

THE WEEKLY WATCH

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WTTC Global Summit to be held in Perth, Western Australia

During the closing session of the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Global Summit in Kigali, Western Australia was announced as the host for 2024, marking the first time the event will visit Oceania.

The 24th Global Summit will be taking place in Perth in late 2024, in partnership with

Tourism Western Australia. WTTC closed its first ever Global Summit in Africa recently with more than 1,200 delegates attending the event in Kigali, Rwanda. Julia Simpson, WTTC President & CEO, said, "The success of this year's Global Summit in Kigali is testament to the power of Africa's Travel & Tourism sector. Through Rwanda, the continent has well and truly put itself on the map." "We are so excited to be heading 'Down Under' next year. Western Australia and the beautiful city of Perth have always been popular destinations and we're sure attendees will enjoy a real taste of quintessential Australian hospitality."







Air India enters into Interline Partnership with Alaska Airlines for 32 destinations in USA, Mexico, and Canada

Air India has entered an interline partnership with Alaska Airlines. The partnership, while strengthening Air India's international network, will allow Air India guests to avail seamless connections from New York JFK, Newark-New Jersey, Washington DC, Chicago, San Francisco, and Vancouver gateways to and from 32 destinations in the USA, Mexico, and





Efcee Hotels and Uttarakhand Government partner for Eco-Friendly hotels at four strategic locations

Efcee Hotels, the hotel investment arm of the Leela Group of Companies, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Uttarakhand. The MoU was signed at the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit Road Show in Ahmedabad, paves the way for the development of environmentally responsible hotels at four strategic locations within the state of Uttarakhand. The ceremony was attended by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushpaksingh Dhami, and Efcee Hotels' CEO, Nirav Akshay Oza.

Sarbananda Sonowal flags off Costa Serena's maiden domestic operations from Mumbai The maiden domestic sailing of the Costa Serena, an international

cruise ship, was officially launched in Mumbai by Sarbananda Sonowal, the Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways. Starting November 4 until 11 January 2023 Costa Serena is set to home port in Mumbai operating on a newly created program of 2,3,5 nights itineraries from Mumbai and Kochi, Goa and the beautiful Island of Agatti in Lakshadweep.





world cruises to provide diverse options for indian holidaymakers TravClan, a leading global B2B Travel Tech Platform,

has announced its partnership with Resorts World Cruises. Known for its rich Asian heritage and unparalleled dedication to crafting bespoke international voyages, Resorts World Cruises is set to redefine luxury travel experiences. With this collaboration, TravClan is on a mission to make dreamy cruise getaways a reality for Indian families and adventure-seekers, all at prices that won't break the bank.



Dudhwa National Park in UP to reopen on Nov 15

WELCOME TO DUDHWA

The Dudhwa National Park in Uttar Pradesh is set to welcome visitors once again starting November 15. The park, sprawling over 490 square kilometres along the Indo-Nepal border in Lakhimpur Kheri, has not only reduced its service rates, but is also introducing a helicopter service to make access more convenient for tourists. Lalit Verma, Field director, Dudhwa National Park, said, "The park will open its gates to visitors on November 15, and bookings are already underway for those interested in staying within its captivating wilderness."

Vistara starts offering free Wi-Fi to Club Vistara Members

Vistara has begun offering complimentary Wi-Fi internet connectivity onboard its international flights (operated on Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and Airbus A321neo aircraft) for all members of its loyalty program, Club Vistara. This complimentary Wi-Fi service is available to all Club Vistara members, regardless of their membership tier, accumulated points, tenure of membership etc. This makes Vistara the first Indian airline to offer free unlimited Wi-Fi to its customers onboard. Enrolment in Club Vistara does not require any charges or fees.













