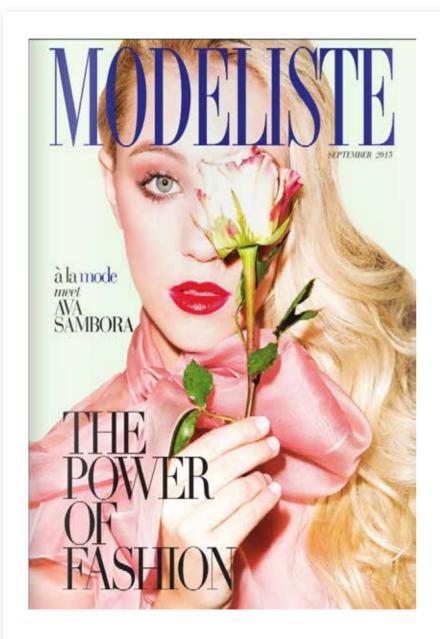
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Passages to INDIA From Lost

India beckons with its mystique of unimaginable beauty, monumental feats of architecture and design, and a colorful past and present intertwined with epic history, religions and cultures.

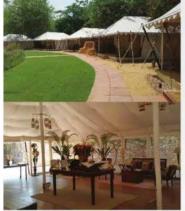
planning a visit to this huge, diverse subconin its architecture and antiquities, distinctive and interests, travel savvy and safety conscious. crafts and artisans, and, above all, the beau-

Women travelers are choosing India, seeking adventure and immersion in cultures ancient and vibrant. Whether traveling alone or with friends, in couples or families, India offers experienc-India can be daunting. It is a destination so es from cooking and crafts, nature safaris, yoga awe-inspiring in the scope of its treasures that and wellness, shopping bazaars, explorations it is easy to feel lost and overwhelmed when and action travel to hiking, biking, horseback riding, and miles of beaches. Whether planning tinent. India presents a spectacular array of a first time or return trip to India, women travwonders, historical and natural. Its wealth lies elers are discriminating in taste, diverse in age

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Top to Bolton: Sher Begh luxury computers made the Sher Begh luxury term

We waited as the monkeys warned us of tigers nearby, but we were disappointed he/ they headed deeper into the jungle forest to hunt. Score one for the monkeys, zero for us.

WHERE TO STAY

Sher Bagh, in the SUJÁN group of hotels, is the highlight of luxmy, a tent camp with every convenience and amenity within the intimacy of the jungle setting (sujanluxmy.com). With only 12 private air conditioned tents, the style of the camp is reminiscent of the 1920's when the Raj period was at its height. The library and bar are furnished in the Edwardian style of the times, with leathers and woods, desks and lighting that transport you to the times of the future King Edward VIII's celebrated tour of India. Now the Library well-comes the computer age with wifi convenience.

Overlooking a jungle clearing, the swimming pool beckons as a cool and refreshing retreat. Sunbathers can relax, rest and read and your wish from the nearby bar will be quickly granted. A jungle spa treatment can be scheduled for the ultimate in relaxation.

The comfort of Sher Bagh's accommodations is legendary, with bed and soothing shower to luxuriate in after dusty safari game drives and ventures onto jungle paths. Each tent is hand stitched, safe and secure.

Dining is the ultimate five star experience each night. Magical lanterns light the pathways and the night calls of birds harmonize in the jungle surround. Appetizers served around the fire pit bring guests together to share game sightings and travel adventures. Clay ovens cook traditional Indian fare to perfection and the addition of the fresh organic vegetables and fruits from the Sher Bagh farm and organic herb and vegetable garden delight and satisfy. The breakfast and luncheon menus offer a variety of healthful selections. a buffet or even a custom omelet overflowing with vegetables. Dining at Sher Bagh is divine.

DESTINATION JODHPUR

The road trip to Jodhpur from Sawai Madhopur is a lengthy seven to eight hours. However, stops along the way made the trip well worth it, and the view of the countryside allowed a glimpse into the harsh life of the farmers along the eastern border of the Thar Desert, the natural boundary between India and Pakistan. Admirers of Rumi, the Sufi poet renowned for his lengthy, beautiful poetry of mysticism and love, will be fascinated by Dargah Sharif, tomb of the 13th century Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, in the town of Ajmer. The Mughal emperor Akbar and his grandson, Shah Jahan, demonstrated their devotion with the construction of this complex of mosques, prayer rooms, shrines.



sundial. The design is based on ancient Hindu and Sanskrit texts. Hindu culture depends on the accuracy of celestial forecasts in determining all auspicious events beginning at birth. The relative position of all astrological signs in the night sky is demonstrated by the unique, size, angle and positioning of the individual masonry structures and walking through this true space and time machine is amazing. The calculations determine the sun's position at noon at four observatories around the world, the times of sunrise and sunset, and the angles of the earth, moon, planets and stars.

WHERE TO STAY

An alternative to a palace stay is the affordable comfort and friendly informality of the Ikaki Niwas guest house of Jaipur (ikaki.in). The casual comfort of this lovely guest house and warm welcome of J.D., Jaideo Singh Rathore, and his lovely wife. Devika, made this an enjoyable and funfilled stay. J.D. is committed to the healthy organic lifestyle and an environmental consciousness. He has an organic farm outside Jaipur where he grows the fresh vegetables served at Ikaki. J.D. is passionate in his hope that his small step toward a healthier mankind and cleaner environment will build an awareness that will spread in India. The food is delicious and Devika demonstrates traditional Indian cooking on the airy terrace, with guests invited to try their hand





Blue pattery of Jaipur

at chapati and other staples. Home-cooked meals are included. Popular with Western and Indian guests, the atmosphere invites people to mingle, laughter resonates, and conversations broached all the taboos of politics, culture, and religion. Rooms are spacious, quiet, and comfortable with elements of regional décor. Located next to a park with a lovely walking/jogging path. guests enjoy private baths with hot showers, television, a handy writing desk, and a rooftop swimming pool making this a highly-rated stay in Jaipur.

The best known Blue Pottery of Jaipur was the signature work of the late Mr. Kripal Singh Shekhawat. At Kripal Kumbh studio, his daughter and students have continued his legacy and his home remains a showroom of many of his famous pieces and award-winning designs. Blue Pottery can be viewed and purchased here, and it is humbling to be invited to see his many awards and recognitions with his widow and daughter. Classes are also held with his daughter and students teaching his techniques and ensuring they are followed and remembered always.

TIGER SAFARI

Ranthambore National Park, Sawai Madhopur, once the hunting ground of maharajas and colonials, is now a wildlife sanctuary and protected home of the magnificent Bengal tigers of India. These elusive endangered animals are revered and each morning and afternoon safaris photo ops, the tigers eluded us on each of our safari ventures.