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The buzziest happenings in the world of travel this month.



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A Boutique Hotel Debuts in Tamil Nadu, India

Tamil Nadu's ancient capital, Tanjavur, becomes more accessible with the December opening of Svatma. Housed in a restored, century-old family mansion, the 38-room hotel is the first luxury accommodation in Tanjavur. The city, often regarded as the cradle of Southern Indian religion, architecture, and art, is an ideal base for exploring the Great Living Chola Temples and experiencing Bharatanatyam, a form of classical dance. Each of the 38 rooms has a slightly different design, but all feature traditional dark woods and Indian artwork. An ayurvedic spa, yoga center, pool, and gym appeal to wellness seekers, and Aharam restaurant serves vegetarian Tamil cuisine. Cultural immersion is at the heart of Svatma and the staff have curated eight experiences such as bronze casting demonstrations and cooking classes. *From \$212; svatma.in.*

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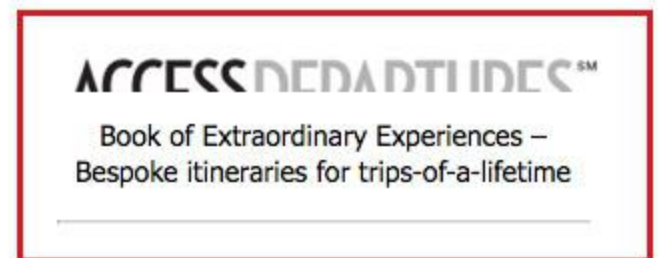
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