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Riya
the travel expert!



WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2023

IT'S A WIN 4 RIYA

India's Leading Travel Agency 2023



Riya – The Travel Expert has been awarded the prestigious **“India’s Leading Travel Agency 2023”** at the World Travel Awards for the fourth consecutive year!

Riya Travel's successful participation at TTF Ahmedabad



Riya - The Travel Expert participated as a 'Featured Exhibitor' at the Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) on 23rd, 24th and 25th August 2023 in Ahmedabad. The 3-day event was filled with insightful interactions, building new connections and strengthening existing ones. The event was a huge success as we connected with our valued travel partners one-on-one, scaled the brand's presence in the hyper-local market and won the **Best Booth Design Award**.

Riya Travel at TTF Hyderabad



On 9th and 10th September 2023, Riya - The Travel Expert participated in the Travel & Tourism Fair (TTF) in Hyderabad as a Featured Exhibitor. The event was a resounding success over the course of 2 days, with 300+ visitors at the booth and the outstanding recognition of **Most Innovative Product**. Moreover, the Riya team had the incredible opportunity to meet Honourable Smt. Shailaja Ramaiyer, IAS, Principal Secretary, YAT & C Department, Govt. Of Telangana, at the exhibition.

IndiGo connects Jaisalmer with Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur & Ahmedabad with daily flights



Launching its operations from October 12, 2023, the airline will offer new and daily connections between Jaisalmer-Delhi, Jaisalmer-Mumbai, Jaisalmer-Jaipur, and Jaisalmer-Ahmedabad. IndiGo said its efforts to expand its domestic route network will strategically promote regional connectivity and economic growth by providing a gateway for tourists and business travellers to and from Jaisalmer.

Singapore's BOC Aviation signs financing pact for **10 Airbus aircraft** with IndiGo



Singapore BOC Aviation Limited and India's largest airline IndiGo have entered into a finance lease transaction involving 10 Airbus A320NEO aircraft to further expand its fleet, officials said on Wednesday. All 10 aircraft powered by CFM LEAP-1A engines are scheduled for delivery in 2023. This extended collaboration with BOC Aviation is part of IndiGo's expansion strategy across domestic and international markets.



Air India collaborates with AccesRail to enhance intermodal travel across Europe

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Passengers can access interconnected train and bus services, fostering efficient travel across Austria, Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, and the United Kingdom after this partnership. Air India's European gateways, including Amsterdam, Birmingham, London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Milan, and Vienna, serve as pivotal access points for this extended network. AccesRail's network of rail and bus operators for Air India includes Avanti West Coast (UK), Great Western Railways (UK), National Express (UK), Trenitalia (Italy), ÖBB Austrian Railways (Austria), SNCB Belgian Railways, and Thalys (Netherlands/Belgium).



Cathay Pacific enhances the Business Plus platform



Cathay Pacific has revamped its self-service corporate loyalty programme and travel management platform Business Plus, which is geared towards small and mid-sized companies (SMEs)

Business Plus members now can earn Asia Miles from Cathay's loyalty program for their company Business Plus account, which can be used to redeem rewards such as Cathay Silver membership and lounge passes for the organization's travellers. Asia Miles also can be transferred to any employee's individual Cathay account.

Ryanair to open base at Copenhagen airport this winter

Ryanair is to open a new base at Copenhagen airport from late 2023 as it expands services from the Danish capital. The Irish airline will initially base two aircraft at Copenhagen from December allowing it to add four new routes to Dusseldorf, Faro, Paris and Warsaw, as well as increasing frequencies to Gdansk and Krakow in Poland.

Ryanair already operates 20 routes from the airport and hopes to increase annual traffic to and from Copenhagen to around 3 million passengers from its current level of 2.3 million. Copenhagen will be Ryanair's second base in Denmark as it already operates a two-aircraft base at Billund.



Digi Yatra facility launched at six more airports in August



"Digi Yatra facility has been launched at six more airports namely Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Kochi, Lucknow, Jaipur, and Guwahati airports in the month of August 2023. The implementation and installation of Digi Yatra infrastructure at these airports will take place in a phased manner.

The runway at Visakhapatnam airport will be closed for repair work at night from Nov 15 for 4.5 months

During the closure period, the airfield would not be available even for emergency landings. Visakhapatnam Airport, which is under the control of the Indian Navy, had proposed the closure of night landing to pave the way for the runway resurfacing work. However, air traveller associations and industry want a reduction in the closure hours.



You can now apply for your **UK visa at a hotel near you**

VFS Global has entered into a strategic partnership with **Tata-owned Indian Hotels Company and the Radisson Hotel Group**

UK visa applicants in Bengaluru, Mangalore, and Visakhapatnam can now apply for their visas at the nearest Taj Hotel. The facility has already begun at the Vivanta Bengaluru in Whitefield, Vivanta Mangalore on Old Port Road, and The Gateway Hotel in Visakhapatnam. UK visa customers can now book appointments at any of the Premium Application Centres located at Radisson Blu Hotel Amritsar, Radisson RED Chandigarh Mohali, Park Plaza Ludhiana, and Radisson Noida for submitting their applications and enrolling biometrics.



Visitors to Expo 2023 Will Be Eligible to Enter Qatar With Hayya Card



The Hayya system will be available for visitors to “Expo 2023”, which will be held between October 2, 2023, and March 28, 2024

The system will be available for a period of six months in order to welcome passengers at the Expo 2023 later this year. While details of the entry procedure are set to be announced, there is an expectation of increased tourism by easing the process.



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