

PEIRCE & LESLIE RECOMMENDS

MYSURU DASARA, MYSURU
(KARNATAKA)

October 19, 2018/ October 08, 2019

This year catch the festival of Dussehra (Dasara) in the heritage city of Mysuru. The city is at its vibrant best during the 10 day festival, which continues a tradition started by the Vijayanagar kings in the 15th century. According to Hindu mythology, the event celebrates the victory of Goddess Chamundeshwari after killing the demon Mahishasura and the victory of good over evil. The festival starts with a procession of decorated elephants led by the Maharaja of Mysore – a grand spectacle worth witnessing. The Mysuru Palace is dramatically lit up every evening during this time, while the town is transformed into a gigantic fairground, with



concerts, dance performances and cultural events running to packed houses! Don't miss the dazzling procession of richly costumed elephants marching through the streets to the rhythms of clanging brass bands on the last day of the festival.

SPECIAL JOURNEYS

FORBIDDEN LAND OF THE NAGAS

A region of rugged beauty adorned with magnificent hills, glistening lakes, ancient monuments, exotic wildlife and a collision of indigenous cultures – the northeast region of India is a holiday destination just waiting to be explored! Take a side step off the tourist trail and visit the northeast of India for a truly unique and enriching experience. This fascinating journey takes you to Assam, Nagaland and Manipur - three of the seven sisters (the seven states in the northeastern part of India). You will have the opportunity to observe and interact in the way of life of the last of the tattooed Konyak headhunters in Nagaland; catch a glimpse of the one- horned rhinoceros in its natural habitat at Kaziranga National Park and explore the intricate art forms, sumptuous cuisine and historical sites of Manipur.

Itinerary: http://www.peirceandleslie.com/forbidden_land_of_the_nagas.html





WILDLIFE TRAIL WITH HIMANSHU

Experience life out in the 'wild' on an exclusive journey, across the major national parks in Central India, with the renowned wildlife expert - **Himanshu Bagde**. A leading tiger tracker and a composite nature interpreter, Himanshu will be your companion and guide through this fascinating and exhilarating adventure. He shares an eternal bond with 'Maya', a tigress in the jungle in Central India.

An active volunteer in the 'Save the Tiger' campaign,

he also actively participates in the forest department census activity and is a part of the anti-poaching patrolling squad of the forest department. Himanshu, the tiger man, will bring your jungle trip to life! The tour will lead you through the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra, which is easily connected with Pench and Kanha National Parks in Central India - a tiger spotter's dream destination. Besides being renowned for the most frequent tiger sightings in the country, these parks are also known for their dramatic diversity of bird life and other animals like Indian leopards, sloth bears and many varieties of deer.

Itinerary: http://www.peirceandleslie.com/journey_with_himanshu.html

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Tours that Give Back

Several experiences curated by us are designed to contribute towards the development of people, particular areas and the causes that matter to them. We are committed to sustainable tourism and actively participate in programs that support children's education, women's needs and non-governmental organizations that preserve nature and cultural heritage. For example, part of the fee for the Jaipur Heritage Walk is donated to safeguarding the architecture and culture of the Old City, and a visit to the Chennai performing art school helps fund continuing education of local children. *Do get in touch with us to learn more about our 'giving back' experiences.*



Wellness and Ayurveda

Treat yourself to revitalizing treatments, genteel hospitality, a peaceful ambience and unrivalled bliss at The Oberoi Sukhvilas Resort & Spa, Chandigarh from 29th September to 1st October, 2018 where Dr. Robert Svoboda, an internationally acclaimed doctor of Ayurveda, will be leading a three day wellness retreat. Over three days, Dr. Svoboda will lead you on "The Path from Upavasa to Sukh". Upavasa is a Sanskrit word meaning 'to be near oneself' and

sukh means 'good space'. By spending time in *upavasa*, one can attain an abundance of *sukh*, and consequently experience long term well-being and happiness.

To plan your holiday and for further details please write to us at marketing@peirceandleslie.com

