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Uttarakhand: Cruise ship service to launch on Tehri Lake to boost winter tourism

Very soon, tourists will be able to experience cruise ship service in Uttarakhand. As per the latest news reports, a cruise ship service is all set to commence on the pristine waters of Tehri Lake, in a move to boost tourism in Uttarakhand.

It's expected that this initiative will create new opportunities for local communities, while also offering tourists the opportunity to explore the region's rich village tourism offerings. Uttarakhand is making all efforts to boost its tourism industry, and along with its breathtaking views and tranquil surroundings, Lake Tehri is one such place that provides countless opportunities for leisure, adventure, and cultural tourism. Along with the popular winter tourism destinations like Auli, Mussoorie, Joshimath, Dhanaulti, Haridwar, and Rishikesh, the state administration will also be focussing on promoting underrated destinations. Reports add that preparations are already underway for the 2025 Chardham Yatra to guarantee smooth operations and better facilities for pilgrims.



Leopard safari coming soon to Sanjay Gandhi National Park

Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP), Mumbai's green oasis, is all set to introduce a leopard safari to enhance its wildlife tourism offerings. Maharashtra's Minister for Information and Technology and Cultural Affairs, Ashish Shelar, announced the initiative recently during his visit to the park. According to sources, the goal of this initiative is to ensure the wellbeing of rescued as well as rehabilitated big cats, and offer tourists a rare chance to see leopards in a protected setting. Leopards, one of the park's most recognisable residents, are rarely spotted by tourists in their native environment, even though SGNP currently provides tiger and lion safaris. Officials intend to create a 30-hectare enclosure to house leopards that have been rescued from different regions of Maharashtra in order to address this. This project will provide visitors a close-up look at these elusive predators while simultaneously giving the animals a secure, enriching habitat.

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Where to see Vietnam's beautiful lotus blooms and the best ..

Vietnam is home to some of the most breathtaking lotus ponds, where these sacred flowers bloom in full glory. Symbolizing purity, resilience, and beauty, lotus flowers hold a deep cultural significance in Vietnam. If you're planning to witness these natural wonders, the best time to visit is between May and August, when the flowers are at their peak bloom. Here are some of the most stunning lotus ponds in Vietnam that you must visit. Located near the picturesque West Lake, this lotus pond is one of the most popular spots in Hanoi to admire lotus flowers. During the blooming season, the entire pond is covered with delicate pink lotus blossoms, creating a mesmerizing view. Many locals and tourists visit early in the morning to capture stunning photographs and enjoy traditional lotus tea, which is a specialty of the region.



Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi Temple committee urges devotees to delay visits amid Kumbh rush

As per the latest development, the Ram Janmabhoomi Temple management committee in Ayodhya has issued an advisory urging local devotees to postpone their visits for 15-20 days. This comes amid an "unprecedented increase" in visitors, largely due to the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj. With the 'Mukhya Snan' (main bathing ritual) for Mauni Amavasya scheduled for January 29, 2025, the Maha Kumbh is attracting a massive influx of pilgrims. An estimated 10 crore devotees are expected to take a holy dip in Prayagraj on this auspicious day. The temple's capacity is severely strained because many of these pilgrims are also travelling to Ayodhya from Prayagraj to offer their prayers to Lord Ram.



Chasing 'ghosts': How Indian travellers are warming up to paranormal tourism

As its name suggests, it's visiting a "haunted" or mysterious location to explore the unknown. It blends thrill, education, and cultural curiosity, and it involves guided tours to places believed to have a supernatural significance. These tours focus on removing superstitions and understanding paranormal activities scientifically. For instance, TravelChannel.com defines this as "the niche within the travel industry where tourists attend paranormal-themed conventions and festivals, investigate famously haunted locations, and join ghost tours or haunted pub crawls through cities". Others have referred to it as visiting places that embody belief systems beyond normal views. It is a well-established niche in countries like the United States and the United Kingdom, where there are provisions for proper guided tours, overnight stays, and events at these so-called "haunted" locations that cater to those intrigued by the supernatural.



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