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SIMPLY EXTRAORDINARY. ASIA'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS

Just when we think like we know it all, we realize that there's something new to discover.

This month we are delighted to announce that we have added Indo-China and Japan to our portfolio. Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Japan have several connections to our roots in South Asia, we are thrilled to bring you a fantastic array of experiences and arrangements in this corner of Asia!

In this issue, we bring some of those best-kept secrets to you. Wilderness. Wellness. The Performing Arts. Culture-curious cruises... there is so much to explore!

September is one of our favourite times of year. It marks the onset of the festive season, as well as a turn in weather. Leave behind the grey skies, snow and sleet and come spend winter with us. Bright sunshine and a balmy breeze make our part of the world magical.

From family holidays to team-building, sabbatical adventures to honeymoons, Orange DMC's team can help you plan the journey of a lifetime. With our ear to the ground, we are constantly uncovering new developments, properties, experiences and interactions to make each trip unique.

Ready to discover more? Contact us today and let's start crafting an exceptional trip!

Best Regards,
Manan Mahajan



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ORANGE PORTFOLIO

VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA, JAPAN & SINGAPORE



▼ AN INSIDER'S PEEK INTO INDO-CHINA

From the majesty of Angkor Wat to the bustling streets of Saigon and the spiritual serenity of Luang Prabang, Indo-China is a Pandora's Box of incredible beauty and culture. It's rich history is coloured by French colonialism, erstwhile trade routes, and ancient dynasties. Stunning temple complexes, gorgeous beaches, captivating monuments, and lush jungles make this one of the most intriguing corners of our planet! Ask us today to learn more.

UNFURLING THE ▼ BEAUTY OF JAPAN

Islands dotted across the sea, snowcapped peaks running down to the shore, and rumbling volcanoes form the backdrop of an exquisitely rich cultural landscape. From the cuisine to the architecture, spirituality to martial art, horticulture to music, Japan offers an unparalleled degree of finesse. Discover more with Orange DMC in Japan!



▼ SINGAPORE SLING

If you want a deep-dive into South East Asia, there's no better springboard than Singapore! Stop over for a few days to explore this island nation's rich history and culture. From delectable cuisine to colonial history, tropical biodiversity to family-friendly activities, Singapore is a seamless blend of ancient and modern. Reach out today to learn more about Orange DMC's journeys in Singapore.



WHAT WE LOVE MOST IN INDO-CHINA



01. VIETNAMESE FLAVOURS

From its rocket fuel coffee to its steaming pho, we can't get enough of the food in Vietnam. Nutritious and delicious, the food is full of flavour and ingredients we love! Whether you're digging into an elaborately prepared bún riêu made with crab, egg, meat, tofu and tomatoes, or devouring a light and crunchy rice-paper roll, the flavours simply burst in your mouth. What we love even more about Vietnam is that it caters well to a variety of food preferences and palates. Ask us to learn about culinary adventures in Vietnam.

02. LAOS' AMAZING ARCHITECTURE

Beautiful temple complexes, ancient palaces, and charming Indo-French colonial structures give Laos a unique signature. If you are fascinated by architectural detail and design, Laos is a delightful place to explore. Luang Prabang is one of our favourites, but we are fascinated by the tribal communities that are tucked away in the mountains of the north. Embark on a cultural journey across Laos with us to discover its fascinating depth.



WHAT WE LOVE MOST IN INDO-CHINA

CAMBODIA'S KHMER LEGACY

03.

The Khmer Kingdom was one of the most influential empires to exist, and you can feel the power behind its legacy even today. While Angkor Wat is undoubtedly spectacular, we also love the temples of Preah Vihear and the magnificent ruins at Ishanapura. One can still see the vestiges of ancient Sanskrit and Buddhist inscriptions etched into the walls, revealing stories of a bygone era.



MEANDERING DOWN THE MEKONG

04.

The Mekong River is the lifeline of South-East Asia. Flowing down from Tibet, it approaches journey's end as it makes its way into Indo-China. Explore its rich biodiversity, incredible melting pot of culture, and everyday life along the river.



Ancient shrines, fishing communities, colourful villages and quaint sampans create a stunning landscape. Navigate the Lower Mekong or explore the Upper Mekong. Connect with us to learn more about our Mekong expeditions.



05. CAPTIVATING COASTS

If you're a beach-lover, then Indo-China's coastline is breathtaking. From the fun-filled beach towns of Vietnam to pristine shores in Cambodia, these beaches are some of the most beautiful in the world. We love the island of Koh Rong, just off the Cambodian coast, for its dramatic combination of tropical wilderness and sandy shores. Love the beach? Ask us to discover more.

COMPASS TO THE NORTH-EAST OF INDIA



01. ETHNIC FOOD

One of India's best-kept secrets is its culinary traditions from the north-east. From wild foods from the Garo and Khasi hills, to Anglo-Indian cuisine in Darjeeling, pork cooked in black sesame and Kangthu, a blend of meat and vegetables, wrapped in a banana leaf and simmered on coals or a griddle – the ethnic cuisine from this part of the country is simply delectable. Wash it all down with a slug of Apong, a potent brew made of fermented rice. This is a trip worth making for the intrepid foodies out there!

02. TRIBAL TRADITIONS

The north-eastern states are a hotbed of tribes. From the fearsome Nagas of Nagaland to the Apatani of Arunachal Pradesh, the Mizos of Mizoram and the Garos and Khasis of Meghalaya, this part of the subcontinent is extremely rich in tribal traditions. Immerse yourself in the Naga culture with a visit to the **Hornbill Festival** which takes place in Imphal in December! Food to music, mock battles to fashion shows, this is a spectacular festival unlike any other.



LIVING ROOT BRIDGES

03.

Instead of creating concrete thoroughfares, the Khasis and Jaintias of Meghalaya weave the aerial roots of rubber trees, guiding them with bamboo scaffolding to grow into one another. Meghalaya is known for its heavy rain, but these root bridges are an eco-friendly method to cross the swelling rivers!



FEEL THE RHYTHM

04.

Meghalaya is known for its incredible music, and Shillong's music scene is rapidly gaining momentum! From tribal beats to rock, discover incredible rhythms and beats from this part of the world. The **Ziro** festival in Arunachal Pradesh is a terrific platform for musicians who gather from all over the region. Music is intrinsic to life in the north-east and sets the tone for your visit!

05. UNUSUAL FELINES

Soft-footed and elusive, the clouded leopard is a gorgeous sight. This small feline is usually found amid the treetops in parks like Nameri and Namdapha in the east. Its beautifully marbled coat camouflages it against the branches of the tree canopy. Along with the Hoolock Gibbon, Red Panda, and Phayre's Leaf Monkey, this gorgeous feline is one of the north-east's unusual species.



A QUAIN T HIDEAWAY



WILD MAHSEER LODGE, ASSAM

Tucked away in the east of Assam, the Wild Mahseer Lodge is an unexpected delight. Set amid rolling tea gardens on the Addabarie Estate, this old world planter's home is a warm, welcoming retreat for those who want to experience a perfect blend of nature and culture at its best. Beautifully restored tea bungalows, delicious home-cooked cuisine, and warm hospitality make this place special. The lodge is named after the Wild Mahseer, a river fish that gave sports fishermen a run for their money. While sports fishing is no longer permitted, the lodge is within easy reach of several of Assam's best wildlife parks, and within a stone's throw of several ethnic tribal communities. Tuck into the food and learn about the biodiversity of the Eastern Himalayas along the Botanic Ark Trail!



A BYGONE ERA



CHHOTA HAAZRI DARJEELING

Leave behind the hustle of the city and head into the hills. In a quiet corner of Darjeeling, Chotta Haazri is a sophisticated, boutique property located on the Mim Tea Estate, which played a pivotal role in Darjeeling's tea story.

Elegantly refurbished, Chotta Haazri is an idyllic retreat to base yourself and soak up the beauty of your surroundings. If you enjoy the outdoors, birding and walking, this gem of a property is ideal. With just two tea bungalows, this stay is perfect for a family or group of friends. It is also a terrific choice if you're conducting a wellness or creative retreat.

Kick back and relax as you breathe in the mountain air and soak up the charm of the place.



CRUISING ALONG THE BRAHMAPUTRA

NAVIGATING A MOTHER RIVER

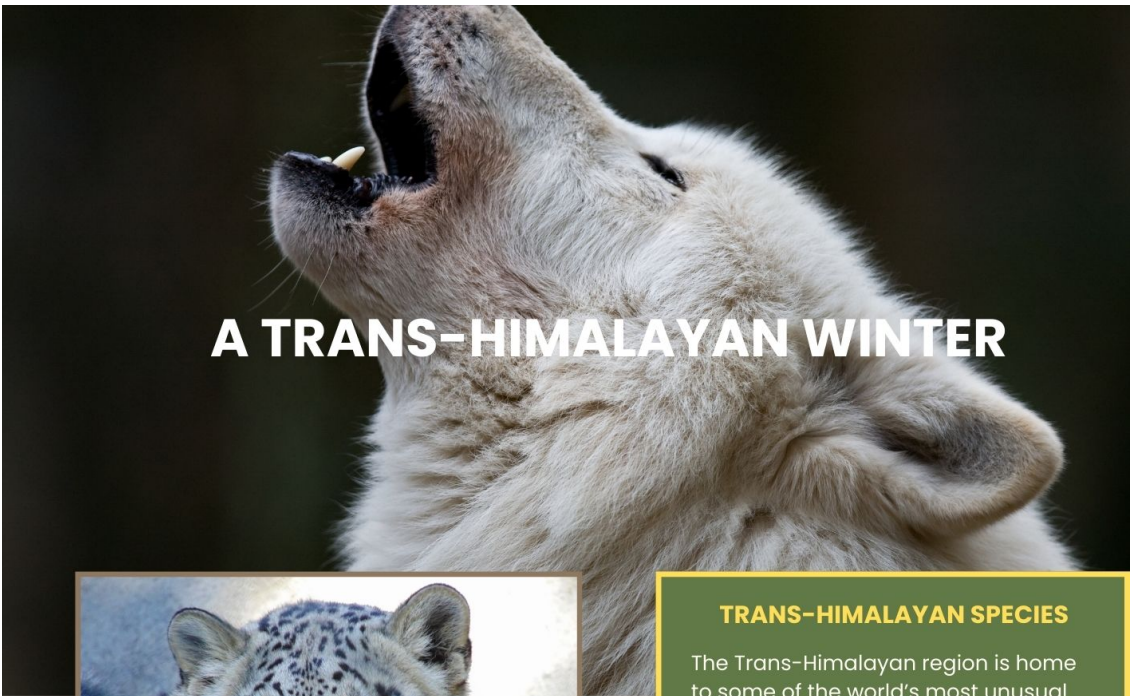
More than a waterway, the Brahmaputra is a river that is the life-blood of the north-east. Meander along through ancient kingdoms, wild jungles, tribal settlements and fishing villages. Discover a bounty of art, culture, music, folklore, wildlife and more!

ABN SUKHAPHA ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA

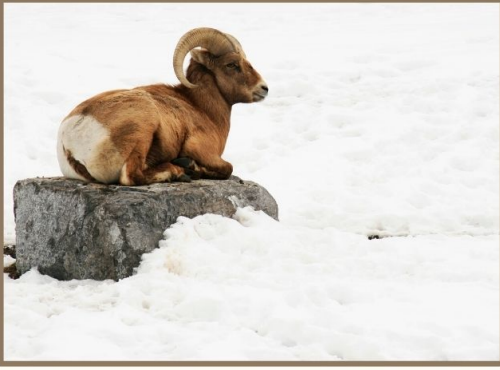
Bamboo and wood-clad cabins, wicker chairs and cheerful textiles create a warm and welcoming ambience. Wide windows and a vast outdoor deck offer guests stunning views of the river and the landscape along its banks. Wholesome cuisine, friendly service, a spa, salon and library and a highly experienced crew - the ABN Sukapha is the best way to experience the Brahmaputra.

PORTS OF CALL

Visit Kaziranga National Park, which is known for its felines, elephants and rhinos, as well as several species of birds and reptiles. Then head over to Majuli Island, a cradle of ancient culture and folklore. Discover Ahom ruins in Sibsagar, and silk weaving in Sualkuchi. Immerse yourself in nature as you float through the Nameri-Pakke corridor. Discover temples, culture and cuisine as you step off in Guwhati before making your way onward. There are a several different itineraries available, as well as smaller vessels and houseboat for exclusive groups. Contact us today to learn more



A TRANS-HIMALAYAN WINTER



TRANS-HIMALAYAN SPECIES

The Trans-Himalayan region is home to some of the world's most unusual animals. Rugged and tough, these creatures brave the elements to survive in this harsh mountain landscape.

HIMALAYAN WOLF:
A larger animal than the Indian Grey Wolf with a thicker pelt, the Himalayan Wolf is found in Ladakh and the Tibetan Plateau.

SNOW LEOPARD:
Stealthy and supple, this elusive feline is hard to spot thanks to its silvery grey fur, but its a sight worth seeing. Critically endangered, only a handful of them are left in their natural habitat.

TIBETAN ARGALI:
A tough and sure-footed ungulate, the Argali is found on the steep ridges and slopes of Ladakh. It's curved horns give it a distinctive look.

Fascinated by unusual species? Ask us today to discover more!

Did you know...

The Tibetan Kiang (Wild Ass) in Ladakh is related to the Ghor Khud (Indian Wild Ass) in the Rann of Kutch?

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