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'Meeting tomorrow's challenges today!'

Over 120 associates of the Kanoo Travel team from across the Gulf, Egypt and United Kingdom gathered at the Gulf Hotel, Bahrain on the 20th and 21st of March 2008 to attend the annual Management Conference.

Taman Negara - Malaysia

Taman Negara (National Park) is the first and the oldest official Protected Area in the country, originally named King George V National Park. Declared in 1938 by the Sultans of Kelantan, Pahang and Terengganu (during King George's Silver Jubilee), it was gazetted to preserve the land's indigenous nature in perpetuity.



The park was renamed Taman Negara after the nation gained independence in 1957.

The most popular activities at Taman Negara are river cruises and jungle trekking. The canopy walk is also a must-see, offering a fantastic close up view of activity in the rainforest canopy. Observation hides are another great way to observe wildlife. Simple huts built high above the ground allow guests to stay overnight to catch opportunities to observe animals in their natural habitat.

Cave exploration is also available, either by boat or by foot. [more ...](#) (< click here)

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Airline Talk

Jet Airways offers Abu Dhabi route

India's Jet Airways will begin flying to and from Abu Dhabi and the Indian cities of Mumbai and Delhi from April 23, reported Gulf News. The daily service will use Boeing 737-800 on the routes, with 126 economy class seats and 24 seats in the business class. The airline seeks to capture business and leisure travellers to India through its domestic network providing flight options to about 45 destinations within India.

Jazeera launches Istanbul service

Low-cost airline Jazeera Airways has launched a service between Kuwait and Istanbul in Turkey. It said the route was launched because of growing tourism, trade and investment between the two countries. The airline wants to see traffic on the route grow 30% by the end of this year.

Emirates notches 100th global destination

Emirates Airlines achieved its 100th global destination on Monday with the inaugural flight of its new route from Dubai to Capetown, South Africa. The new service to Capetown will be a daily non-stop flight. The airline currently offers 21 flights per week to Johannesburg.

Bahrain Air flies to Alexandria

Bahrain Air has commenced its flight to Alexandria, Egypt, its first North African destination. Flight 2B 511 will operate 5 times a week between Bahrain International Airport and El Nozha Airport. Bahrain's budget airline said it will add two new destinations to its network of 7 Middle Eastern cities in May 2008.

UK travel service offices ... on the move

Now in Birmingham City Centre

Monday 10th March saw American Express Travel & Foreign Exchange Services in Birmingham Bank House return home to the High Street in the centre of town where they had been previously for 26 years.



Sue Penn, Manager says 'We knew the lease at Bank House was coming to an end and although we didn't have a firm date for the move to our new premises, we began planning

straight away. Letters were prepared for sending to all our existing customers, leaflets were printed to give to any new visitors to the office to make them aware of the impending move and new stationery was ordered.

As the day drew closer, ten staff worked hard over the weekend to get everything set-up and ready for the move to our fabulous new office. We had a really good day and all the staff were very motivated by the prospect of working in the new location.

The move went very well indeed and since being in our new premises we have seen the number of Foreign Exchange transactions double which is also reflected in the revenue. The windows in the new office look fabulous and promote both our Travel and Foreign Exchange business. They are definitely driving sales and increasing footfall of retail customers, and we have already booked holidays as a result of these.

The support that we are receiving from our suppliers is fantastic and we are planning many promotional events and advertising campaigns to attract even more customers throughout this year.'

Well done to Sue and the team for all their efforts!

[Austrian Airlines will Fly to Jeddah & Riyadh](#)

Austrian Airlines says it will provide service to the Saudi Arabian cities of Jeddah and Riyadh starting this summer. The Austrian carrier said Thursday that the new routes will take effect in August. It says it will fly nonstop from Vienna to Jeddah four times a week and from Vienna to the Saudi capital of Riyadh three times a week.



[Sama Airline Enters Deal with Galileo](#)

Sama Airlines has announced a solution that will allow its entire network of travel agency locations to access international flights offered on GDS-Galileo.

[NAS Air Starts Flights to UAE](#)

Saudi Arabia's first low-fare airline NAS Air started flights to UAE on Wednesday 12th March, adding its first international destination to an already extensive domestic route network in the Kingdom.

[Saudi Arabian Airlines Paper Ticket Surcharge](#)

Saudi Arabian Airline will impose a surcharge of SAR 50 from 1st April 08 on each paper ticket issued on Domestic sectors.

[Saudi Arabian Airlines Free Baggage Allowance to Casablanca](#)

Saudi Arabian Airlines will grant (40) kgs free baggage allowance from 16th March till 14th June to Casablanca destination for all OW/RT economy class for tickets issued in K.S.A.

[Emirates New Reservation Code](#)

Emirates has Introduced a new reservations booking designator (RBD) using the letter 'P'. Effective 9th March 2008, all First Class bookings made for travel on or after 30th



March 2008 in the aircraft featuring Emirates Private Suites. The Private Suites will initially feature on selected Emirates Airbus A340-500, Boeing 777-200 LR, Airbus A380 and Boeing 777-300 ER three class aircraft.

[Gulf Air Levied Infant Fuel Surcharge](#)

GF introduced a Fuel Surcharge "YQ" on all Infant tickets (Infants not occupying a seat "INF") for travel originating in all countries across the GF network as from 16 March 2008.

[Air India Discontinue Lucknow Flights](#)

Air India discontinues Lucknow flights effective 1st April 08 due to the operational reason.

[Air India New Confirmation & Rebooking Procedures](#)

Air India will implement new confirmation and rebooking procedures from 1st April 2008. As per a new policy the need to reconfirm a previously held booking is withdrawn. However a penalty of SAR 100 will apply for as No Show Charge. Similarly, there will be a fee of SAR 50 for date change and rebooking.

Weather Report

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Special Offer to the Golden Triangle, India

DAY 1 DELHI

Arrive in Delhi - meet, assist by our representative and transfer to your hotel. Arrive and check in at the hotel. Overnight in Delhi

DAY 2 DELHI / AGRA [204 KMS / 5HRS]

After breakfast proceed for a half day combined city tour of Old and New Delhi. See the Jamma Mosque, Shantivan, drive past India Gate and Raj Ghat-where the Father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi was cremated (1948) in Old Delhi.



In New Delhi, take a photo stop at Qutub Minar (72mts high), drive past Red Fort, Embassy area, Jantar Mantar-an astronomical observatory (1717), and Connaught Place-the main Shopping centre in New Delhi.

Afternoon: check out from hotel and drive to Agra. Arrive Agra, check in at your hotel.

Rest of the day: free at leisure. Overnight in Agra

DAY 3 AGRA / JAIPUR [257 KMS / 6 HRS]

After breakfast proceed for a half day city of Agra. The main tourist attraction of Agra is the Taj Mahal, a mausoleum built by Emperor Shahjahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Today it is counted as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Also visit Agra fort is another tourist attraction of this historic city.

Afternoon: check out from your hotel and drive to Jaipur. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. The Fatehpur Sikri complex houses tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal and other palaces, which surprisingly have withstood the ravages of time and are still in good condition.

On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight in Jaipur.

DAY 4 JAIPUR

After breakfast proceeds for excursion Amber Fort -where you will ascend the hill on caparisoned elephants (subject to availability). Afternoon proceed for tour of the pink city of India, including the City Palace, which now houses a museum, the Observatory (17th century) with a sundial 90 ft high, Ram Niwas Palace gardens, and the Palace of Winds-"Hawa Mahal". Overnight in Jaipur.



DAY 5 JAIPUR / DELHI / FLY OUT

After breakfast check out from your hotel and drive to Jaipur Airport / Delhi Airport to board the flight for onward journey. That brings an end to a dream holiday, flashy memories & an accelerating tour of Colorful INDIA

HOTELS:

CITY	5 star	4 star	NO. OF NIGHTS
DELHI	Grand Intercontinental	Avalon Court Yard	01 night
AGRA	Jaypee Palace	Clarks Shiraz	01 night
JAIPUR	Rajputana Sheraton	Bella Casa	02 nights

SPECIAL RATES:

Rates per person in Saudi Riyals	01 pax	02 pax	03 pax	04 pax
05 star hotel	1655	899	770	835
04 star hotels	1070	599	545	535

Vehicle: Air - Conditioned Vehicle / **Service:** All Transfers, Sightseeing, excursion as per itinerary.

INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in Standard room incl of breakfast and taxes.
- Elephant ride at Amber fort subject to Availability.
- Services of Local English Speaking Guide on Tours only.
- Parking / Porter age / Assistance.
- A Surprise Gift on departure
- Entrance fees for monuments
- All applicable taxes and Govt. Service Tax.

EXCLUDES:

- International & Domestic airfare.
- Any airport taxes, insurance tax, visa fees, insurance premium.
- Any expenses of personal nature.
- Any other points, which are not mentioned in this package.

NOTES:

- Check in/ out will be 1200noon.
- Delhi-Red fort is closed on Monday.
- Agra - Taj Mahal is closed on Friday.
- Valid from Saudi Arabia only. Rates may differ in other regions.

For more details please contact your nearest Kanoo Travel office. Please note that prices are subject to change without prior notice.

Valid subject to availability of rooms at time of booking.



Summer Packages



Beat the heat . . . book your dream holiday today!



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Happenings



Kanoo Travel Eastern Province team was judged the 'Best Region' at the Kanoo Travel Management Conference held recently at Gulf Hotel Bahrain.

Picture shows Mr. Othman Al Ghamdi with Mr. Abdulla Abo Khamseen, Executive General Manager – Travel.

Movements



With over 19 Years Experience in travel industry, Nayaz Ahmed takes over as Regional Operations Manager - Western Province in Saudi Arabia.

His previous assignments in the past 14 years in Kanoo include Regional Sales and Marketing Manager-WP, GSA Manager Singapore Airlines, Yanbu Manager & Supervisor of Other GSA's.

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