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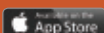
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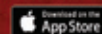
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There is much to celebrate around the world in October. It is the birthday of the great Mahatma Gandhi, world renowned leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy.

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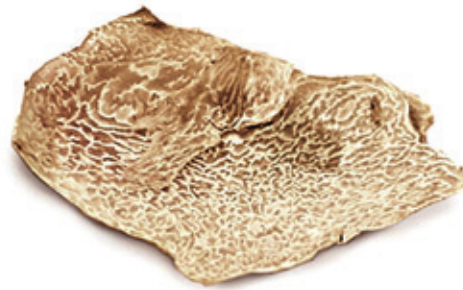
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White Truffle Festival

Where: Alba, Italy
 When: 7 October – 26 November
 What: The culinary treasures known as white truffles are found growing in the earth, underground, mainly in certain areas of northern Italy and, most famously, in the countryside around the town of Alba (which is around a two-hour drive from Milan). They are revered globally for their exquisite flavour and aroma (and extremely high prices!) and this month's White Truffle Festival celebrates and showcases everything about them. You can expect tastings, a White Truffle Market, Truffle Sensory Analysis, Truffle Hunt Simulation, and lots more on the go. Oman Air flies 7 times a week between Muscat/Milan

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Where: Paris, France
 When: 28 October – 1 November
 What: 'Salon du Chocolat' is the world's largest event dedicated to chocolate and cocoa. With over 500 participants from 60 countries, including over 200 renowned chefs and pastry chefs, Salon du Chocolat is a must-see event in Paris for all chocolate lovers. Don't miss out – your taste buds will adore you for taking them here. Oman Air flies 7 times a week between Muscat/Paris

More festivals around the world

Neighbourhood Music Festival

(7 October, Manchester, England).

Diwali Celebrations (19 October, Throughout India).

Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival

(23 – 29 October, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

Royal Opera House Muscat: Omani Women's Day and more!

Where: Royal Opera House Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
 When: Throughout October
 What: Every year, on 17 October, in honour of Omani Women's Day, the Royal Opera House Muscat pays tribute to the invaluable contributions of Omani women in community development and nation-building by celebrating their achievements in music, art and society. With this in mind, the 2017 programme for October features music by the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra (ROSO) Ladies Chamber Ensemble, as well as eight outstanding musicians from the Oman Oud Hobbyists Association (four of whom are women). The ROSO's Ladies Chamber Ensemble is a shining example of the artistic independence and high level of achievement of Omani women in the arts. An exciting special guest performance will also be given by the talented and charismatic young Yemeni singer, Balqees. Also in October, the Royal Opera House Muscat will host performances by The Alexandrov Red Army Chorus, Sir Cliff Richard, and Opera by Gioachino Rossini performed by the Rossini Opera Festival. You can book your tickets to see these prestigious performances in October by visiting the Royal Opera House Muscat box office, or by going to the ROHM website www.rohmuscat.org.om





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Where: Sharjah Expo Centre, UAE

When: 3 – 7 October

What: Having started off with only a handful of exhibitors 23 years ago, the bi-annual MidEast Watch & Jewellery Show now features one of the most extensive and exclusive line-ups of master jewellers from across the world. Visitors can expect to see the latest designs and trends in watches, jewellery, gold, precious stones and diamonds. Admission is free for all. (The first day of the show is scheduled to open exclusively for women).

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Frieze Art Fair

Where: London, England

When: 5 – 8 October

What: "Discover the world's most exciting artists, from the emerging to the iconic," say organisers of this month's Frieze Art Fair. The event is set to feature more than 160 of the world's leading galleries, and it offers you the chance to view and buy art from over 1,000 of today's leading artists – and to experience the Fair's critically acclaimed Frieze Projects and Talks. It all takes place at Regent's Park.

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Art Expo Malaysia

Where: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

When: 12 – 15 October

What: Art Expo Malaysia is celebrating its 11th edition in 2017 as the longest running international art fair in Southeast Asia. It's a "Rainbow package of art," say the organisers. This year the Expo will feature 60 established and reputable art galleries from 30 countries; exhibiting 2,000 pieces of artworks (including paintings, sculptures, installation and photography) all under one roof.

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More events around the world

'GITEX Futurists' Technology Week

(8 -12 October, Dubai, UAE).

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Munich Marathon

Where: Munich, Germany

When: 8 October

What: This month, the popular Munich Marathon – along with a Half Marathon, Marathon Relay, 10 kilometre, and Traditional Costume Run – all take place on 8th October. The route takes runners past many of Munich's top tourism landmarks (and thousands of spectators) before finishing at the city's famous Olympic Stadium.

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More sport around the world

Wanderlust Festival: Run, Yoga & Meditation
(1 October, Milan, Italy).

2XU Triathlon
(20 October, Dubai, UAE).

Horseracing: British Champions Day Final
(21 October, Ascot Racecourse, near London, England).



Rugby League Super Final

Where: Manchester, England

When: 7 October

What: This month, the biggest night in Super League Rugby – the Betfred Super League Grand Final – takes place at the Theatre of Dreams, Old Trafford, in Manchester. You can expect a full 80 minutes packed with high quality rugby league action, as well as lots of fun entertainment before and after the match.

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Dubai Desert Warrior Challenge

Where: Dubai, UAE

When: 20 October

What: The Desert Warrior Challenge is back – to be held in the iconic Dubai Land District, where you can get ready to take on the region's most exhilarating obstacle course. There will be plenty of crowd-favourite obstacles, plus some exciting new and improved designs to put you to the ultimate test. See you on the course!

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Fahal Island

LATITUDE: 23° 40' 52" N
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The rocky outcrop of Fahal Island – known locally as Jazirat Al Fahl – is visible just offshore of Muscat's central coastline. It is a well-known playground for all types of ocean users (especially divers), as well as a sanctuary for Oman's marine life and birds.

- Fahal Island, by the way, also goes by the name of Shark Island – due to the regular sightings of Blacktip Reef Sharks here throughout the year. These sharks are harmless and quite shy, but nevertheless need to be treated with respect by scuba divers and snorkellers.
- The reefs and drop-offs around the island provide excellent freediving, snorkelling, and scuba diving for all levels of divers. On a standard dive, giant eagle rays, turtles, a huge array of colourful fish and marine life, and occasionally even whale sharks can all be expected.
- For more experienced divers, there's also a shipwreck at 30 metres (known as the 'Old Mine Sweeper'), several cave swim-throughs, and deeper dives around the 40 metre depth-mark.
- The waters around the island are also excellent for dolphin watching tours, with schools of various dolphin species often numbering in their hundreds here.
- You'll have a good chance to see dolphins and other marine creatures (like turtles, and on rare occasions, Humpback Whales) with one of the many marine tour operators based at places like Marina Al Bhandar.
- Fahal Island is also home to a number of very special marine bird species. One of these is the Sooty Falcon, which makes its way to Fahal Island and similar spots in the Middle East and North Africa every year to breed. Currently, they are classified on the 'Near Threatened' list, so their scarcity and elusive nature make them (and the island) a favourite with birdwatchers.
- The total area of Fahal Island is just over 2 km² and composed of millions-of-years-old limestone, which geologists say was once part of the sea floor.
- The rocky outcrop which is visible as the island itself was slowly exposed due to gradual uplift in the Indian Ocean seabed and changes in sea levels – and it is now a favourite destination for marine and eco-tourism.
- Oman is a country that is passionate about the sea and its marine life. A few years ago, several concrete 'Reef Ball' structures were placed in the waters around the island to aid long-term reef restoration and marine life preservation.
- Every year, around May, a few dozen brave swimmers get together for what is now the now well-established Fahal Island Swim. The swimmers get dropped off at the island by boat for the start, before having to make the just-over 4 kilometre open ocean swim back to the Ras al Hamra/PDO club on the mainland.

Visitor Information

Fahal Island is best explored with one of the marine tour operators or dive charters that leave from the popular Marina Al Bhandar, or similar small harbours along the Muscat coastline. The trip takes around 20 minutes from the mainland to the island.



Bengal Tigers in India's famous Ranthambore National Park

Indian Safari: Adventures in the wilderness

Whether it's a camel riding safari in the deserts of western India; a journey in search of tigers in the jungles of Kerala; or a wilderness exploration to see snow leopards in India's Himalayan North – there's an adventure of a lifetime to be had every time you travel to India's many national parks and wilderness areas.



‘A camel safari typically includes spectacular desert scenery, the very unique experience of riding a camel, classic dal and chapati meals cooked over open fires, and incredible star-gazing at night’

Camel safaris in the Great Indian Desert...

Rajasthan, in the north-west region of India, is the location of the majestic Thar Desert – the Great Indian Desert. This large, arid region is not only home to the country’s over 3,000 kilometre-squared Desert National Park, but also numerous desert-style camps that offer luxury tented accommodation – and traditional camel safaris. These iconic camel safaris typically include spectacular desert scenery, the very unique experience of riding a camel, classic dal and chapati meals cooked over open fires, and incredible star-gazing at night. “Your camel safari can be tailored to suit your budget and schedule – ranging from a day to a week, to a month – it’s entirely up to you! Camels, tents, food, mineral water, mattresses, bedding and a guide will be provided, and at the end of every day in the desert, the sight of the sun setting over the sand dunes is something not to be missed!” say The Real Deal Rajasthan group, who run regular camel safaris in the region. For those keen to explore the Desert National Park itself, you’ll be surprised by the rich abundance of exotic life here. There’s also a collection of millions-of-years-old plant and animal (and dinosaur) fossils to be seen.

Tigers in the jungles of Kerala...

India’s state of Kerala is blessed with a unique set of natural geographic features. These include serene beaches, dozens of emerald-coloured rivers and canals, lush hill stations, and the towering Western Ghats mountain range in the interior. If you’re coming to Kerala for wildlife, there’s perhaps no more of a spectacular place to explore than the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park. Located in the Western Ghats mountains, it offers all the lush jungle and watery terrain that Kerala is renowned for and includes the Periyar Tiger Reserve. There is a massive diversity of wildlife here, including wild elephants, and of course the elusive Bengal tiger on the Periyar Tiger Trail – an adventurous trekking and camping program conducted by a team of rehabilitated poachers and tree cutters who have an intimate knowledge of the forest terrain. In Kerala, there’s also Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary where, according to Kerala Tourism, “From the elusive tiger to the fiery leopard or the majestic Indian elephant or fresh water crocodiles, the breathtaking landscape is home to a plethora of endemic flora and fauna.” There’s also Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary, and many others that are definitely worth exploring.

Snow Leopards in the Himalayan North...

India’s Himalayan North region comprises the three northernmost states of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Uttarakhand. This spectacular mountain region is the place that pilgrims and traders have been travelling through since ancient times, and now also the location of the famous Hemis National Park (near Ladakh). It is here that you have a rare opportunity to see exquisite wildlife like the endangered snow leopard – with organisations like the Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust. “The snow leopard’s winter mating season offers the best chance of seeing this elusive creature in the wild. Trip members will join the SLC-India Trust staff on their watch for the snow leopard as it descends from the snowy mountaintops in search of food,” say the organisation, who arrange multiple-day treks in the park to see these magnificent creatures. But snow leopards are not the only highlight in the area. The entire Himalayan North region is set



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amid a spectacular snow-topped-mountain landscape, interspersed with glacial rivers, high-altitude passes, age-old Tibetan Buddhist monasteries with colourful prayer flags, and traditional mountain villages with mudbrick homes. This is an entirely different face of India – but one you cannot forget.

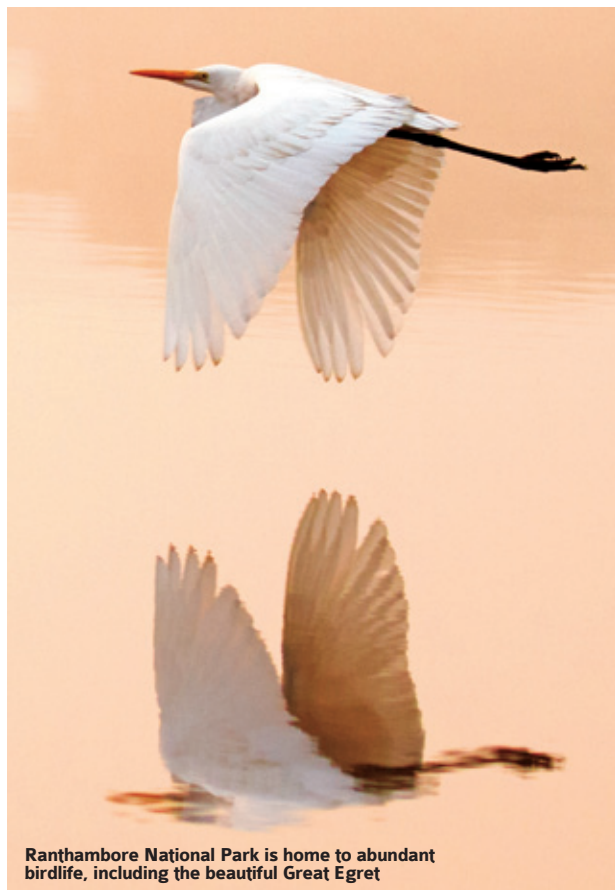
For first-time travellers to India, often the trickiest question to be asked before leaving is, "Just exactly where do I begin?" Indeed, India offers a dauntingly large array of things to see and experience. The wildlife and national parks however, do make for an excellent start. Here are some more of the classics:

Manas Wildlife Sanctuary: "On a gentle slope in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas, where wooded hills give way to alluvial grasslands and tropical forests, the Manas sanctuary is home to a great variety of wildlife, including many endangered species, such as the tiger, pygmy hog, Indian rhinoceros and Indian elephant" – this, according to the UNESCO World Heritage organisation, with whom the sanctuary is listed as an official site.

Keoladeo Ghana National Park: Another UNESCO World Heritage-inscribed site, this Rajasthan park is a major wintering area for large numbers of aquatic birds. Some 364 species, including the rare Siberian crane, have been recorded here.

Kanha National Park: One of Kanha's claims to fame is that it provided inspiration for the author Rudyard Kipling's famous novel, the Jungle Book. These days, this Madhya Pradesh-based park is a hot spot for sightings of Bengal tigers.

Ranthambore National Park: Ranthambore is one of India's most popular parks, and a fantastic location to see Bengal tigers in their natural habitat. The historic Ranthambore Fort, which towers over the entire park, is also here.



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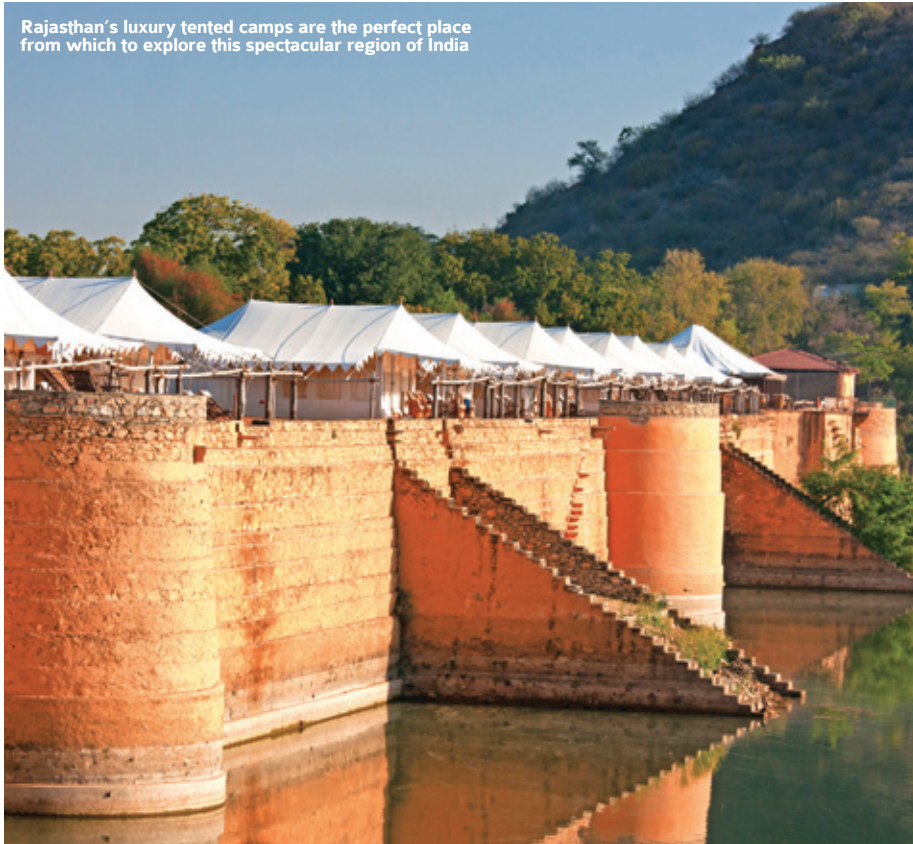


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Car Park Drift Oman: Gear up and get ready!

The Red Bull Car Park Drift is the GCC and Middle East's greatest drifting event and a highlight on the region's motorsports calendar. This month, the series once again comes to Oman, in the form of a qualifier event for the 'King of Drift 2017' Series Final to be held in Kuwait on 8th December.



Last year's Red Bull Car Park Drift Finals took place at Port Sultan Qaboos in Muscat

This month, gear up and get ready for Oman's Red Bull Car Park Drift Local Qualifier, which will be taking place for the ninth consecutive year. The event is set to take place on 27th October at the Oman Automobile Association track, where a judging panel will select a winner to go on to compete in the Series Final in Kuwait for the overall 'King of Drift' title for 2017.



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2. Oman's drifting legend, Ali Al Balushi performs at last year's event finals
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'At the 2016 Series Final held in the Oman, the Sultanate's very own Haitham Al Hadidi became the youngest drifter ever to clinch the top spot at just 18-years-old'

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Qualifying rounds began earlier this year in Kuwait, Egypt, Lebanon, Mauritius and Bahrain, and they all showcased some phenomenal drift performances. After this month's Oman stop, the tour will then continue visiting most of the countries in the Middle East including Qatar and UAE ahead of the Series Final.

At the 2016 Series Final, which was held in Oman itself, the Sultanate's very own Haitham Al Hadidi became the youngest drifter to ever clinch the top spot at just 18-years- old. "All the competitors had a great performance, and everyone put on a great show. If you love your hobby, you will do anything for it," said Al Hadidi – who was crowned the King of Drift 2016 – after his win.

This was a spectacular achievement, as the list of competitors represented the best of the best drifting talent from Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Mauritius, Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia, UAE, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia – after they had earned their place at the Final having topped their respective national qualifiers. Al Hadidi's

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The winners celebrate at the Red Bull Car Park Drift Final 2016



flawless performance was closely followed by another Omani – the legendary drifter and previous long-time national champion, Ali Al Balushi.

Now, this month, just like in previous events, the drifting track at the Oman Automobile Association will be designed by the renowned Lebanese Rally Champion Abdo Feghali, and as per standard drifting competition criteria, each driver's performance will be scored based on their drifting ability, as well as their car's look and design, tyre smoke and engine sound. With spectacular crowds, roaring engines, smoking tyres, and some of the best driving talent in the world on display, the action should be unforgettable. Gear up and get ready!

You can find out more about this month's 2017 King of Drift qualifier in Oman, at www.redbullcarparkdrift.com



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The National Museum: A year of achievements

The National Museum is the leading cultural institution in the Sultanate, dedicated to the preservation and showcasing of Oman's cultural heritage in its tangible and intangible forms since the earliest traces of human occupation in Oman some 2 million years ago through to the present day. Since opening in July 2016, the Museum has enjoyed just over a year of continued success and achievements...

The National Museum is a national institution with a global outreach. Its purpose is to increase knowledge and appreciation for the cultural heritage of Oman; and to provide opportunities for cultural expression, innovation and the transfer of traditional skills from one generation to the next. Its aim is also to ensure that Oman's cultural heritage is understood and appreciated within the Sultanate and valued and recognised internationally.

The Museum is located in a magnificent purpose-built building, located in Muscat, and showcases more than 5,500 artefacts and 43 digital immersive experiences distributed across 14 permanent gallery spaces. Promulgated by Royal Decree 62/2013 issued on 20 November 2013, the National Museum has a juristic personality, and enjoys financial and administrative independence.

The Museum houses a number of firsts in Oman, including a fully equipped Learning Centre, state-of-the-art preventive conservation facilities, UHD audio visual theatre, and discovery areas for children. It is also the first museum in the Middle East to adopt Arabic Braille script for the visually impaired, and houses the first open-plan storage concept.

Since its opening on 30th July 2016, the museum has aimed to provide a high quality service experience for all of its guests, and these efforts were crowned when the museum received the al-Roya Economical Prize for Best Governmental Project 2017.

The Museum's 14 permanent galleries cover an area of 4,000 square metres, out of a total site area of 13,700 square metres. These galleries storylines have been developed across chrono-thematic display principles, and include The Land and the People; Maritime History; Arms and Armour; Civilisation in the Making; Aflaj; Currency; Prehistory and Ancient History Gallery: Bat, al-Khutm and al-Ayn; Prehistory and Ancient History Gallery: The Land of Frankincense; Prehistory and Ancient History Gallery: Prehistory, Civilisation of Magan and Iron Age; Splendours of Islam; Oman and the World; Renaissance; Intangible Heritage; and the Collections Gallery (an Open-Plan Storage concept).

In addition, there is a dedicated gallery for temporary exhibitions with an area of 376 square metres, which has been designed in accordance with international regulations and standards for this type of facility.

Conservation Facilities

The National Museum has focused its resources on implementing an ambitious conservation and restoration process for artefacts which have been selected according to its museography plan, since 2010. Currently, the Museum's artefacts number more than 12,583 – of which more than 5,500 have been carefully conserved. The staff of the museum includes the first three Omani conservators in the Sultanate.

The Learning Centre

The National Museum is the first museum in the Sultanate to include a fully equipped learning centre with international specifications. The Centre offers workshops, activities and guided tours to school students from all ages. In addition to adult workshops, family workshops, summer programmes, and exhibitions; the Museum also



organises seminars and lectures presented by experts from around the world including the United States, France, Germany, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the Sultanate of Oman itself. All the activities of the Learning Centre are free of charge and only require prior registration. In addition to this, it also organises special workshops for the visually impaired.

Visitor Services

The National Museum's Visitor Services unit establishes and implements the services that enable all visitors to experience an educational and enjoyable tour of the museum. Principally, these include organising guiding services for various types of visitors, operating the museum's information service, selling tickets and maintaining front of house operations, and organising official visits. The Visitor Services unit also compiles statistics of visitor numbers, and reviews guests' feedback and comments to further develop the services provided by the museum. The total number of visitors since its official opening in July 2016, until the end of July 2017 was 87,205 visitors of all ages and nationalities – with students forming the majority of these visitors. The total number of official visits was 138 – and these include visits by HRH Prince Charles of Wales, and Ban Ki-Moon, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Publication Unit

The Publication Unit of the Museum is responsible for the design, preparation, and printing of all official Museum brochures and booklets – like the publication ‘Highlights’, which was a showcase of key objects housed in the museum.

Now, as the National Museum continues into its second year of existence, it looks forward to continuing to celebrate and showcase the Sultanate of Oman’s rich and fascinating cultural heritage.

The National Museum: Visitor Information

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The National Museum is open daily from 10:00am – 5:00pm (except on Fridays 2:00pm – 6:00pm). These timings are effective from the 1st of May until the 31st of December 2017. The ticket desk closes half an hour before the Museum’s closing times.



Team Oman Air get set for Extreme Sailing Series title

As the Extreme Sailing Series reaches its culmination at the final two events of the season – in San Diego, California, and then in Los Cabos, Mexico – the Oman Air crew are getting ready for one last push in their year-long bid for the overall title.

After six Extreme Sailing Series 'Acts' – the first held in Muscat back in March – the Extreme Sailing Series has become a three-way championship battle between current overall leaders SAP Extreme Sailing Team, who hold a wafer-thin two-point advantage over the Oman Air crew in second place, and defending 2016 title holders Alinghi in third. The run-in to the final phase is given extra spice with the knowledge that the season finale in Mexico is a

double-point scoring Act, which ensures that the outcome of the already close-run Extreme Sailing Series will remain undecided to the last moment.

"We have led the Series already this season and we had back-to-back wins in Barcelona and Hamburg, so we know we can compete at the front of this competitive fleet," said Nasser Al Mashari, a



long-standing member of the national Oman Sail initiative, and bowman on the high-speed Oman Air foiling catamaran. "San Diego is next for us towards the end of October, and we will be going there and aiming to win which will set us up for the final in Los Cabos. The crews on SAP and Alinghi sail really well, so we will have to be at our very best to beat them. Our team is really close and I am sure we can achieve a lot in San Diego, and then in Mexico at the end of November," he added.

Looking ahead, the Oman Air team know they have to step up to meet the season-long consistency of the Danish-flagged SAP, as well as the proven threat posed by Swiss champions Alinghi. The experienced Red Bull Sailing Team and the young guns on Land Rover BAR Academy – though realistically out of contention for the overall title – are also capable of upsetting the leader board. But, it is a challenge the crew are confident they can meet.

Oman Air has finished on the podium at every event in 2017, claiming two regatta victories along the way. At the same time, four third places – including one in Cardiff, UK, in late August – has given the crew pause for thought, at least by their own high standards. "We missed a few things tactically in Cardiff and we were not at our best," said British crew member Pete Greenhalgh, the most experienced sailor in the Extreme Sailing Series fleet.

Both Greenhalgh and Al Mashari, along with skipper Phil Robertson and crewmates James Wierzbowski and Ed Smyth, have their eyes on the prize.

You can follow the remaining Extreme Sailing Series action at www.extremesailingseries.com



Champions! Ahmad Al Harthy and Oman Racing win Pro-Am Blancpain title

Oman's number one racing driver and Oman Air ambassador, Ahmad Al Harthy, is celebrating after winning the prestigious Blancpain Endurance Cup Pro-Am title – with a round to spare! – following a magnificent performance during the recent Total 24 Hours of Spa event in Belgium.

Al Harthy and his Oman Racing team, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, have once again entered the world motorsport history books, as this sensational championship victory in the Blancpain event is the first ever for a driver of Arab origin, and an Omani competitor.

The runner-up spot in this prestigious 24 Hour race, which helped secure the 2017 title, also marked the fourth back-to-back Blancpain race meetings where Al Harthy's Oman Racing team finished on the podium – continuing its incredible 100% rostrum record for the current season.

Al Harthy has long been a trailblazer for Omani sport, and winning this latest Pro-Am title in Blancpain (his second championship success in cars after his Porsche Carrera Cup GB Pro-Am title in 2012), is by far the most high-profile of his career to date and an indication of his growing stature in global motorsport.

"Everyone at Oman Racing is so proud of what we have achieved this season – winning the Pro-Am Championship is the most important moment of my racing career," explained Al Harthy. "The win is especially poignant since we are currently celebrating the Oman Racing team's 10th Anniversary."

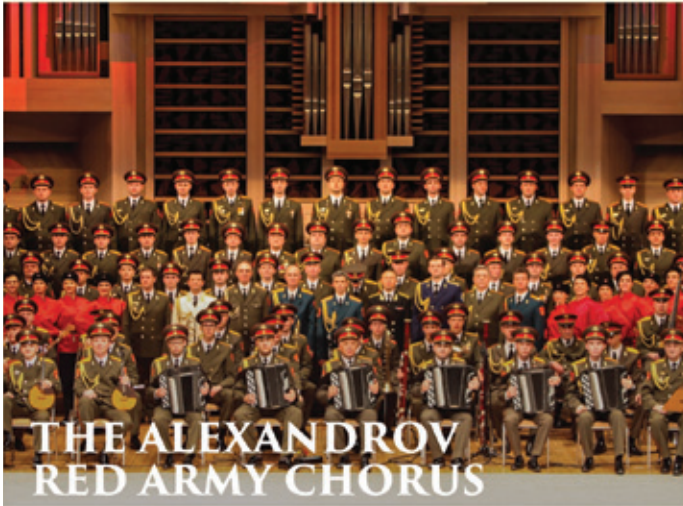


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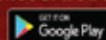
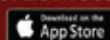
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Al Harthy added that, "Oman Air has been central to everything we have tried to do and achieved in the UK and Europe, and I am very grateful for the support given to Oman Racing and I hope we can end the season on the podium again during the final round in Spain. It would be a dream to take another win and a perfect way to end an amazing season in the Oman Air Aston Martin!"

Added to all of this was the remarkable double GT3 victory Al Harthy achieved earlier in the year in June with young British racer Tom Jackson, when they teamed up in the Oman Racing Aston Martin V12 Vantage to contest the Michelin Le Mans Cup support races – part of the famous Le Mans 24 Hours event.

Endurance racing is the most team-focused form of motorsport in the world with competitors sharing driving duties over race distances of between three and 24 hours. Al Harthy has been joined season-long by Britain's Jonny Adam, and their partnership has flourished over the past couple of years to deliver their joint title success. Also, during the pivotal 24 Hour race at Spa-Francorchamps at the end of July, the duo were joined by Turkish racer Salih Yoluc and British competitor Euan Hankey, where the four drivers excelled.



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You can find out more about Ahmad Al Harthy's motor racing successes at www.ahmadalharthy.com or follow him on Facebook (www.facebook.com/AlHarthyRacing) and Twitter (@AlHarthyRacing).



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Fascinating Frankfurt: A trip to the museums

With a huge variety of museums and galleries, Frankfurt has a well-established reputation as a city of arts and culture. From museums containing prized artworks from the masters, to terrifying-looking dinosaur skeletons, to classical cars and trams, and much more; here are five of the best – and some of the best ways to explore them.

Classic art at The Städel: The 'Städel' contains one of Germany's most important and oldest art collections. With around 3,000 paintings, 600 sculptures and more than 100,000 drawings and prints, the Städel is where art connoisseurs can get a visual feast of classical works.

Jurassic adventures at the Natural History Museum: Around 400,000 visitors come to Frankfurt's Natural History Museum every year to follow an exciting trail of plants, animals and humans. There is a lot to be seen – including an exhibit of a giant anaconda devouring a wild boar, a skeleton cast of 'Lucy' who lived more than three million years ago in present-day Ethiopia, and skeletons of Tyrannosaurus Rex, 'beaked dragon', and raptor dinosaurs. It's very hard not to have a fascinatingly fun time here.

Time travel at Transport Museum: Located around this popular museum are dozens of original vehicles, from horse-drawn trams from 1872, a steam train, old-time omnibuses, and classic and modern-day cars. All of them have been restored in loving detail, and many can also be admired from the inside. It's a fun place to spend the day, and where you can time travel through the best of Frankfurt's illustrious transport history.

Marvel at the MMK's modern art: The Museum of Modern Art (MMK) was opened in 1991 and is now widely considered one of the most significant museums in Europe. The 'MKK' as it is known locally, has superb examples of

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European and American art of the 1960s, starting with items of Pop Art and Minimal Art, to the very latest in international contemporary art.

Explore 5,000 years of craft-art at the Museum for Applied Art: This museum's current collection embraces 5,000 years of the history of different cultures – including European handcrafts from the 12th to the 21st century, design, book art, graphics, Islamic art, as well as art and handcrafts from East Asia.

Frankfurt Museums: Come and explore!

- "Budding Edisons or little whirlwinds, introverts or extroverts, quiet contemplators or persistent questioners – if they're under 18 years of age they can visit all of Frankfurt's 16 municipal museums for free" – this is according to Frankfurt's city council, and of course good news for families and their kids.
- Adults can also use the official 'MuseumsuferTicket' to visit 34 museums on two consecutive days. For two whole days, you can enjoy all the permanent and special exhibitions in and around Frankfurt. (This is available as a single ticket for 18 €; as a family card for 2 adults (in a partnership) and children/grandchildren under 18 years for 28 €; or as a concessionary ticket for 10 €).
- There is also a 'MuseumsuferCard' available, which gives year-long access to most of Frankfurt's museums. (You can go to www.museumsufercard.de for details).

Visitor Information

You can find out more about visiting Frankfurt's many museums at www.museumsufercard.de as well the official Frankfurt Tourism site www.frankfurt-tourismus.de



Savvy Traveller

The Sultanate of Oman is on the eastern end of the Arabian Peninsula. It borders the United Arab Emirates in the northwest, Saudi Arabia in the west and Yemen in the southwest. It also has two enclaves – the Musandam Peninsula and Madha – which are separated by the UAE. Oman’s 3 165 kilometre coastline spans the Gulf of Oman in the north and the Sea of Oman (which forms part of the Arabian Sea) in the east.



For the traveller, the Sultanate of Oman has a large variety of experiences:

- A wide variety of pristine beaches and islands
- Spectacular mountains, canyons and wadis
- World class diving, snorkelling, and other water sports
- Turtle, dolphin and whale watching
- Wildlife tours in the Sultanate’s nature reserves and biodiversity spots
- Cultural sites including forts, ancient tombs and prehistoric cities
- Desert safaris and adventures
- A large variety of markets and souqs
- Museums and art galleries
- Trekking, rock climbing and caving adventures
- Horse and camel racing events
- Golf courses
- Various festivals, including the popular Muscat Festival and Salalah Festival.

There are currently four UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Sultanate of Oman

- Aflaj Irrigation Systems
- Frankincense Trail
- Archaeological Sites of Bat
- Bahla Fort

Sultanate of Oman: Fact Sheet

Area	: 309 500 km ²
Population	: 4 568 003 (2 094 616 expatriates) (2017)
Language	: Arabic (official) English (widely spoken)
Capital	: Muscat
Local Time	: GMT +4
Currency	: Omani Rial, which equates to US\$ 2.58



Currency

The local currency is the Omani Rial (referred to as RO or OR or OMR). It is further divided into 1000 Baizas. Currency denominations are available in 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 Rial and 500 and 100 Baiza notes. Coins are available in 50, 25, 10 and 5 Baizas.



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Our Bangkok lounge is designed for customers travelling in First or Business Class, and for those holding Gold and Silver Sindbad cards, and can be used and enjoyed at a minor cost. The Majan Lounge is open to Premium customers travelling on airlines operating from Muscat International Airport and for Oman Air passengers holding Gold and Silver Sindbad membership who are travelling in Economy Class, and can be used and enjoyed at a minor cost. Each lounge also has an experienced and professional team of customer service staff on hand to look after you before you board your flight.

Code share agreement with Kenya Airways

Oman Air, the national carrier of the Sultanate of Oman, recently implemented a codeshare agreement with Kenya Airways, covering services between Muscat and Nairobi, and which was brought into effect as of 28th August this year. The new partnership will allow seamless connectivity to Kenya Airways customers in accessing Muscat directly from Nairobi. Oman Air also launched its own flights to Nairobi in March this year.



Oman Air SATS Cargo officially launched



Oman Air SATS Cargo LLC, a joint company formed between Oman Air and the Singapore based SATS Ltd, was incorporated in November last year. Following the successful union, a new identity starting with an online Cargo Management System (CMS) and a corresponding website, www.omanairsats.com, mark the Company's presence in the aviation industry

Takatuf Oman LLC and Oman Air sign agreement on Assessment Services

Oman Air has signed an agreement with Takatuf Oman LLC, the Human Capital solutions provider, to introduce a range of assessment solutions to Oman Air's dynamic

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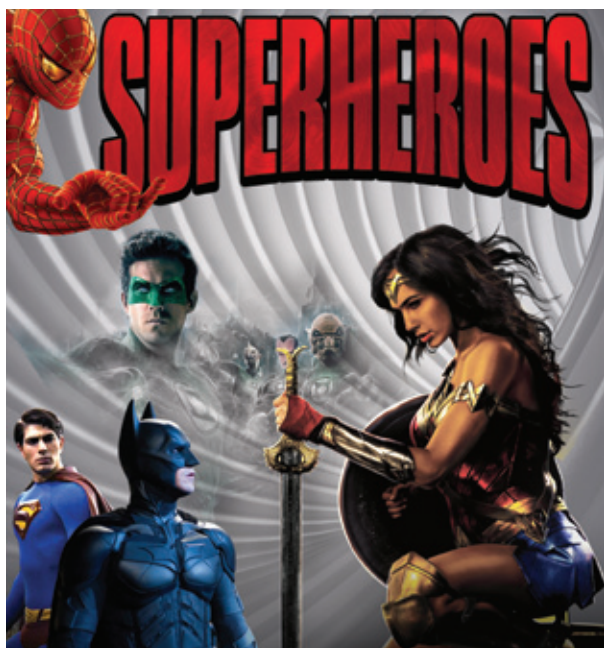
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Movies Hollywood



With blockbuster season in full swing, we have some of the best superhero movies onboard this month for your viewing pleasure. From recent releases like *Wonder Woman* and *Spider-Man: Homecoming* to timeless classics like *The Dark Knight*, ride along with your favourite heroes and let the time fly by faster than Superman himself.

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- August: Osage County
- Australia
- Bride Wars
- Chocolat
- Driving Miss Daisy
- Everybody's Fine
- Fracture
- Gangster Squad
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
- I Heart Huckabees
- John Q
- Little Miss Sunshine
- Maverick
- No Reservations
- One Fine Day
- Phone Booth
- That Thing You Do!
- The Judge
- Warrior

KIDS

- Shrek
- Smurfs: The Lost Village
- The Croods
- The Boss Baby

NEW RELEASES

- Baywatch
- Everything Everything
- I, Daniel Blake
- John Wick: Chapter 2
- King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
- La La Land
- My Cousin Rachel
- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales
- Rules Don't Apply
- Table 19
- The Accountant
- The Mummy
- The Wizard of Lies

And many more... Please see the on-screen guide for your full entertainment line-up

Movies International



Badrinath Ki Dulhania is the second installment of the franchise that began with *Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania* (2014). Directed by Shashank Khaitan, Times of India praises Varun Dhawan and Alia Bhatt's chemistry as a "beautiful effortless of their onscreen companionship [that] plasters a grin on your face." Sit back and enjoy the vibrant Holi weekend hit that became the second biggest worldwide grosser of the year!

Badrinath Ki Dulhania



Filmfare Magazine calls it "one of the most honest and emotional films of the year." From the same director that debuted with *Ferrari Ki Sawaari* (2012), Rajesh Mapuskar returns with his latest film alongside an ensemble cast of more than 100 actors including Ashutosh Gowariker, who makes a comeback to acting after 18 years. Reaching a commercial success, *Ventilator* has won three awards at the 64th National Film Awards: Best Director for Mapuskar, Best Editing and Best Sound Mixing.

Ventilator



Bukaan 8



Tatlim Tatlim

BOLLYWOOD NEW

- Ok Jaanu
- Running Shaadi

BOLLYWOOD CLASSIC

- Swades: We, the people
- Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara

BENGALI

- Kartooz
- Postmaster

KANNADA

- Srikanta
- Sundaranga Jaana

MALAYALAM

- Aby
- Samarpanam

MARATHI

- Ek Tara
- Ti Sadhya Kay Karte

TAMIL

- Achamindri
- Kadamban

TELUGU

- Katamarayudu
- Premam

FRENCH

- 50 Is The New 30
- Mes Trésors

GERMAN

- Millennials
- Robbi, Tobbi Und Das Fliewatütü

ITALIAN

- Lasciatl Andare
- The Truth About Love Is...

TURKISH

- Bygones be Bygones
- Istanbul Kirmizisi

MALAY

- GF Aku Amnesia
- J Revolusi

CHINESE

- 29+1
- Show me your love

TAGALOG

- Can't Help Falling In Love
- Dear Other Self

THAI

- Pop Aye
- One Day

NIGERIAN

- Entangled
- Meet the in Laws

PERSIAN

- Bench Cinema
- Temporary License

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TV Western



Superheroes Decoded

You know their names – Captain America, Wonder Woman, Superman, Black Panther, Iron Man, and so many others. Now, take a deep dive into the mythologies of these cultural legends in this two-part series, which will follow all your favorite heroes along with the developments of 20th century American history. *Game of Thrones* author George R. R. Martin and former President of Marvel Comics Stan Lee are only two of many amazing interviews featured here.



Origins: The Journey of Humankind

Hosted by Jason Silva, rewind to the beginning of mankind in this eight-part series that explores the conception of new inventions that have prolonged the existence of humanity. The dawn of our species is no mere accident as we have rebelled against our fate in the animal kingdom in order to transcend into a modern future. Explore this mini-series that has audiences in awe.



The Big Bang Theory

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The Halal Foodie

BOX SET

- Blindspot
- Friends
- Gotham
- Two and a Half Men

COMEDY

- Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- People of Earth
- Powerless
- The Last Man on Earth

DOCUMENTARY

- Arabian Seas
- Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds
- I am Heath Ledger
- Marilyn Monroe Declassified
- Princess Diana's Death: Mystery Solved

DRAMA

- Big Little Lies
- Riverdale

FOOD NETWORK

- Ayesha's Homemade
- Cake Wars
- Chopped
- Siba's Table

KIDS

- Go Jettys
- Sesame Street
- Sofia the First

NAT GEO

- Kalki's Great Escape
- Sea of Hope
- Star Talk 3

SPORT

- Cape Epic 2017
- Cricket's Greatest
- Event Rider Masters Leg 2: Wiesbaden
- Football's Best and Worst Transfers
- Visions of Greatness
- Wimbledon 2017

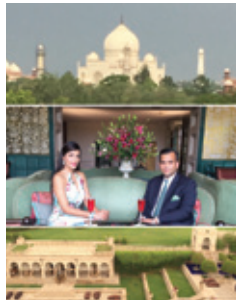
TRAVEL & LIFESTYLE

- City Time Traveller 2
- Hollywood News Feed
- Social Fabric
- Tanked
- The Secret Life of Dogs

TV International



Koffee with Karan



Luxury Time



The Same Sky



Professor T

HINDI

- Food Tripping
- The Kapil Sharma Show
- Yaar Mera Superstar

CHINESE

- Eat Well
- KKBOX Music Awards
- Super Taste

GERMAN

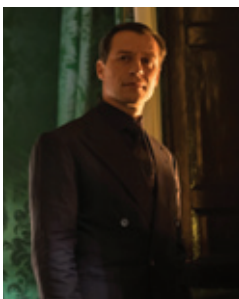
- Fast Forward
- Inspector Dupin
- Murder by the Lake

FRENCH

- Global Food
- Happiness Is On The Plate
- The Silk Road

ITALIAN

- 1992
- Romanzo Criminale



1993



Divas Hit the Road Adventure



Urdu Music Hits

And many more... Please see the on-screen guide for your full entertainment line-up

Audio Western



RIKI
Perdo le parole



Lana Del Rey
Lust For Life



Amigos
Zauberland

Mark Padmore, Charles Owen, Sacconi Quartet Jonathan Dove: In Damascus
Kesha Rainbow
Paul Simon Graceland
Arcade Fire Everything Now
Manchester Orchestra A Black Mile to the Surface
Drake More Life
DJ Khaled Grateful

Michael Giacchino Spider-Man: Homecoming
A. R. Rahman Viceroy's House
Toro y Moi Boo Boo
Calvin Harris Funk Wav Bounces Vol.1
M, Toumani Diabate & Sidiki Diabate Lamomali
Camille OUI
Tairo Summer Tape

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Audio International



Various Artists
Mubarakan



Alan Tam
Appreciation



Various Artists
Kaabil

Various Artists Jagga Jasoo's
Various Artists Raag Desh
N.R. Raghunathan Mr. Mommaga
Nadirshah Amar Akbar Anthony
Various Artists Holi Hits From Punjab
Farhat Shahzad Aaj Ki Raat - A Poetic Recital

Mrs. GREEN APPLE Hajimetenno
Shiny Stronger
EXID Eclipse
Various Artists The Voice Of The Philippines Season 2
Sabrina I Love Acoustic 10.1
Jason Dy Jason Dy

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Radio Western & International

WESTERN



Maestro



The Beat



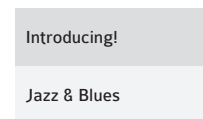
Classic Hits



Urban Vibes

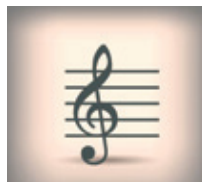


Chill Out



Introducing!
Jazz & Blues

INTERNATIONAL



K-Pop



Bollywood Hits



Chennai Parade



Golden Oldies



Chinese Pop



Oman stopover with Free Nights

	Hotels	Per person (USD)		Validity
		1 Night + 1 Free	2 Nights + 1 Free	
3*	Tulip Inn Hotel	76	121	31 December 2017
	Ramee Guestline Hotel	76	113	30 September 2017
4*	Golden Tulip Seeb	106	211	30 April 2018
	Grand Millenium Muscat	136	241	31 October 2017
5*	Intercontinental Muscat	181	271	31 December 2017
	Shangri-La Al Waha	181	301	23 December 2017
	Shangri-La Al Bandar	211	346	23 December 2017
	Shangri-La Al Husn	307	457	23 December 2017

Stopover Packages Include

- Hotel accommodation based on twin share basis
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- Free return airport transfers to Tulip Inn and Ramee Guestline
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