

Taj Mahal set to reopen on September 21

India's iconic Taj Mahal and Red Fort in Agra are all set to reopen on September 21, after being closed for over six months.

All centrally protected monuments closed their doors on March 17 before the nationwide lockdown and dramatic spread of Covid-19 in the country. There will be a cap of 5,000 on the number of visitors allowed per day. "Masks are mandatory to enter the monuments and all tickets must be purchased online. Ticket counters won't open," said Vasant Swarnkar, Superintending Archaeologist of the Archaeological Survey of India's Agra Circle. Tickets will be sold online or through the ASI phone app.

Visitors will be required to follow all guidelines issued by the Central Government such as social distancing and hand sanitisation.

(Source <https://www.businessstraveller.com>)



Bengaluru to get a new Amusement Park



Residents of the tech capital could soon have a new tourist destination closer home as the state government plans to set up an amusement park near Manchanabele Dam in Ramanagara district.

The irrigation department has proposed to develop the land close to the picturesque dam, which is about 37km from Bengaluru as a tourism hub on a public private partnership model. "We have earmarked Rs 150 crore to develop the new amusement park as part of the government's plans to develop Ramanagara district as a tourism hub," said deputy chief minister CN Ashwath Narayan, who is also in charge of the district. "If developed, it will become a major tourist place in the region and since it will be close to Bengaluru, it will become a popular destination."

A garden on the lines of Brindavan Garden at Krishnarajasagaradam in Mandya will also be developed at Manchanabele. The proposal includes beautification of Manchanabele dam through illumination. "There will be a special type of architectural and aesthetical object-based lighting effect to enhance the beauty of the dam," an official said.

(Source: TimesOfIndia)

Disneyland could reopen under California's 4-tier plan

Disneyland and Disney California Adventure could reopen in stages under California's new COVID-19 four-tier plan that allows the state's businesses to return with outdoor-only operations followed by reduced capacity for indoor services. California theme parks closed in mid-March amid the COVID-19 pandemic and remain shuttered indefinitely while they await state guidelines for safely reopening. Theme parks were not included in the business sector guidance list released by California Gov. Gavin Newsom's office that detailed a new four-tier system taking effect Monday, Aug. 31. The revised Blueprint for a Safer Economy lays out criteria for loosening and tightening COVID-19 restrictions in California counties.

(Source : <https://www.pasadenastarnews.com>)



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Universal Beijing Resort completes Construction

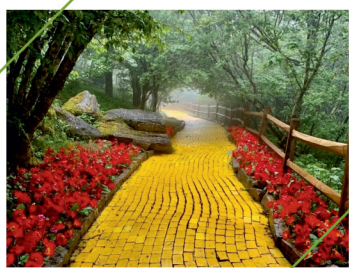
Construction on the main buildings of Universal Beijing Resort has been completed, and building work on the globe at the entrance is expected to finish in September. The main buildings of Universal Beijing Resort, which is set to open in 2021, are now finished, UBR said on Tuesday (September 1), reports Xinhua. Universal Beijing Resort is set to start trial operations next spring, before officially opening to the public as scheduled in May, according to officials in China.

Construction of the iconic globe at the entrance is expected to be completed by the end of September, said Xu Liping, vice president of government affairs at Beijing International Resort Co Ltd.

(Source : Blooloop)



Private Tour of a quirky Theme Park – Land of Oz



CHARLOTTE, NC — This month, a quirky theme park in the mountains of North Carolina is offering an opportunity to travel down the yellow brick road like Dorothy and the Tin Man and "escape to where troubles melt like lemon drops."

Land of Oz, the small family-owned Wizard of Oz-based theme park in Beech Mountain, is offering private tours of the park through Sept. 27. Tours are by reservation and start at \$150.

"Come explore the park without the crowds and observe the breathtaking mountain top views," the park said. The 90-minute tours include the Gale Kansas Farm, the Judy Garland Memorial Overlook, the Fountain of Youth and the tornado cellar.

(Source : www.patch.com)

An advertisement for Essel World Bird Park. It features a large white Sulphur-crested Cockatoo with its wings spread. Text on the ad includes: "DANCING SUPERSTAR! TIGER BETTER RETIRE! SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO", "500+ exotic birds", "Mumbai's new celebrities", and contact information: "022 6158 9888 www.esselworldbirdpark.in". There is also a small logo for "Essel World BIRD PARK" with two colorful parrots.

Water Kingdom's favorite in-house restaurant, is now delivering its delicious food at your doorstep!

Food Wharf Kitchen, Asia's largest themed water park's famed restaurant, is coming right at the doorsteps of Mumbaikars with the promise of serving fresh and hygienically prepared fan-favourites across the city from 10 am to 8 pm.

Its current avatar as a 'cloud kitchen' which is based out in Worli, will see it deliver stalwarts from its menu spanning right from authentic Pyaaz Kachoris to Veg Stir Fried Noodles to Cottage Cheese Patty to Dal Makhni with Roti/Naan to the popular Indian assorted Meal-Executive Thali and more!

Needless to say, all government safety and hygiene directives will be followed, with utmost care being taken throughout the delivery process. Find us on Zomato too!



World's tallest Ferris wheel 'Ain Dubai' gets first passenger pod



The Ferris wheel towers 250 metres over the Bluewaters island, giving 360-degree views of Dubai's famed skyline. The world's tallest observation wheel that is nearing completion has got its first passenger pod. A spokesperson for Ain Dubai said the attraction is "shaping up well" and the first capsule was installed on to it last weekend.

"Over the coming period, the remaining 47 capsules are scheduled for gradual installation," the spokesperson added.

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(Source : <https://www.khaleejtimes.com>)