

WHAT PEOPLE WILL BE DOING IN 2019?

We ask Airbnb to predict 2019's the experiential travel trends based on bookings and keyword search. Here's what we can look forward to

NOUVEAU YOGA

Goat Yoga was all the rage in 2018, but new forms of yoga are predicted for 2019. These include experiences like meditate with horses and Equine Forest Yoga among others

MEDITATION AND HIKING

Meditation and hiking activities are among the most searched experiences, each generating over three times their average keyword searches in recent months.

WINE TASTING

With an increase in bookings by seven times in late 2018, wine tasting is among Airbnb's fastest-growing Experiences.

FOOD EXPERIENCES

Cutting carbs is no more a popular phenomenon. Pizza and Pasta still lead as the most booked food Experiences among travellers. Keyword searches for the popular food group even increased by six times recently.

HISTORY EXPERIENCES

Global bookings of history-based Airbnb Experiences are growing three times faster than food and drink, and are predicted to be the most booked experience category in 2019. airbnb.co.in

Travel predictions for Indian travellers for 2019

We got Booking.com to delve into their India database to reveal the key trends



SINGLE APPS

On an average, 80 per cent travellers prefer to use a single app for all their planning, booking and travel needs.

SPACE TRAVEL

71 per cent confirm they are excited about the prospect of space travel in the future and are open to considering the experience themselves.

TECH TRAVEL

While seven in ten want travel brands to use tech to make suggestions based on their past travels (71 per cent), Three quarters are excited about travel tech innovations like a digital tour guide, giving them a bespoke service.

SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS

Almost seven in ten travellers take social issues into account when choosing a holiday destination (69 per cent) and a similar number choose not to travel to a destination if they feel it will have a negative effect on the people who live there.

PRIDE TRAVEL

Three in five plan to travel to attend a Pride festival in 2019.

ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS

The vast majority of travellers say they would be willing to spend time on activities that offset the environmental impact of their stay (97 per cent), while almost half say they would be willing to clear plastic or litter from their destination while on holiday. booking.com



Christine Nagel is the Creative Director of Hermès Parfums. After designing the hugely successful Eau de Citron Vert, an olfactory masterstroke by Hermès, Christine Nagel has now reinterpreted the French maison's iconic Terre d'Hermès in its new Eau Intense Vetiver edition. We catch up with the seasoned parfumeur, to tell us more about perfumes on planes.

AIR MILES

What kind of fragrance would you recommend to long haul flyers?

Personally, when I take long haul flights, I like to carry small travel-sized bottles, which are easy to carry. I also really like travelling with colognes. When you are in a plane, a cologne is comforting and stays within your seat and personal space without disturbing any fellow passengers. Colognes really work well on planes.

Is a familiar fragrance more comforting on a plane?

Yes, it calms and reassures me, when I am on a plane, and I can spray "my fragrance".

Any notes to calm the senses or to combat jetlag?

The key to combatting jetlag is to find your bearings and recreate your routine. When you arrive at a destination and are jetlagged, it is a good idea to use your daily fragrance, as this brings a sense of the familiar, and orients you. The nose helps you to get your body clock right, especially in a jetlag situation. While a cologne is great for a flight, you should always have "your" comfort perfume, when you arrive at a destination.

On a flight, would you recommend an eau de toilette or an eau de parfum?

I would recommend an eau de toilette on a plane. It is light so you want to constantly reapply it. It's a sort of guilty pleasure.

Tell us a bit more about your latest fragrance, Terre d'Hermès Eau Intense Vetiver. How is it different from the original Terre d'Hermès?

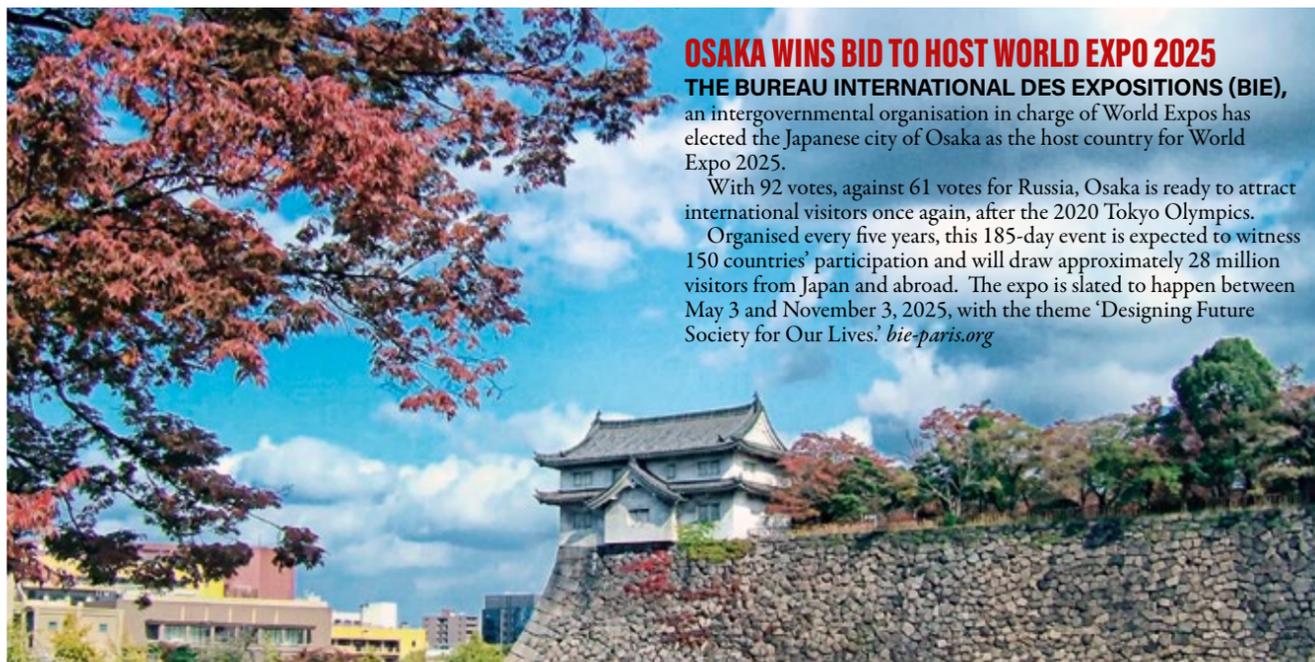
As a perfumer, there are some perfumes that I absolutely adore, and I would have loved to be the one who created them. Terre d'Hermès is one of them. When I joined Hermès, Terre was a sort of reference point. Terre, represents the masculine side of Hermès for many. I analysed it closely and then I decided to reinterpret it. I had no brief, I was free to do as I pleased. I wanted to add a "green" element in my version. I worked with bergamot, Sichuan peppers and vetiver. I asked my suppliers to get me a subtler bunch of vetiver. Once I created the final product, I realised that I had reinterpreted a sacred icon of the maison. For this, I did go to the south of France, to meet with the creator of the original Terre, Jean Claude Ellena, to show him my creation. To my surprise, he loved it. I had his blessings. And the rest is history!

OSAKA WINS BID TO HOST WORLD EXPO 2025

THE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES EXPOSITIONS (BIE), an intergovernmental organisation in charge of World Expos has elected the Japanese city of Osaka as the host country for World Expo 2025.

With 92 votes, against 61 votes for Russia, Osaka is ready to attract international visitors once again, after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Organised every five years, this 185-day event is expected to witness 150 countries' participation and will draw approximately 28 million visitors from Japan and abroad. The expo is slated to happen between May 3 and November 3, 2025, with the theme 'Designing Future Society for Our Lives.' bie-paris.org





RANGE ROVER SPORT

ONE OF LAND ROVER'S flagship products is the slick, Range Rover Sport, which impresses on the road not only with its unmistakable robust stance but also with its refined, clean lines. These design cues manifest themselves in the form of cleaner, more refined front and rear bumpers as well as the eye-catching matrix LED headlights.

The car turned out to be quite a head-turner on the streets of Mumbai as I drove the Range Rover Sport's HSE Diesel variant. For city drivers, the luxury SUV augurs well for drivers who enjoy its muscle and rugged looks, fitted with all the bells and whistles of a luxury vehicle. A case in point is the plush cabin, which features Range Rover's unmistakable leather steering wheel, minimalist interior panels, luxurious carpets, zone-wise climate control features and ambient interior lighting. Add to this, the car comes fitted with an impressive 825 W Meridian Surround System, which connects to your handheld devices via Apple CarPlay and



Android Auto. At the very heart of the front console is one of my favourite "Land Rover features", the super interactive 10-inch screen, Touch Pro Duo, used in an easy interface for entertainment, information and navigation features. Driving long distance, and even through challenging terrains, is rendered extremely comfortable thanks to the chic Windsor leather upholstered seats (adjustable 16 ways), which perfectly complement the leather finishing and trims in the cabin, giving it that sense of British elegance.

Under the hood, the model that I am test driving features a 3.0 L diesel engine, promising to pump out a maximum power of 190 kW and a maximum torque of 600 Nm. It sprints from 0 to 100 kmph in an impressive 7.7 seconds. The SUV features an 8-speed Automatic transmission, which can be switched to the manual mode using the gearshift paddles behind the steering wheel. While the SUV lends itself beautifully to city roads, it will be pushed to its limits in an off-roading context, where its many features like adaptive dynamics and terrain response come into play, along with electronic air suspension and traction control. Another feature is the All Terrain Progress Control, which maximises performance in varying, often challenging, drive conditions like gravel, ice and even grassy terrain. The off-road experience is enhanced by the Terrain Response technology, which detects the kind of terrain and accordingly manages the performance of the engine, chassis and gears.

The Range Rover Sport comes power packed with safety features like Adjustable Speed Limited, Gradient Accelerator Control, Hill Launch Assist, Roll Stability Control and Dynamic Stability Control. *landrover.in*





JW MARRIOTT MUMBAI SAHAR DIVERSIFIES ITS "SHAADI" FOOD OFFERING

IN KEEPING WITH Marriott International's massive wedding initiative "Shaadi by Marriott", the group's hotels across the country are stepping up their MICE offerings to cater to the wedding market. A case in point is the ritzy JW Marriott Mumbai Sahar, which has established itself as one of Mumbai's most popular wedding destinations. JW Marriott Mumbai Sahar is stepping up its food and beverage offering like never before, adding diversity of cuisines and focussing on freshness. Hackneyed chaffing dishes of the traditional buffet have been replaced by live kitchens and fresh ingredients are in focus. The hotel's F&B team offers unique wedding food experiences like live jalebi counters, desi chai stalls, Marwari royal cuisine, Thai salad counter, sushi bar, appam counter among many others. There is active participation from the hotel's Italian restaurant, Romano's — voted by many as the best Italian kitchen in Mumbai — which offers a comprehensive Italian menu for wedding functions as well. marriott.com



FLIGHT NEWS

GOAIR has added Kannur as its 24th domestic destination.

The low-cost carrier has launched flight services connecting Kannur with Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai.

JET AIRWAYS has introduced 65 new weekly services on its domestic and international network. As a part of this new schedule, the airline added a daily direct frequency between Pune and Singapore, and a third daily frequency connecting Singapore with both its hubs — Mumbai and Delhi.

INDIGO has added Bhopal and Jabalpur as its 65th and 66th destinations respectively. The airline has commenced daily non-stop flights on Bhopal-Hyderabad and Jabalpur-Hyderabad route.

AIR INDIA has started direct services on its Mumbai-New York JFK route. The flag carrier of India is operating this service thrice a week.

IRELAND-BASED WOW AIR has introduced direct flights on its Keflavík-New Delhi route. This service is operated three times a week, and is aimed at connecting travellers to North America and Europe through its hub in Iceland.

PARIS

Recommendations

Indian debutantes from the Le Bal in Paris give us their most stylish recommendations in the city of lights



SHOPPING GUIDE

by *Aria Mehta*

Paris is one of my favourite cities to shop in due to the craftsmanship and history of its fashion houses and stores. Indeed, Paris never fails to impress when it comes to shopping for the best clothing, jewellery, and unique finds.

- LE66 Champs Elysées
- IRO
- Maje
- Zadig & Voltaire
- Saint Laurent
- Musier
- Sandro Paris



GOURMET GUIDE

by *Ananya Scindia*

My first introduction to France, the language the art, culture, lifestyle and of course, the food, came from the 2007 American animated film- Ratatouille. I had seen the movie at the age of 5 and from there comes my love for French food.

- Le Café Marly for breakfast at the Louvre
- Champeaux for the best soufflé in Paris
- Le Duc for fresh seafood
- Monsieur Bleu for its Eiffel Tower views
- Hôtel Costes to spot Parisian celebrities
- Ober Mamma for its truffle pasta
- Maison De La Truffe for anything truffle-related



CITY GUIDE

by *Shloka Birla*

Strolling down the elegant avenues of Paris isn't enough, one needs to go deep into its labyrinths to find the heart of Paris. Here are some of my favourite spots to visit in Paris.

- Musée de la Vie romantique
- Montmartre
- Palace of Versailles
- Les Catacombes de Paris
- Musée des Arts Forains
- Le Train Bleu restaurant at Gare de Lyon
- Jérôme Dreyfuss, a fashion store



THREE NEW RESTAURANTS IN MUMBAI



TYGR

Zorawar Kalra's newly launched TYGR offers a wide variety of Thai-inspired dishes including the traditional jasmine rice with green Thai curry. Adding to this, is a stunning cocktail menu designed by the bartenders of Artesian bar in London. The modern-Thai Bar and Grill has extended its support for the Tiger conservation initiative by Wildlife Trust of India.

Address: TYGR, Level 1, Palladium, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai



UMMRAO

Located in Courtyard by Marriott Mumbai International Airport, this fine-dining restaurant serves a modern, lighter take Awadhi cuisine. On offer are dishes like Nadru ki Shammi and Malihabad Kakori, Ummrao Avataar-E- Halim and Korma Murgh Wajid Ali. Don't forget to try out Ummrao's unique cocktails that are a perfect blend of contemporary and local tastes.

Address: Ummrao, Courtyard by Marriott Mumbai International Airport, C.T.S No 215 Andheri Kurla Road Andheri East, Mumbai



SANCHO'S

Enjoy a wide variety of Mexican delicacies at Sancho's. Designed by Gauri Khan and led by Los Angeles-based chef Esdras Ochoa, this outlet serves a good mix of tacos, street corn amongst other authentic recipes. Adding to this, is an elaborate bar menu offering cocktails and spirits of high quality.

Address: Sancho's, 21 Pali Hill Road, Union Park, Khar West, Mumbai



Business Travel essential: The world's first built-in massager backpack

INDIAN BRAND EUME HAS UNVEILED a built-in massager backpack, designed to reduce pain and relax the back and shoulder muscles — You can adjust the massager as per your torso size to get the maximum benefits.

A perfect blend of technology and style, the bag is made for ideal for heavy commutes and can handle extreme weather conditions.

Additionally, the bag also features an in-built portable USB charger and a specially crafted anti-theft zipper.

The EUME bags are available for prices starting at ₹3,999. eumeworld.com



MITTEE UNVEILS ITS NEW PRODUCT RANGE

MITTEE, A NATURAL skincare brand, manufactured in Canada, has launched its Discovery Kit-The Age Defense Facial Night-Time Ritual in India. MITTEE, which means earth or soil in Hindustani, incorporates science with earthly elements to produce a collection of high-end products.

This product range is inspired by four exquisite goddesses from — Indonesian Archipelago, India, the abundant seas between Nigeria and Latin America and the Mexican Riviera.

The skincare kit features Rateeh, an Indonesia-inspired product range; Vapurda, inspired by royal Indian beauty rituals, Yemaya for skin revitalising and Ixchel, a fusion of natural actives, hyaluronic acid and apple stem cells.

Manufactured in Canada, MITTEE products are Health Canada Certified; and free of parabens and sulfate. mittee.com

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THE ST. REGIS BAR, THE ST. REGIS OSAKA



LOCATED ON THE 12th floor of the The St. Regis Osaka, the bar spoils you for choice with its wide range of original cocktails, champagne and wine. The St. Regis Bar, Osaka takes its inspiration from the Momoyama period and features interiors in deep blue-green hue, a long mirror, a silver ceiling, fine leather furnishing, a grand piano, and a striking golden mural highlighting the culture and art of the region.

Across the world, St. Regis is known for creating a signature Bloody Mary cocktail — At The St. Regis Bar, Osaka, guests can enjoy the signature Shogun Mary that includes unique Japanese flavours and seasoning such as Yuzu, wasabi and soy sauce.

Additionally, the bar also offers a great selection of cheese and salads to go with your drink. marriott.co.jp

