery Bar's** signature touch and secret ingredients.



HEAD TO FIFTY FIVE EAST...

At Grand Hyatt Mumbai for Big Brunch Sunday (₹2,222). There's an array of dishes, handpicked from across the globe, on offer. Apart from the starters, mains and desserts, you can enjoy unlimited sparkling wine and champagne at an additional cost.

WESTERN WINDS Maharashtra

When it comes to street food, there are few cities in India to match the stunning variety of tastes and textures as Mumbai (erstwhile Bombay). From the sweet-savoury-tangy *bhelpuri* to the messy but oh-so-good *pani puri* and the sinfully rich ragda pattice, Mumbai stands tall when it comes to earthy flavours. Then there is the *pav bhaji* and *vada pav*, both of which are local dishes whose heat is softened by the Portuguese, and now Indian, *pav*.

And then there is the grilled sandwich, a dish of undoubtedly European origins, that this city has claimed as its own, adding its own masalas and chutneys to the mix. Bite into the Mumbai Grilled Sandwich at the **Glasshouse** in **Hyatt Regency Mumbai**, the restaurant that matches the city's perennial buzz by staying open around the clock. The sandwich comes stuffed to bursting point with curried potato and a liberal sprinkling of cheese.

Once you have had your fill of regional foods in Mumbai, go in for a change with the delectable *dimsum* on offer at **China House** at **Grand Hyatt Mumbai**. Start with the Shanghai dumpling soup, move on to the *har gow* prawns, dig into pork ribs in black bean sauce and end with the Chinese mango pudding, or perhaps some Chinese egg tarts.

The rest of Maharashtra too boasts a rich and varied cuisine, from coastal coconut-flavoured seafood, to the fiery spices of the Kohapur region (the reds of the Kolhapuri *misal* are enough to make your eyes—and mouth—water). For those whose palates seek sweet comfort, it is to be found in the form of Shrewsbury cookies at Kayani Bakery in Pune and as chocolate truffles and coconut cookies at **The Pastry Shop** at **Hyatt Pune**.

So, go forth and conquer the tastes of India. And remember, to eat is a necessity, but to eat intelligently is an art. So said François de La Rochefoucauld. ■

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