

It's almost the end of 2010! In this last newsletter for this year, we are highlighting a couple of popular cultural events - one of which we are currently featuring on our North India itinerary - in 2011 so you can start planning! We also bring you an update on a property we had featured in the past.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and Warm New Wishes to all.

Upcoming Cultural Events

19 March 2011: Jaipur Elephant Festival

This is an annual event held in the month of March, one day before the festival of Holi.



The elephants present a wonderful sight with their trunks, foreheads, and feet ornamented with floral motifs and trinkets adorning them from tusk to tail.

A traditional procession of the elephants is also a part of the Festival. In this procession, the scenes from the royal past of Rajasthan are recreated with caparisoned elephants, chariots, and lancers on horses, camels, cannons, and palanquins. A number of races, beauty pageants, add to the excitement of the festival. However, the game of elephant polo is the highlight of the event and takes place in the evening.

20 March 2011: Holi

In India, it is not rare to see people embracing the joy and fun of a cultural celebration which does not belong to their own society and heritage. In India it is all about celebrating, no matter which caste or religion the occasion belongs to. The most boisterous and fun filled of Hindu cultural celebrations is that of Holi.

Celebrated in a burst of colors always in the form of colored powder and lots of water both of which is liberally used on each other and passing strangers, Holi is also marked



by vibrant processions which are accompanied by folk songs, dances and a general sense of abandoned vitality.

It's a normal sight to see people with patches of pink skin, green hair, purple hands and silver nails, for days after Holi. Even the neighborhood cows and buffaloes get their share of colorful patches!

Hotel Update



Tree of Life - Resort & Spa: In our July 2010 newsletter we had introduced you to the Tree of Life - Resort & Spa. Perched on the ancient Aravalli hills, 12 kilometers from India's Pink City, Jaipur

this little getaway with 14 luxury villas is set on seven serene acres of land.

Having recently reseeded the property again, we are excited about this Resort because it is a lovely alternative to existing spa getaway destinations.

Now open for business, Tree of Life sets the tone by delighting guests checking with a wonderful five minute welcome massage. The landscaping, room layout & amenities including your own private pool and spa bed, food & beverage, staff service just help to complete the



experience. The property has also recently won the Architect and Interior Award 2010.

*Happy Journeys,
P&L Team*