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Dear Readers,

Now, global tourism and its associated industries are opening after a long epidemic break, maintaining the strict hygienic protocols. If you are planning to go then make sure about the countries' new visa policy and entry guidelines. For this, we are highlighting the countries which have reopened its border for international tourists. Here you can also get to know about the theme parks which have some most eccentric attractions and offer you the utmost unusual experiences. In this issue, you can explore Germany's most offbeat destination- Freiburg. It is known as the jewel of the Black Forest region and it lures you with picturesque mountain range and innumerable black fir trees.

If you are interested in tasting the aroma of coffee, then read our Travel Tendency to know the cities around the world, where you get best coffee and cafés. We are now focusing on Asia's MICE industry. We have chosen South Korea's largest port city, Busan, noted for its film festival, offers a wide array of ultra-luxurious and modern convention centers, exhibition halls, and meeting facilities along with well furnished and star-rated accommodations. Last but not least is the discussion on technology. The global travel industry is constantly changing with the evolution of internet communications. The role of 5G in travel industry plays to redefine the hotels and aviation sector and as well as the behaviour of the tour operators, travel agents, and tourists.

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BUSAN

South Korea's emerging business meetings hub

Busan is the second largest city and the largest port-city of South Korea, known for its beaches, natural reserves and temples. The city has been rapidly turning into one of South Korea's significant MICE destinations. The city offers a wealth of convention and meeting facilities and has started attracting business tourists from all over the world.

In 2018, Busan announced the "*Busan Metropolitan City MICE Industry Comprehensive Promotion Plan*" in order to take the next step to establish itself as the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) hub city of Asia. The MICE industry was also designated as one of Busan's five key strategic industries. With its conference venues and top-rated convention hotels, Busan aims to provide an efficient and enjoyable MICE tourism experience to guests.

Best Convention Centres and Hotels

Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre (BEXCO)

Considered to be one of Asia's best exhibition and convention hubs, the Busan Exhibition and Convention Centre (BEXCO) opened in May 2001. Located in Centum City, Busan the centre features over 46,000 m² of indoor exhibition and around 53 meeting rooms, including a convention hall that can host up to 4,340 individuals. The single-story Muju exhibition hall consists of a total of 26,508 m² that can be divided into three separate halls. Another 4,002 seat auditorium alongside a new exhibition area of 19,872 m² was added as a part of BEXCO's expansion in 2012. The centre has been home to various events over the years and is perfectly suited for several events like meetings, seminars, exhibitions as well as performances.

Busan Port International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BPEX)

Another important convention venue in the city, the Busan Port International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BPEX) is ideal for organising meetings, conferences, exhibitions and similar other events. Located atop the Busan Port International Passenger Terminal, the convention centre comprises of more than 11,000 m² of total area including a conference hall, event hall and conference rooms. The 1,657 m² conference hall is ideal for hosting conferences, seminars, symposium among others and can be integrated into 6 different spaces. The centre also has 10 meeting rooms ideal for small and medium meetings, seminars and conferences and can also be integrated to suit the needs of the organiser.

Fairfield by Marriott Busan

Encircled by the city's major attractions, Fairfield by Marriott Busan offers guests a modern and comfortable accommodation. The hotel also features 2 event rooms with 818 sq. ft. of total event space well-equipped with AV technology. It is ideal for meetings, seminars and conferences. The meeting rooms can also be setup in a variety of ways to meet the needs of the events.

Hotel Paragon

Located at the centre of West Busan, the luxurious property provides great living rooms with state-of-the-art facilities and is situated just 10 minutes drive away from the Gimhae International Airport. The hotel comes with a modern 24-hour business centre and 4 meeting rooms with 2,820 sq. ft. meeting or event space. All meeting rooms are equipped with contemporary facilities and are ideal for hosting conferences, meetings, seminars, banquets, exhibitions and similar other events.

Park Hyatt Busan

One of the finest convention hotels in the city, Park Hyatt Busan comes with an optimal event space alongside 269 luxurious rooms and suites. Considered to be one of the most prestigious event venues in the city, it is ideal for hosting corporate meetings, conferences, seminars, conventions, parties, banquets as well as special social events. The Ballroom can accommodate nearly 260 people and comes with modern amenities essential for various events and conventions. An additional drawing room on the 33rd floor of the property is also the first ever multi-event facility in Busan.



Places to Visit

Haeundae Beach

Perhaps one of the most popular tourist attractions, the stunning Haeundae Beach stands at the edge of the city and is considered to be one of South Korea's most attractive beaches. Besides the sun, sand and panoramic view of the sea, the beach also creates a beautiful coastline before a shallow bay and is ideal for swimming.

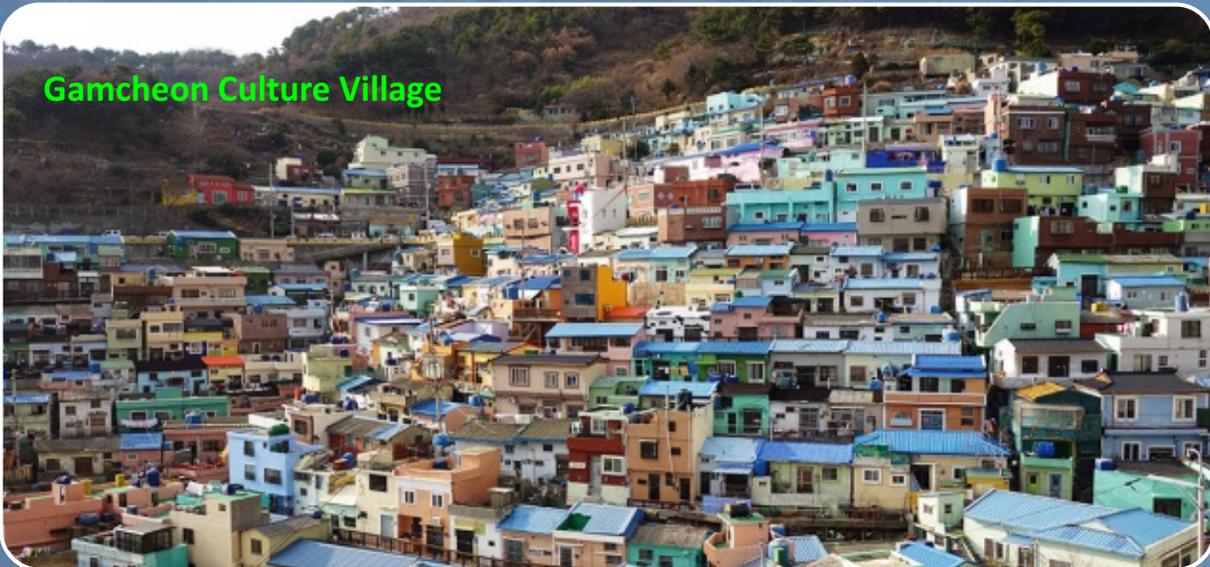
Gamcheon Culture Village

The Gamcheon Culture Village is a picturesque village situated in the Saha District of Busan. The village creates a canvas of colours as the area consists of brightly coloured houses and colourful sculptures, murals, cafes and shops. The tiny streets are also adorned with beautiful street art and create a marvellous sight.

Busan Modern History Museum

This is the perfect place to learn about Busan's history from its contribution in the Korean War to Japanese cultural influences. It consists of various relics from the pre-historic period to the modern age as well as excavations, models, statues and monuments.

Gamcheon Culture Village



Taejondae Resort Park



Taejondae Resort Park

The incredible nature park is another important tourist attraction in the city. Visitors can hike along the bushlands to reach the beautiful southern edge of the Yeongdo Island and experience various other activities like the amusement park, light house, observatory and cruise ship terminal among others.

Jalgachi Market

A must-visit for food lovers, Busan's Jalgachi Market is the largest fish market in South Korea and is recognised around the world for its fresh fish and seafood. The market provides large varieties of live seafood and onsite restaurants.

Ghana reopens air borders for international tourism

After closing down on March 22, Ghana has finally decided to welcome back international tourists. The country has also reopened its airports and is allowing foreigners to arrive for non-essential travel once again. Ghana is recognised for its beach resorts, waterfalls, caves, mountains, lakes and heritage tourism festivals and welcomes nearly 1 million tourists every year.

President Akufo-Addo official announced that that the country has reopened its air borders starting September 1, but land and sea borders will continue to remain closed until further notice. He mentioned that he is glad to announce that KIA has reopened and resumed operations and informed that the decision has been communicated to international airlines across the world. He shared that he is satisfied the airport is ready for safe reopening after week of thorough work.



Indianapolis tourism industry sees \$541 million economic loss

The COVID-19 pandemic has been rough on America's hotel and tourism industry, and Indiana has not been exempt. After beaches closed, sports tournaments and festivals were canceled and travel slowed to a near halt, hotel rooms sat mostly empty. Chris Gahl, senior vice president of marketing and communications said that Indianapolis has lost 306 conventions tallying more than \$541 million in lost economic impact. With that loss of business has come high unemployment. Gahl said that out of the 83,000 men and women who depend on tourism for a paycheck, roughly 40,000 of these Indy residents are currently unemployed.

Nationally, one out of every four hotels has missed at least one payment on their commercial mortgage. Delinquencies on hotel loans have risen from 1.3 percent at this time last year to 23.4 percent, according to data from Trepp. Nearly \$20.6 billion in hotel loans were delinquent in July, higher than the \$13.5 billion in delinquent loans during the Great Recession.

WTTC unveils new safety measures for adventure tourism

WTTC recently unveiled the latest set of measures designed to rebuild global consumer confidence, reduce risk and encourage the return of Safe Travels. The latest protocols for the global travel and tourism industry focus on measures to ensure the reopening of adventure tourism. According to WTTC adventure tourism is likely to witness an

increase in popularity as travellers will seek more unique experiences post the COVID-19 pandemic. WTTC held detailed discussions with key stakeholders and organisations to ensure maximum buy-in, alignment and practical implementation and set out the measures to provide a clear expectation of what travellers can experience in the 'new normal' which offer safe environments as travel restrictions are eased. The protocols for the adventure tourism industry were compiled based on insights and frameworks developed by the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), in collaboration with a number of key tour operators in the segment such as Abercrombie & Kent, Eurotur, Intrepid and The Travel Corporation (TTC), with the aim of supporting safe, healthy and responsible restart of adventure tourism around the world.





Special Feature

COUNTRIES REOPENING BORDERS FOR TOURISM

If you are planning to travel this year, it is necessary to know which countries have reopened their border for tourism. There are various countries which have opened their borders for international flights and local travel after several months of travel bans due to the deadly COVID-19 that shattered tourism, airline, hotel and MICE Industry.



Lithuania

Travellers arriving from coronavirus-affected countries must self-isolate, register with health authorities within 24 hours of entry and may require pre-departure testing. The restrictions differ depending on the COVID-19 infection rate of the population per 100,000 people in the last 14 days.



Poland

Poland's borders opened to travellers within the internal borders of the European Union from June 13. Restrictions still apply to travelers from outside European Union countries. You can check the Polish Government website for the latest list of international flight restrictions.



Portugal

Check Re-open EU for the latest information on who is and isn't permitted to enter Portugal. Upon arrival at the airport, passengers must undergo a health screening, including temperature checks. If you show signs of being unwell, you will be referred to health authorities. There are different measures apply upon arrival in Madeira and the Azores.

Russia

Restrictions on some international flights have been lifted you can check with the airline for the latest measures in place. A negative COVID-19 test certificate dated less than 72 hours before travel is required. Self-isolation is required if you develop any symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19, you must continue to self-isolate until you have recovered and produce a negative PCR test result.



Belgium

Travel to Belgium is determined by a traffic light system of high, medium and low risk regions in the European Union, United Kingdom and non-European Union Schengen countries. For the most up-to-date information on where travel restrictions apply, check the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website. Anyone eligible to enter must fill out a Passenger Locator Form 48 hours before arrival in Belgium.

Croatia

The borders are now open to travellers from the UK, EU and EEA. Travellers must fill an online form prior to arrival. Quarantine of 14 days has been reintroduced for travellers from countries where COVID-19 is still a high risk and this list is subject to change.



Denmark

The borders have been opened to limited countries that are marked as yellow on the Denmark government's website which is updated weekly and is subject to change depending on the infection rate of COVID-19. Travellers from "open" countries must show documentation for a stay of at least six nights. People from banned countries will be allowed to enter only if they show a valid purpose.

Germany

Travel without restrictions is only allowed if the area is not defined as "high-risk" by the Robert Koch Institute (RKI). Tourists who has spent 14 days before arrival in an identified risk area is obliged to self-isolate in their own home or suitable accommodation for 14 days, or provide proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 taken within 48 hours prior to entry or tested upon arrival.



Austria

Entry without restrictions applies only to travellers who have spent the previous 10 days in countries that are deemed safe by the Austrian Foreign Ministry. For travellers from countries with a travel warning in place, entry is possible with either a medical certificate confirming a negative PCR test result (performed within 72 hours prior) or by self-isolating for 10 days. Exiting quarantine is possible if a negative result is produced within this period.



Singapore

Anyone permitted to enter Singapore will be issued a 14-day Stay at Home Notice, which will be served at a government designated hotel or at your place of residence in Singapore. Check the latest information to see which measures apply to you. The 14-day period cannot be reduced, even if you wish to leave Singapore. Transit via Changi Airport is permitted and includes health screening measures.

Cambodia

Travellers who are eligible to enter must provide a negative COVID-19 test result that is no older than 72 hours, get a visa before arrival and prove that they have medical insurance with minimum coverage of US \$50,000. Foreign travellers are required to deposit US \$2,000 for COVID-19 service charges at the airport upon entry.





Antigua and Barbuda

Borders are open for foreign travellers. All travellers must have evidence of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR medical certificate issued within 7 days of their flight. Upon arrival, visitors are subject to medical screening and must complete a health declaration form. Everyone will be monitored for COVID-19 for up to 14 days. Travellers may be subjected to further COVID-19 testing at their own cost.



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Costa Rica

From August 1, borders have reopened to allow citizens of some countries. Eligible travellers must fill an epidemiological form prior to departure, obtain a medical certificate with a negative COVID-19 test result dated within 72 hours of travel and purchase a travel insurance policy that covers COVID-19.

Freiburg im Breisgau, commonly known as Freiburg, is an independent city situated in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Located on the edge of the Black Forest, the city is known as the “Jewel of the Black Forest” and serves as a major tourist entry point to the world of the quaint mountain range and innumerable black fir trees and forests.

Freiburg is characterised by good weather, scenic beauty, gothic buildings, medieval history and renaissance university. It boasts a large number of historical monuments, landmarks and buildings as well as features cafes, vineyards and markets, all of which serve as some of the most unique tourist attractions.



FREIBURG GERMANY

..... The Black Forest entry point
veiled in history and scenic beauty

Freiburg Minster

Considered to be one of the most unique landmarks in the city, the Freiburg Minster is the Romanesque cathedral of Freiburg. Its construction began in the 13th century by the last Duke of Zähringen. The 116-m Gothic-bell tower is the most distinctive feature of the building. It was recognised as the highest tower in the world back in 1330. The cathedral stood the test of time and currently stands as a major tourist attraction of the city. The building boasts some highly intricate artistry and beautifully ornamented tracery and pinnacles.

Munsterplatz

Situated in front of the Freiburg Minster is the paved area or Munsterplatz cobblestone square which is home to several historic monuments, colourful buildings and the local market. The square was almost destroyed in the 1944 bombings but was reconstructed after World War II. The Munsterplatz area is also surrounded by the bächle, or small water-filled streams that run along the square. One can enjoy a walk around this historical area and unravel the detailed underlying history of the region.

Historical Merchants' Hall

The Historical Merchants' Hall is one of the many significant buildings in Munsterplatz. Known for its prominent crimson façade, the hall is extensively decorated with sculptures and crest of the House of Habsburg in the front. It also has patterned bay windows and a high housetop with two attic stories lined by crow-stepped gables. It also consists of statues carved by the Renaissance artist Hans Sixt von Staufen as well as emblems of territorial dominion by the House of Habsburg situated below the bay windows.

Opened in 1968, Mundenhof Zoo is located on the western edge of Freiburg and is the largest animal park in Baden-Württemberg, spread across 38 hectares of an estate. Known as an agricultural land in the past, the place was later turned into a recreation area and is one of the most important green spaces in Freiburg at present. The zoo houses around 30 different species and nearly 180 individual animals, majority of which are domestic and native. The zoo also cares for and displays endangered domesticated species.

Mundenhof Zoo



Schwabentor & Martinstor Gate

The Black Forest City of Freiburg is guarded by two majestic medieval gates, the Schwabentor or Swabian Gate and the Martinstor or Martin's Gate. The older of the two gates, Martinstor, serves as a memorial of the bygone days as it commemorates the three women labeled as witches been burnt down back in 1599. The gate leads to the shopping street that runs through the old town. On the other hand, the Schwabentor Gate, located 500 m east of Martinstor is made of sandstone and leads to Zinfigurenklaus or the Municipal Tower Museum that features nearly 9000 tin figures in dioramas.

Alter Freidhof (Old Cemetery)

Located in Neuburg, a district of Freiburg, the old cemetery or Alter Freidhof is one of the oldest cemeteries in Germany built as a park-like area. Situated amid the peaceful green nature are nearly 1200 tombs of Freiburg's wealthy and noble citizens from history. The tombs and gravestones are mostly works of Baroque and Neoclassical Art and can be admired as great antique pieces of history.



SeePark

The SeePark is located in the west of Freiburg and is spread across an area of 35 hectares. Over the years, the park developed into one of the most beautiful recreation areas in the city. It contains an artificial lake that takes up one third of the park and is ideal for pedal boating. It has a Japanese garden spread across 3,600 sq. m. The park also features a 15m tall SeePark Tower or viewing tower, a mini-golf course and eco-station.



Take the Schauinslandbahn Cable Car ride

Plan a trip to Schauinsland, just 10 kms from the Old Town of Freiburg and take the Schauinslandbahn ride, the longest cable car in Germany that runs for 3.6km across the popular Black Forest Mountain with a vertical ascent of more than 700 m.

Visit the Munstermarket Freiburg

Pay a visit to the open-air farmer's market in Munsterplatz and shop from the numerous stalls and vendors selling everything from flowers, fruits, vegetables, snacks and desserts to woven baskets, souvenirs, wines and a large variety of street food.

Grab a bite at Markthalle

The Martinstor Gate leads you to Markthalle known for its local culinary attractions with cuisines from across the globe. Over 20 stalls offer special dishes from around the world as well as local delicacies.



A large, ornate stone building with a curved facade and a prominent dome, identified as the Freiburg Stadttheater. The building features several arched windows and doorways. In the foreground, there is a green lawn, a row of parked bicycles, and a row of parked motorcycles. A few people are visible near the entrance. The sky is clear and blue.

After a tiring day, you can unwind by watching some mesmerising performances by the Freiburg Philharmonic Orchestra at the Freiburg Stadttheater. You can also visit the theatre to take a stroll around its grand concert halls.

HOW TO REACH?

The closest airport with good international connections is the “Euroairport” Basel/Mulhouse/Freiburg though most people arrive via Frankfurt Airport or Zurich Airport, both around a 2-hour train ride away with direct connections.

UNUSUAL THEME PARKS AROUND THE WORLD

Theme parks are considered to be one of the popular attractions among tourists. Though the general idea of theme park revolves around rollercoaster rides, fantasy and endless fun, there are some theme parks that feature eccentric attractions and present unusual experiences to visitors. These parks mostly have strange themes ranging from religion, mythology and culture to history and dark humour or satire. Read this article to explore some of the most unusual theme parks around the world that takes the theme park experience to a different level.



BonBon-Land, Denmark



Located in Holme-Olstrup, around 100 km from Copenhagen, BonBon-Land is considered to be one of the most quirky theme parks in the world. An ideal treat for people with a sweet tooth, the park was home to the BonBon confectioners, which produced various wacky confectionary products with bizarre names back around the 1980s. Later, the BonBon-Land was constructed around 1992. It currently features a mini candy-factory and various candy-themed attractions. It also boasts more than 60 rides and attractions most of which come in anthropomorphic forms with a bit of scatological and toilet humour.





Republic of the Children, Argentina

This unique theme park, also known as the 'City of Children', is located in La Plata, Argentina. It stands as a replica of an entire city in miniature and comprises of all institutions that make up a city- from parliament, government houses, airport and stations to churches, theatres and a courthouse. The theme park also elects Parliamentary members and Senators from local students and arranges annual meetings with the City Council. It provides an opportunity to introduce some realities of life to children in a fun way and serves both recreational and educational purposes. This striking park also served as an inspiration to Walt Disney back in 1950 and is considered to be the ultimate inspiration behind the creation of Disneyland.



Diggerland, United Kingdom



Inspired by diggers and JCBs, Diggerland is a construction theme-based park, currently located in four different locations across the U.K. (Kent, Devon, Durham and Yorkshire). The park is completely dedicated to construction and heavy machinery and breathes life into your childhood 'Bob the Builder' days. Visitors can experience operating heavy machinery including Dirt Diggers and Giant Diggers where they can control and drive actual diggers. They can also be on-board Dumper Trucks or enjoy thrill rides like Spindizzy that spins you around in a JCB Excavator. There is also a fifth Diggerland in the U.S. at West Berlin, New Jersey.





Suoi Tien Theme Park, Vietnam

Built around 1995, this 100-hectare park located on the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City has amalgamated Vietnam's spiritual history with fantasy. Consisting of water-filled attractions, the theme park also boasts numerous larger-than-life statues of Buddha and sacred animals like unicorns, phoenixes and dragons. The park includes some rare attractions like the man-made Tien Dong beach featuring a large waterfall that oozes out from a emperor's face, an artificial seawater pool, a cave of bats, an air back over a crocodile farm as well as the popular '18 Gates of Hell' boat ride with gory jumpscares. While children can enjoy the adventurous water rides in this park, adults can contemplate the underlying theme of Buddhist hell and heaven.



Window of the World, China



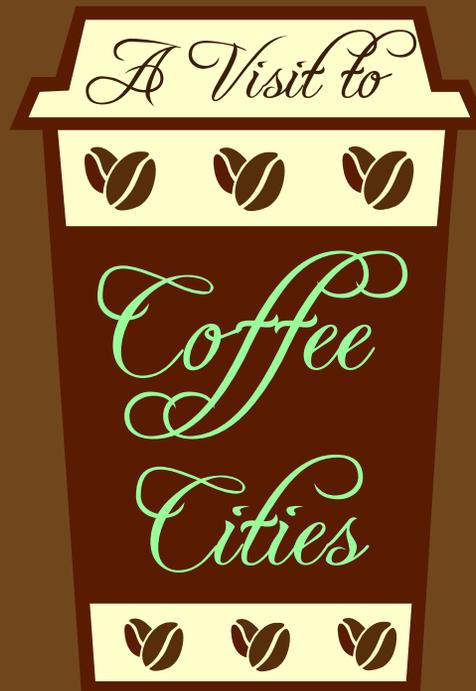
China's unique Window of the World theme park brings the world's major tourist attractions at the tip of your fingers. It features miniature replicas of 130 most famous tourist attractions from across the globe that has been skillfully adjusted within the park's 48 hectares of area. The 108 m tall Eiffel Tower dominates the skyline of the park and stands overlooking the Pyramids and the Taj Mahal, all of which are placed in close proximity to one another.





Travel Tendency

Coffee is not just a beverage for many but it's a statement. You may know the place where you can get the best coffee in your local area. When you travel, it's necessary for a prior research on where to get some best quality brew. But imagine if the entire city you are travelling to is a coffee heaven,



you just couldn't ask for more! So, let's explore some of the top places around the world where coffee is the king.



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Rome, Italy

Italy is known for its love of quality food. It applies to coffee also. Rome is packed with small and high end cafés that keep the city running. The coffee brewers take their business very seriously and serve you the best creamiest coffee. Italians often enjoy black or mildly sweetened coffee. So, those who like a full-flavoured, no-frills brew will find themselves among friends here.



Havana, Cuba

If you're planning a trip to Cuba you will find that this country offers an array of strong and often sweet coffee drinks. Espresso is the most popular choice, which you can get as a Café Cubano or a cortadito. You may find the best Cuban coffee different in taste but will soon start to love it.

Seattle, WA, USA

In Seattle, anyone can find coffee shops for both upscale industrial-chic and artsy hipster. Considering how “coffee” is permanently associated with Seattle, the localities boast themselves as the best coffee maker.



Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey is known for its rich, dark coffee beans. Turkish baristas grind black aromatic beans into a fine meal and boil it with or without sugar in a cezve, a specially made pot for Turkish coffee. They don't use sifters, so the cups of coffee are given a moment to let the grounds settle to the bottom before being served. If you have a taste for thick, flavoured coffee and a desire for a whole new experience, Istanbul is the best place for you.



Vancouver, Canada

Vancouver is full of coffee micro-brewers and skilled baristas. It is a great urban destination for quality coffee. Cold brewing and the Clover coffee making are two favourite brewing methods. Here you can enjoy Americanos and espresso drinks in particular, but there's certainly a wide variety of well-crafted cups.



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Addis Ababa is considered the “birthplace of coffee”. It is one of the world's top coffee bean producers today. It's no surprise that coffee is an important part of the Ethiopian culture. If you have friends or relatives there, or you make some new friends, expect to be invited to a coffee ceremony.

New Faces



Ozen Reserve

Bolifushi welcomes Ricardo Leal as the resort's General Manager

Ozen Reserve Bolifushi, the latest edition of Atmosphere Hotels And Resorts Group's Uber-Luxury resort portfolio, The Ozen Collection, in the Maldives is delighted to welcome Ricardo Leal as the resort's General Manager. Located in South Male Atoll, the ultra-luxurious resort offers an unparalleled island living with grand spaces, access to sun-kissed ocean fronts and gourmet dine-by-design experiences. Each of the 90 villas and suites offers guests absolute seclusion, with a private swimming pool and direct beach or lagoon access.

John Keating

promoted to Area General Manager Luxury Brands at Accor U.K.

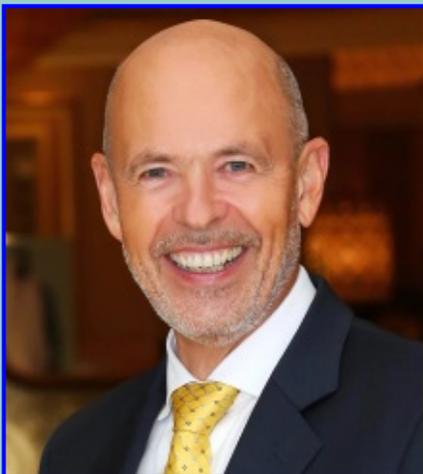
John Keating has been promoted to Area General Manager Luxury Brands Scotland and Ireland at Accor U.K. The appointment arrived following the recent signing of Carton House, a Fairmont managed hotel, which is due to open in Ireland in Q4. Keating also retains his existing role as General Manager of the five-star Fairmont St Andrews, one of the leading luxury hotels and golf resorts in Scotland. His role extends to oversee the new Fairmont in Ireland in addition to future luxury brand developments in Scotland and Ireland.



Michael Koth

appointed GM of Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi

Michael Koth has been appointed as the General Manager of iconic Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi. In addition, he will also take up the role of Area Vice President of Operations oversee Mandarin Oriental Jumeira and the upcoming Mandarin Oriental Downtown, both in Dubai. Koth is a seasoned hotelier and brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge spanning over 35 years.





Roberto Bruzzone

appointed Senior VP of Marine Operations at Silversea Cruises

Roberto Bruzzone has been appointed as the Senior Vice President of Marine Operations for Silversea Cruises. As a part of his latest role, Bruzzone will be responsible for the marine and technical operations of the fleet. He will also oversee newbuilding and refitting activities, as well as handle the technical procurement and crew management functions. He report directly to Silversea Chief Executive Roberto Martinoli.

Ukko Metsola

appointed Director General at CLIA Europe

Ukko Metsola has been appointed as the Director General of Cruise Lines International Association in Europe. As a part of his new role, Metsola will lead the cruise body in Europe succeeding Tom Boardley as he begins his planned transition from his role as secretary general. Metsola will be serving the company during a critical transitional phase as the cruise industry progresses with its gradual return to service.



Jonathan Rayner

appointed Chief Commercial Officer of London Luton Airport

Jonathan Rayner has appointed as the Chief Commercial Officer of London Luton Airport. Rayner takes over from Jonathan Pollard, who steps down from the role this month. As a part of his new role, Rayner will be responsible for growing and developing the commercial activity of the airport by working with airlines, retailers and other business partners. He is all set to join the team in early November.

Tech It

A Boon for

5G



The communication technology is evolving at a rapid pace. They are changing travel, airlines and hotel businesses. The implementation of 5G technology could affect the activities of several sectors like hotel industry, aviation, and travel operators in this industry. Although its use by the general public is only expected in a few years, this new technology raises questions about its potentiality in the tourism sector.

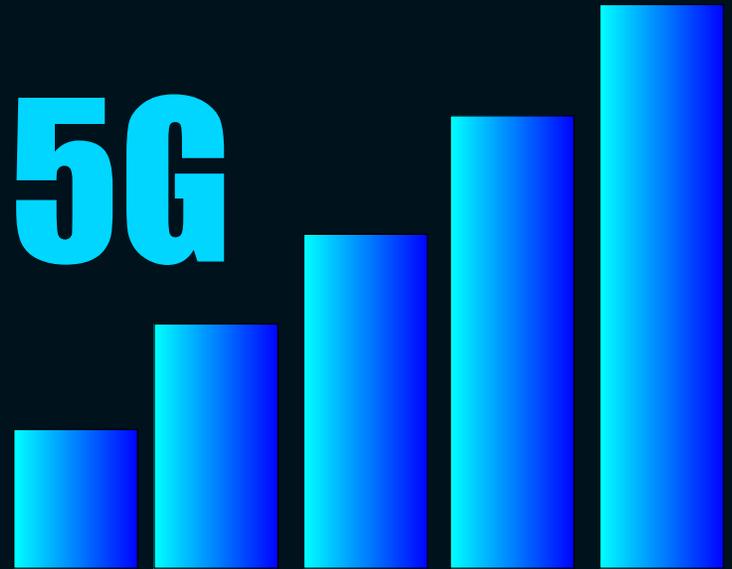
The term 5G implies "**the fifth generation**" and represents the new-age wireless network infrastructure. Like its predecessors, 5G technology will bring many changes in technical communications and data sharing.

Travel Industry

Need of Higher Bandwidth

For some technologies used in tourism, such as virtual and augmented realities, the new network uses higher bandwidth and good internet speed. The reduced latency time improves content, in addition to better synchronization between the participant's movements and the visual perception. The experience will become much more immersive. The speed, amount of transferable data and the decrease in reaction time will also have an impact on artificial intelligence.

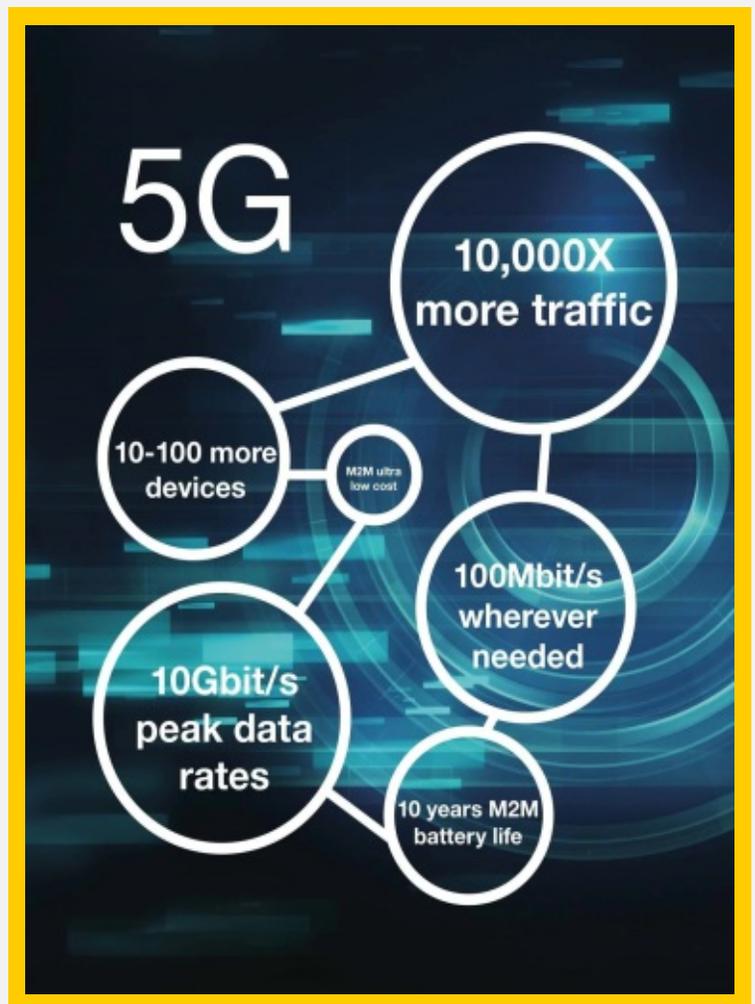
5G



Scale of Deployment Information processing and the response of machines or applications using this technology will be more efficient. 5G technology also allows large-scale deployment of things in the cyberspace/internet, as it provides an opportunity for more devices to be connected at the same time and increases the speed of exchanges.

New Development in Transportation Industry

This new generation of the wireless network will increase punctuality and security at airports, stations, etc. The passenger information will become more accurate and will be transmitted in time. 5G technology will have a significant impact on self-driving vehicles, accounting for safer and independent travel.



Hotel Technology

The integration of technology in resorts and hotels has become essential to offer unique experiences to customers. Whether it is connected rooms, voice assistants, chatbots, etc., all the amenities will be much more efficient; thanks to 5G technology and the improvements it brings to artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things. Many hotel chains are currently considering the integration of this technology to offer innovative and more personalized services.

MICE Industry

The use of virtual and augmented reality during an event will be highly efficient with the use of this technology, thanks to the increase in bandwidth and the reduction in latency time. 5G technology will reduce the need for Wi-Fi. It will simplify and improve online content and data delivery and live interactions during conferences..





WORLD FESTIVALS



Concurs de Castells

Place: Tarragona, Spain

Date: 3-4 October, 2020

Here catch the age-old Catalonia's fabled human towers at this annual competition, pitting 32 tower teams against one another for who can create the tallest and most difficult-to-build human constructions. The art of making the human tower dates back to the 18th century, when a traditional Valencian dance began taking on a new dimension.



London Cocktail Week

Place: London, U.K.

Date: 3-9 October, 2020

The cocktail lovers are always at home in buzzing London, but rarely more so than during the annual London Cocktail Week. This fiesta offers you curated cocktail tours, masterclasses, paired meals and entry into the self-contained cocktail village in Old Spitalfields Market.

Festival du Nouveau Cinéma

Place: Montreal, Canada

Date: 5-16 October, 2020

This 44-year-old extravaganza prides itself not only on past triumphs, but also on its ability to stay at the top of its game year after year. Expect here an onslaught of the avant-garde, featuring over 300 films as well as conferences, art installations, cocktail parties, performances and “transmedia projects”.





La Fiesta des Suds

Place: Marseille, France

Date: 20-22 October, 2020

Marseille is coming into its own as a seaside destination with a penchant for the artistic. Settle in at this dockyard venue for an eclectic lineup of live music acts along with art exhibitions, kids' activities and, of course, plenty of that fine French fare.

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