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OPENING THIS November, the Hurawathi Island Resort situated in the Lhaviyani Atoll is the first adults-only concept for over 18's in the Maldives. The five-star resort will offer 40 Ocean Villas and 20 Beach Villas, along with three restaurants and bars including a 5.8 metre underwater restaurant. Furthermore the new island has been designed to give as much back to the environment as possible, with projects being carried out from coral planting and marine conservation to an on-site water bottling plant and much of the island being powered by solar energy. Visit [hurawathi.com](http://hurawathi.com).

## Cox & Kings expands brochure with authentic experiences

COX & KINGS has launched an expanded 2017 brochure for 'India & Beyond', with inspirational ideas for travellers, ranging from new group tours to experiential excursions, lesser-known sights and hand-picked accommodation.

Travellers can choose to ride on the Kangra Mountain Railway, follow in the footsteps of Kipling, take a walking safari in Satpura National Park and dine with a royal family. The brochure also includes festival ideas and recommendations for extended haveli stays, now proving more popular due to the Real Exotic Marigold Hotel series.

Peter Kerkar, CEO for the operator, commented: "As the original India experts, we know the country inside and out, and have worked hard to sift through the offerings to bring the best and most interesting experiences to the forefront. Many first-time visitors to India fall in love with the country, and want to return again and again. Our programme offers new small group tours, private journeys and tailor-made ideas that combine the unmissable sights with lesser-known areas to cater to these types of travellers. And we know, in those areas, the best places to stay, the exclusive experiences, what sights there are to see and why they should be seen."

As an example of new tours 'Indian Wildlife Odyssey' is one for wildlife enthusiasts, with visits to Pench, Kanha and Satpura national parks, each known for their tiger population. The highlights include walking safaris in Satpura, the only national park where this can be done in India, four- to five-star lodges and a small group size with a maximum 12 people. The 13-day group tour is priced from £2,695 per person and includes two domestic flights.

Alternatively 'Treasure of Southern India' includes Chennai, Puducherry, Chettinad, Madurai, Munnar and Kochi. Highlights include a backwater cruise, the temples of Tamil Nadu, hill country and tea plantations with accommodation at four- to five-star properties, including the newly built Syatma in Thanjavur and the Promenade hotel in the centre of Puducherry's French Quarter. The 15-day group tour is priced from £1,995 per person.

Both prices include flights from London, transfers, excursions and accommodation with breakfast daily.

For the full programme and more information visit [coxandkings.co.uk/indian-subcontinent](http://coxandkings.co.uk/indian-subcontinent)