

PEIRCE & LESLIE

Luxury travel experts

Hello Partners,

We wanted to take a moment to get you acquainted with our newsletters.

We are sensitive to the demands of your time and therefore, we promise not to flood your email inbox. We will only send you one newsletter each quarter.

Our letters try to bring you up to speed with what is happening in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan and include special journeys, exclusive events, an introduction to upcoming fairs and festivals and so on.

Apart from this, we also post picture stories on our Instagram and Facebook pages. Do check them out when you have a moment at your desk. We would love your feedback.

For all those who have subscribed and follow us - thank you! You give us a reason to be passionate about what we do. For those who do not follow us yet, we hope you will add us to your address list so that our updates don't land in your spam or junk folder!

Regards

Team Peirce & Leslie



PEIRCE & LESLIE RECOMMENDS



NAVAM PERAHERA, SRI LANKA

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Festivals are probably the most compelling reason to travel and explore a country. The potpourri of cultures and traditions that are showcased during festivals provide the perfect opportunity to blend with the locals and learn more about their lives. One of Sri Lanka's most celebrated festivals, the Navam Perahara is an endeavor by the priest of the Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo, to revive the traditions and culture of the island country. Interestingly, this festival is probably one of the few in the world that brings all religious groups together in a bid to foster unity and harmony. The highlight of the festival is the parade – elephants cloaked in colourful garments and bright lights, fire-eaters, musicians, acrobats and jugglers entertaining the crowds with their acts and dancers from various regions of the country performing to the beat of numerous traditional drums. Keep your camera handy – the Perahera provides excellent photographic opportunities for shutterbugs!

SPECIAL JOURNEYS

A MATTER OF TASTE



In a country as vast as India, the sheer, overwhelming diversity that it encompasses is astounding. And its cuisine is no exception - it is as diverse as the country itself! Driven by our passion for travel and our love for incredible gastronomic experiences, we have designed an exclusive culinary quest through India that will stimulate all of your senses and take your taste buds by storm! This 15 day journey is an engaging way to explore the gastronomic hot spots that go beyond the guidebooks of great meals and delve into the culinary traditions of the region. Feast your eyes on colorful markets that sell everything under the sun. Allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the cacophony of vendors and the sizzle of food stalls. Let the tempting and mouthwatering smells of the local street delicacies that waft the narrow alleys guide you on an exciting street-food jaunt. Take a cooking lesson from a renowned local chef and unravel the intricacies of Indian cooking. Sample the delicate flavours of the different regional delicacies during your trip. And carry back with you, some closely-guarded culinary secrets and recipes that once ruled the royal kitchens. This truly delicious experience can be woven into a cultural itinerary with ease.

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PEDALLING ACROSS KERALA

If you're an avid cyclist and looking to venture off-the-beaten-track in search of new pastures, this journey through God's own country is perfect for you! Discover the wild beauty, undulating landscape and dizzying cultural heritage of Kerala on a bicycle. The tour begins in Kochi where you will explore the various religious and cultural influences that shaped the city. Afterwards, ride up to the lush green hills of Munnar, shrouded in mist and sloping tea plantations. Participate in tea-tasting sessions and learn about the different stages of tea production. Then, cycle through the Cardamom Hills and rice fields to Periyar National Park. Spot wildlife and take a boat ride on the 100 year old artificial lake. Soak in the rustic charm of the villages and unravel their unique secrets en-route to Kumarakom. End your tour on the famous backwaters on board a houseboat with a glass of wine and gorging on traditional Keralan cuisine as you watch the world go by.

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

INDIA'S JEWISH CONNECT

India with its dramatic contrasts, extraordinary cultural richness and religious diversity hides a treasure trove in the form of its Jewish heritage. Join us on this specially curated journey that not only takes you through India's rich history, but also uncovers India's Jewish past in the heritage hubs of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Kochi. These dynamic cities are home to stunning synagogues and a few remaining Jewish-Indian communities, with whom you will have the opportunity to meet and interact. Leading and erudite members of India's Jewish community will escort you on this journey as you take in the most fascinating religious and cultural sites with private access to some of the inner sanctums.



CHASING THE ELUSIVE CATS

Here are two other rare big cat sightings in India to check off your list! Wander in the uncharted wilderness of Ladakh and Kabini in search for a prized glimpse of the mysterious and elusive Snow Leopard and the Black Panther. Be warned: unlike other run-of-the-mill safaris, trying to spot the 'Ghost of the Himalayas' or the 'Phantom of the Forest' is quite challenging. However, like in all wildlife excursions – patience is the key! Increase your chances of spotting these stunning, lithe big cats in all their glory with the help of our expert trackers and trained naturalists. However, even if you do not manage to spot either of the cats, remember, sometimes, the quest is more important than the prize! Club this with our exceptional experiences, stays at opulent safari camps and other chances to get up-close-and-personal with the stunning wildlife that call these areas home.



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