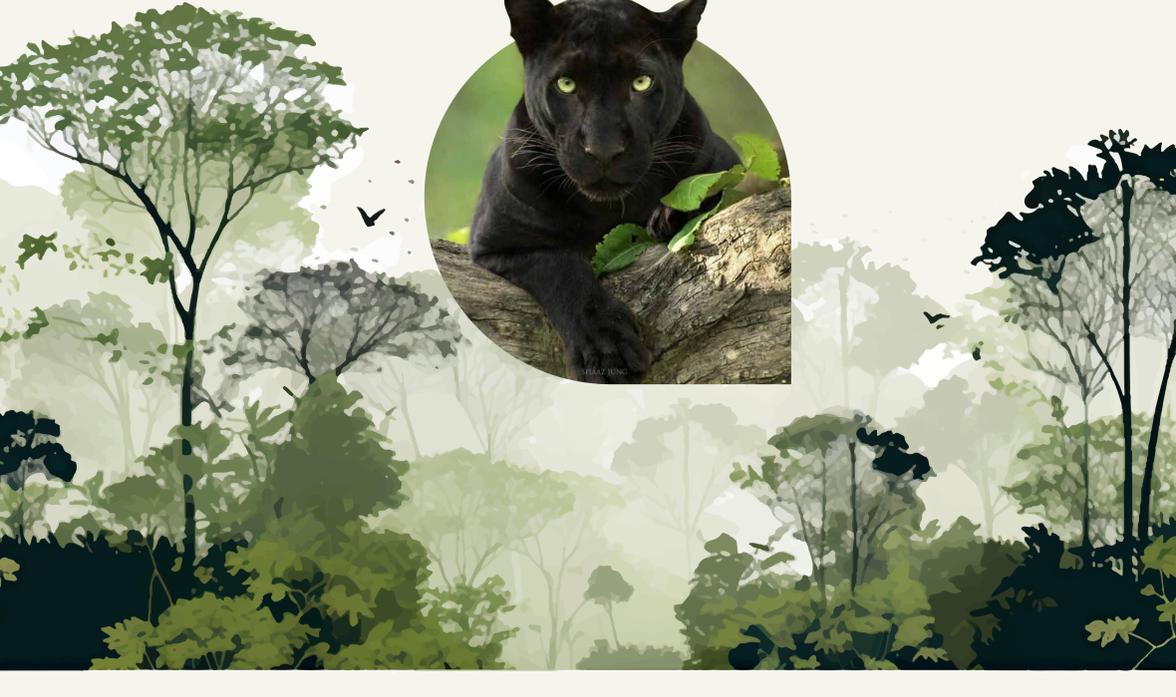


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KAAV Safari Lodge, Kabini

Hidden within 4.5 acres of ancient forest, KAAV is a seven-key sanctuary on the edge of Nagarhole National Park, where mornings begin with birdsong, and evenings end under a canopy of stars.

Derived from the word for "sacred grove," KAAV is built around reverence — for nature, for stillness, and for solitude. With just four superior rooms, two glamping tents, and one private pool villa (no children under 10 allowed), it's a haven for those who crave exclusivity without excess.

Think banyan-tree dinners with Mysore's age-old flavours, guided coracle rides past silent riverbanks, stargazing from your forest-deck, and jeep safaris into a park teeming with over 300 bird species, wild dogs, elephants, and a thriving tiger population (150+ in Nagarhole, 20 in the tourism zone alone). And yes — it's open year-round, even during the lush, secretive monsoon.

Minar curates access. You just bring your wild heart.

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Saudi Agents Got a Gemstone Workshop. UK Agents?

Jasmine just wrapped a glittering familiarisation trip for top Saudi travel tastemakers in collaboration with the iconic Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts and our trusted airline partner, IndiGo Airlines.

From luxe rooftops to gemstone ateliers, it was a week threaded with India's finest moments.

The group? A sharp mix of high-end players and discerning independents — engaged, curious, and wonderfully game for discovery.

One of the highlights: a hands-on gemstone session where guests handpicked their own stones and followed the journey from mine to masterpiece.

India left its mark. So did we.

Meanwhile, if you're based in the UK, Ruhani will be at the Connections Luxury Show in Manchester this September. Ask her which of Vilasa's itineraries have a patent pending — yes, you read that right. We're reimagining travel, and apparently, even the lawyers agree.



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Nepal Solo Adventure | 12 Days

Designed for the introspective explorer, this 12-day itinerary blends cultural depth, soft adventure, and soulful solo moments across Nepal. Highlights include a guided momo-making class in Kathmandu, a spiritual overnight stay in a monastery guesthouse in Pharping, a hands-on pottery workshop in Bhaktapur, and a forest hike up Champa Devi with panoramic Himalayan views. Clients will experience both community and solitude — from riverside cafes in Pokhara to jungle bike rides in Chitwan. Ideal for women traveling solo or anyone craving mindful immersion.



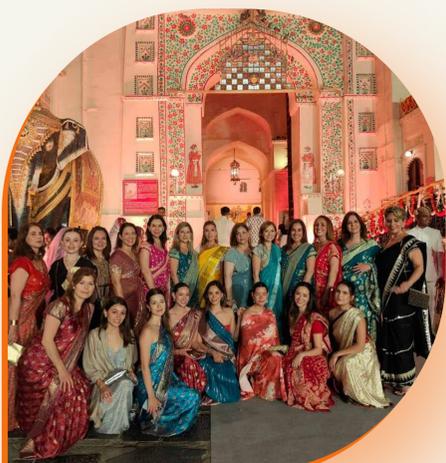
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Mexican Women's Group - Culture, Cuisine & Conservation

This year, we had the joy of hosting a fabulous group of ladies from Mexico on a golden triangle journey — Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Ranthambore, and Udaipur — blending Mughal grandeur, Rajput elegance, and a brush with the wild.

Special thanks to our trusted partners in Mexico for their continued support and belief in Minar's high-touch hospitality. A highlight of the trip? A private dinner at Indian Accent, curated by our very own Manoj. Recognized as one of Asia's 50 Best, Indian Accent showcases the inventive genius of Chef Manroop — think tamarind crab with coconut curry, spiced cornets, and a medley of artisan breads.



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