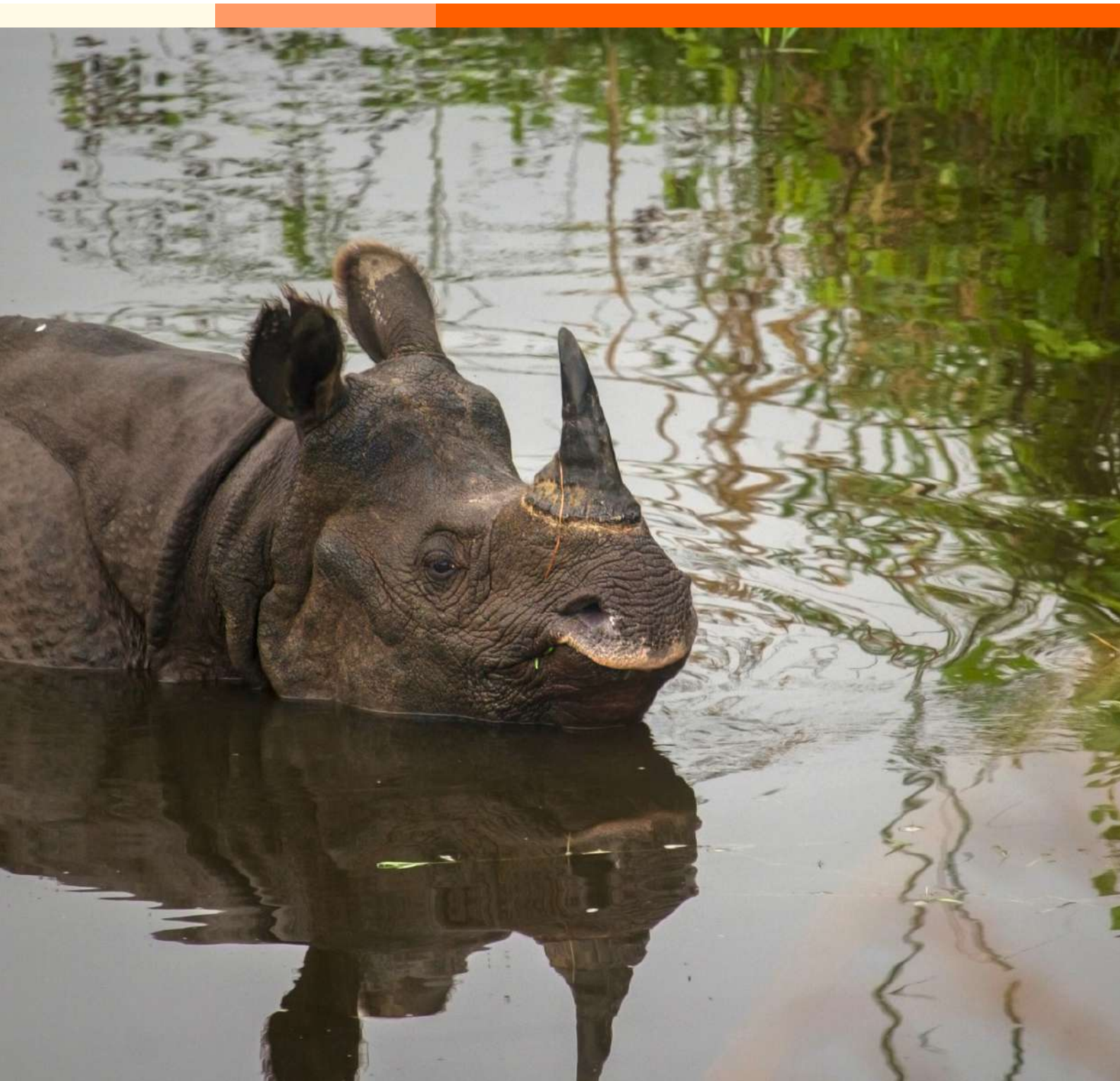


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Founder's Vision Statement

At Tanarix Private Limited, our story began with nothing more than a laptop in the hills and a dream. We—Tanmay Das and Arindam Sinha Babu—set out not just to build another travel company, but to create a bridge where technology meets the human spirit of travel.

Through Himalayan Rhapsody, we started by showcasing India's hidden treasures—homestays, treks, and authentic community experiences from the heart of the Himalayas. But our dream didn't stop at India's borders. With the launch of Roamix International, we are now taking Indian travelers to the world, and at the same time, introducing global travelers to India's unexplored destinations. For us, travel is about more than places. It is about stories, connections, and upliftment. With the right tools, even the smallest homestay can welcome the world, and even the most remote village can become part of the global tourism map.

Tanarix and Roamix together are not just ventures—they are an aspirational dream. A dream of building a future where travel is inclusive, sustainable, and deeply human, connecting people and cultures across borders.

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Editor's Note

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Welcome to the 5th Edition!

Welcome to the second edition of **ROAMIX JOURNAL** – a heartfelt, non-profit initiative co-authored by Tanmay & Arindam. Our mission is simple: to celebrate travel in all its forms, connect Indian destinations with the world, and bring authentic voices from the travel trade together. This month, we set the tone with “**Dooars Unwrapped**”, bringing the forest land and hidden gems of the region. We take you from Kodal Basti, the new hotspot for nature lovers to the serene land of Neora Valley. On the global front, we explore **Thailand**—its flavors, landscapes, and festivals. Along the way, you'll find inspiring wedding destinations, insider travel hacks, and a guest feature blog that captures the soul of storytelling.

ROAMIX JOURNAL is not about selling travel—it's about sharing it. Through photos, essays, and voices from both travelers and communities, we hope to build a bridge between people, places, and the businesses that make journeys possible. This is just the beginning. Come travel with us.



Travel has always been about stories, connections, and experiences—but in today's world, technology plays a silent yet powerful role in how we discover and share those journeys. At Roamix Journal, my focus is on the travel-tech side of things—how digital tools, platforms, and innovations are shaping tourism in India and across the globe. This journal is not about business; it's about building bridges. We want to make Indian destinations more visible to the world, and at the same time, open doors for global travelers to explore the lesser-known gems of our country. Through technology, we can help small travel businesses, homestays, guides, and local communities tell their stories more effectively. Roamix Journal is a non-profit initiative, driven only by passion. For me, it's about using tech as a communicator, a connector, and a storyteller—so that the beauty of travel reaches where it truly belongs: to people's hearts.



Travel, at its core, is about feeling. The way a mountain sunrise can humble you, the way a street food stall in a small town can tell you more about culture than any guidebook ever could—these are the experiences I want to share through Roamix Journal.

While Tanmay brings in the travel-tech perspective, my focus will always be on the human side of journeys. The sights, the flavors, the encounters with locals, the hidden corners that often go unnoticed—these are the treasures we want to highlight.

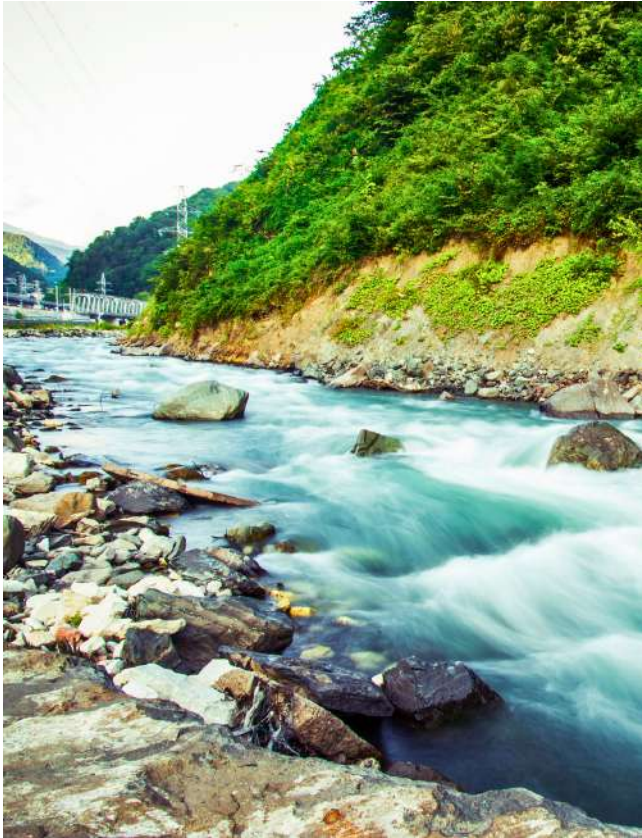
This journal is non-profit and heartfelt. It isn't about selling packages or destinations, but about promoting India to the world, and bringing the world closer to India. We also aim to be a voice for the travel trade, connecting communities, businesses, and travelers in meaningful ways. Roamix Journal is a storyteller's canvas. And my promise is to fill it with experiences that make you want to pack your bag, step out, and live the journey for yourself.



Dooars Unwrapped

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Spotlight of the majestic land!





Chilapata Forest: echoes of green & time

Cradled between Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary and Buxa Tiger Reserve, Chilapata Forest is one of the Dooars' most quietly enchanting landscapes – a place where dense sal forests, ancient ruins, and hidden forest trails exist in perfect balance. Once a historic passage used by royal caravans, the forest today remains largely untouched, offering travelers a rare chance to experience the raw and timeless beauty of North Bengal's wilderness.

What makes Chilapata Forest truly special is its deep, immersive calm. Sunlight filters gently through towering trees, forest paths wind past the moss-covered ruins of Nalraja Garh, and birdsong echoes softly through the green silence. Walking here feels slow and grounding, as if the forest sets its own rhythm. Soft forest light, earthy fragrances, and the distant rustle of leaves create moments that feel almost meditative. Whether you're exploring shaded trails, pausing beside forgotten ruins, or simply listening to nature breathe, Chilapata offers a sense of solitude and mystery that lingers long after you leave – a quiet reminder of the Dooars in its purest form.

The Quiet Poetry of the Torsa

Flowing gently through the heart of the Dooars, the Torsa River Bank unfolds as a scene of quiet grace – where wide skies, rippling waters, and forest-lined horizons blend into a landscape of effortless beauty. Born in the eastern Himalayas of Bhutan, the river carries with it a sense of movement and calm, shaping tranquil riverbanks around Alipurduar that invite stillness and reflection.

What makes the Torsa River Bank truly special is its soft, meditative rhythm. Sunlight dances across the water's surface, smooth stones glisten beneath shallow currents, and the air hums with birdsong and distant forest life. Early mornings arrive with mist rising gently from the river, while evenings settle into hues of gold and amber that mirror the sky. Time seems to slow as you sit by the flowing river, watching clouds drift and the day gently change its colors. Whether you're soaking in a golden sunset, wandering along quiet stretches of sand and stone, or simply listening to the water speak, the Torsa offers a deeply soothing escape – a place where the Dooars reveals its calmest, most graceful side.



UPPER SITTONG, WEST BENGAL

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Homestay Highlight

*Cozy Homestay You'll Fall in Love
With!*



Homestay Highlight

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Woods Adventure Camp

Tea estate, Kanchenjunga & a perfect home!

Hidden deep in the quiet folds of North Bengal, **Sittong Woods Adventures Camp** is less about buzz and bravado, and more about slowing down where the forest still leads the way. Wrapped in dense greenery, orange orchards, and soft mountain air, the camp feels like a gentle pause from the outside world—unhurried, earthy, and deeply refreshing.

Days begin with mist rolling through the trees and birdsong replacing alarms. The accommodations—comfortable tents and rustic cottages—blend seamlessly into the surroundings, offering warmth, clean comforts, and views that open straight into the woods. Nothing flashy, nothing forced—just enough to let nature stay in charge.

The area around Sittong invites quiet exploration. Walk through nearby **orange plantations**, visit the peaceful **Sittong Monastery**, or take a short drive to **Latpanchar** for sweeping valley views and birdwatching trails. A little farther away, **Ahaldara View Point** offers a panoramic look at the Teesta River cutting through the hills, especially striking at sunrise. Forest paths, hidden streams, and occasional waterfalls make even a short stroll feel like an adventure.

Afternoons are best spent lingering—reading, talking, or simply watching clouds drift past the hills. Evenings gather everyone around a bonfire as the forest cools and the sky darkens.

At its core, Sittong Woods Adventures Camp is for travelers who seek connection—with nature, with simple moments, and with places that don't try too hard to impress. It's calm, honest, and deeply rooted in its surroundings—a stay that stays with you long after you've left the woods.

The Journey to Woods, Sittong

The journey to Sittong feels like a slow reveal—busy plains fading into rolling tea gardens, forested bends, and misty hills that hint at the quiet waiting ahead.

From NJP (New Jalpaiguri) Railway Station:

About 60–65 km away, the drive takes 2.5 to 3.5 hours, depending on traffic and weather. Taxis wind through Siliguri, past tea estates and hill towns like Kurseong, before turning toward Latpanchar–Sittong Road. The last stretch narrows into a forest-lined route where orange orchards, bird calls, and misty valleys signal you're close.

From Bagdogra Airport (IXB):

Roughly 55–60 km, Bagdogra is the closest airport and takes about 2.5 to 3 hours by road. Leaving the plains behind, the drive gradually climbs into the hills, trading traffic for trees and open views.

From Siliguri:

Located around 50–55 km away, Siliguri is an easy 2 to 3 hour drive. The route passes through tea gardens and hill roads, with occasional viewpoints offering glimpses of valleys below. It's a smooth transition from city bustle to woodland calm, especially scenic in the early morning or late afternoon.

Amenities



Riverfront Property



Organic Foods



Hostel Stay



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Jaldapara: Dooars Unwrapped



Where the Grasslands Breathe Wild

If you've ever dreamed of experiencing the untouched soul of the Himalayas, Kinnaur is your perfect escape. With its blend of ancient culture, dramatic cliffs, and serene riverside villages, it offers a rare glimpse into Himachal's most breathtaking and offbeat beauty.

Key Highlights of Jaldapara National Park

One-Horned Rhinoceros Habitat: Jaldapara is one of the best places in India to witness the majestic one-horned rhino roaming freely across vast grasslands.

Lush Grasslands & Riverine Forests: Expansive savannah-like meadows, tall elephant grass, and forest patches nourished by the Torsa River create a rich and thriving ecosystem.

Diverse Wildlife: Home to elephants, gaur, deer, wild boar, and a wide variety of birds, making it a paradise for wildlife lovers and photographers.

Elephant & Jeep Safaris: Guided safaris offer close encounters with wildlife while preserving the raw, natural beauty of the park.

Scenic Dooars Landscape: Surrounded by tea gardens and distant Himalayan foothills, the park blends wilderness with classic Dooars charm.

Things to Do in Jaldapara National Park

Jaldapara is more than a wildlife destination – it's an immersive experience of nature, silence, and the untamed spirit of the Dooars. Here's what you can enjoy:

Go on Elephant & Jeep Safaris: Explore the grasslands early in the morning or late afternoon to spot rhinos, deer, and birds in their natural habitat.

Birdwatching: Observe migratory and native birds near riverbanks and forest edges, especially during winter months.

Nature Walks Around the Park: Take gentle walks near forest fringes and eco-tourism zones to soak in the greenery and fresh air.

Visit Nearby Tea Gardens & Villages: Discover local life, tea estates, and the quiet rhythm of villages surrounding the park.

Photography & Quiet Observation: Capture golden grasslands, misty mornings, and wildlife moments while embracing the calm that defines Jaldapara.

Best Season

October-March: The best time to visit Jaldapara, when the weather is pleasant, grasslands are lush, and wildlife sightings – especially one-horned rhinos – are at their peak.

April-June: Warm summer months bring dense greenery and active wildlife near water sources, making it ideal for safaris and birdwatching, though afternoons can be humid.

July-September: Monsoon transforms the park into a vibrant green paradise, but heavy rainfall often limits safaris and accessibility in certain areas.

Visitors can enjoy thrilling elephant and jeep safaris, observe wildlife across open grasslands, explore nearby tea gardens and villages, and soak in the raw beauty of the Dooars – all set against river-fed forests and expansive skies that define Jaldapara's wild charm.

How to Reach Jaldapara National Park

Jaldapara National Park is located in the Alipurduar district of West Bengal, around **150-170 km from Siliguri**. Travelers usually reach the park by train or road, with Alipurduar being the main gateway. The journey passes through scenic tea gardens, forested stretches, and quiet Dooars towns, offering glimpses of rivers, grasslands, and distant forest lines along the way. Many visitors combine Jaldapara with nearby attractions like Chilapata Forest, Buxa Tiger Reserve, and Alipurduar town for a complete Dooars experience.

Nearest Airport: Bagdogra Airport (approx. 140 km from Jaldapara).

Nearest Railway Station: Alipurduar Junction / Hasimara Railway Station (well-connected to major cities).

Approximate Cost

A trip to Jaldapara, including transport, forest safaris, and stays in forest lodges or nearby resorts, usually costs ₹2,000-₹4,000 per person per day, depending on season, accommodation, and safari type. Elephant and jeep safaris are charged separately and may add to the total cost.

Why It's a Go

Jaldapara is more than a wildlife destination – it's a window into the raw, untamed beauty of the Dooars. From vast grasslands and river-fed forests to close encounters with one-horned rhinos and serene forest mornings, the park offers an experience that feels both thrilling and peaceful. Its quiet surroundings, rich biodiversity, and unspoiled landscapes make it ideal for wildlife lovers, photographers, and travelers seeking a soulful escape into nature.

Key Highlights



Short Hikes



Serene Mountains



Scenic Views



Jungle Safari



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DESTINATION WEDDING DIARIES

DREAM VENUE FOR YOUR “I DO”

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Dream Your Wedding & We Make it Royal...!

Golden light, polished heritage, and an air of quiet extravagance — Baradighi the Bungalow is glamour steeped in legacy. This is where old-world grandeur meets modern celebration, where every moment feels curated, cinematic, and unapologetically elegant.

Set amidst sprawling emerald lawns and stately trees, the colonial bungalow rises like a jewel from another era. Think sweeping verandas, majestic facades, and spaces that don't just frame events — they elevate them. The atmosphere is refined yet indulgent, perfect for celebrations that demand presence, poise, and a touch of drama.

Picture a wedding drenched in sophistication: a regal outdoor aisle lined with florals, champagne flowing as the sun dips into molten gold, and heritage walls glowing under designer lights. Evenings shimmer here — crystal glasses catching candlelight, silk outfits brushing manicured grass, and music floating effortlessly through the open night.

Every corner of Baradighi the Bungalow invites indulgence. Luxe dinners under the stars, glamorous portraits against timeless architecture, midnight strolls through illuminated gardens — it's a setting made for bold love stories and unforgettable statements. Nothing feels ordinary; everything feels intentional.

Baradighi the Bungalow isn't just a venue — it's a declaration. For couples who want their celebration to feel rich, radiant, and timelessly iconic, this is where elegance turns luminous and love takes center stage. Come dressed in your finest, dream without restraint, and let Baradighi host a celebration worthy of legend.

An Intimate Hindu Bengali Wedding at Baradighi the Bungalow

At Baradighi the Bungalow, a Hindu Bengali wedding finds its perfect setting in heritage elegance and quiet grandeur. Ideal for an intimate gathering of up to 50 guests, this timeless estate blends tradition, rituals, and refined charm—creating a celebration that feels sacred, personal, and beautifully rooted.

Day 1: Arrival & Aashirbaad Evening

Guests are welcomed into the stately bungalow with warm hospitality and gentle conversations across the verandas. The evening unfolds with an intimate Aashirbaad or informal gathering on the lawns, adorned with soft lighting, traditional florals, and subtle décor. Laughter, blessings, and the rhythm of Bengali customs set a heartfelt tone.

Day 2: Wedding Rituals & Reception

The wedding ceremony takes place in the open lawns, where a classic chandnata-style mandap is set against the heritage façade. Red-and-white décor, shola accents, and fresh flowers frame rituals like Saat Paak, Mala Badal, and Sindoor Daan, creating moments that feel both traditional and cinematic. As evening arrives, the reception glows with elegant lights, a curated Bengali menu, and soulful music. Cake cutting, shared meals, and quiet celebrations bring the wedding to a graceful close.

✦ Baradighi the Bungalow offers the perfect canvas for a Hindu Bengali wedding—where rituals remain sacred, celebrations stay intimate, and heritage surroundings elevate every moment into a timeless memory.



Guest Feature

Article by Miguel Sherpa

Nagaland's Quiet Soul: A few weeks ago, I had the chance to explore Nagaland, and it felt like stepping into a land untouched by time. Walking through the stone-paved paths of Khonoma, surrounded by terraced fields and age-old traditions, was deeply grounding and serene. Visiting **Kigwema**, with its misty hills, warm villagers, and sweeping valley views, felt like being welcomed into a living story of culture and simplicity. The journey to Dzukou Valley was absolutely breathtaking — endless emerald meadows, soft wildflowers, and clouds drifting lazily across the landscape made it feel almost unreal, like a dream unfolding with every step. Exploring these villages, soaking in the calm, and breathing in the crisp mountain air offered a perfect blend of nature, heritage, and peace. Every moment in Nagaland felt pure, soulful, and quietly magical — an experience that will stay with me forever.

Nagaland Evenings: One of the most unforgettable experiences in Nagaland was watching the sunset over the hills near Khonoma. As soft mist rolled across the terraces and the sky slowly turned shades of amber and rose, the village seemed to glow in quiet harmony with nature. The stone houses stood still against the fading light, and the distant sounds of village life carried gently through the cool mountain air—it felt timeless and deeply peaceful, like the soul of Nagaland itself.

Another incredible moment was walking through the vast meadows of Dzukou Valley. The grasslands stretched endlessly beneath drifting clouds, dotted with delicate wildflowers and framed by rolling hills. The silence was profound, broken only by the whisper of the wind, making every step feel meditative. Together, these moments captured the calm, raw beauty, and enchanting spirit of Nagaland, leaving me deeply moved by its untouched charm and gentle rhythm.

Quest Feature



Article by Miguel Sherpa

Kohima Local Market – The Living Pulse of Nagaland:

After exploring Nagaland's quiet hills and villages, I wandered into the local market of Kohima, a place that truly feels like the cultural heartbeat of the region. The narrow lanes buzzed with life — vendors calling out cheerfully, the earthy aroma of smoked meats and fresh herbs in the air, and stalls overflowing with vibrant Naga shawls, bamboo crafts, handmade jewelry, and local produce. Every corner revealed something unique, from traditional spices and wild greens to beautifully woven textiles. As I strolled through the lively lanes, sipping warm tea from a small stall, I could feel the rhythm of Nagaland's spirit — raw, colorful, and deeply rooted in tradition.

Dzukou Valley – Nagaland's Serene Wonderland:

Later, I arrived at Dzukou Valley, a breathtaking expanse of rolling meadows tucked away between gentle mountain ridges. Walking across its vast grasslands, I was surrounded by soft wildflowers, winding streams, and clouds drifting lazily across an endless sky. The silence of the valley felt soothing, broken only by the whisper of the wind and distant footsteps. The landscape radiated a sense of purity, openness, and quiet beauty, untouched and deeply calming. Standing there, immersed in nature's simplicity, I felt a profound sense of peace and connection — not just to the land, but to myself. It was more than a scenic spot; it was a soulful journey into the tranquil heart of Nagaland.

THAILAND

INTERNATIONAL THEME

Your first luxurious trip? Well, Thailand is the perfect place to begin.

For Indians, it's an easy and welcoming getaway — quick visa options, frequent direct flights, and a wide range of stays for every budget make travel effortless. Known for its warm hospitality, tropical beauty, and rich culture, Thailand offers beaches, spirituality, nightlife, adventure, and indulgence — all wrapped in a relaxed, joyful vibe.

Top 5 Highlights for Indians in Thailand

Bangkok Temples & City Life – Discover the grandeur of the Grand Palace, Wat Arun, and Wat Pho, balanced with vibrant markets and modern city buzz.

Island Escapes – Relax on the turquoise shores of Phuket, Krabi, and Phi Phi Islands, known for stunning beaches, limestone cliffs, and crystal-clear waters.

Thai Culture & Traditions – Experience floating markets, traditional dance shows, and peaceful monasteries that reflect Thailand's deep-rooted heritage.

Food & Night Markets – Savor world-famous Thai cuisine — from street-side Pad Thai to mango sticky rice — at lively night markets and local eateries.

Nature & Adventure – Enjoy jungle treks, waterfalls, elephant sanctuaries, snorkeling, and island hopping for the perfect mix of thrill and serenity.



Day 1 – Arrival in Thailand

Arrive in Bangkok and check in to your hotel. Spend the evening exploring a local night market or enjoy a relaxed walk along the Chao Phraya River. Overnight stay in Bangkok.

Day 2 – Bangkok Temples & City Highlights

Begin your day with visits to the Grand Palace, Wat Pho, and Wat Arun. Continue to a floating market or enjoy shopping at a popular mall. End your evening with a riverside dinner or city views. Overnight in Bangkok.

Day 3 – Island Escape

Fly or transfer to Phuket or Krabi. Spend the day relaxing on the beach or exploring nearby viewpoints. Enjoy a calm evening by the sea. Overnight stay in Phuket/Krabi.

Day 4 – Island Adventures & Culture

Go island hopping to Phi Phi or nearby islands, enjoy snorkeling, or visit a local temple and old town area. Wind down with a sunset view or beachside dinner. Overnight stay in Phuket/Krabi.

Day 5 – Leisure & Departure

Spend your morning at the beach or doing last-minute shopping before your transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



Top Places to Visit in Thailand

Bangkok Temples – Sacred Splendor: Golden spires and ancient shrines glowing with spiritual grace.

Grand Palace – Royal Legacy: A dazzling complex of intricate halls and timeless Thai artistry.

Phuket – Island Charm: Turquoise waters, lively beaches, and sunsets that linger in memory.

Krabi – Limestone Beauty: Dramatic cliffs rising from emerald seas, calm and cinematic.

Phi Phi Islands – Tropical Dream: Crystal-clear lagoons and white sands shaped like paradise.

Chiang Mai – Cultural Calm: Quiet temples, mountain air, and soulful northern traditions.

Floating Markets – Living Heritage: Boats drifting through canals, brimming with colors and flavors.

Ayutthaya – Ancient Echoes: Ruins of a glorious kingdom resting in peaceful silence.

Railay Beach – Coastal Escape: A hidden cove where cliffs meet soft sands and serenity.

Pai – Mountain Bliss: Misty valleys, winding roads, and a gentle rhythm of life.



How to Reach Thailand from India

Direct Flights: Almost every major Indian city — Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi — has direct flights to Bangkok, Phuket, and other major Thai airports. Average travel time: Around 4 to 5.5 hours, depending on the city and destination.

Budget Airlines: Carriers like IndiGo, Air India, Thai AirAsia, SpiceJet, and Vistara frequently offer affordable fares, sometimes starting under ₹10,000 one-way if booked early.

Visa: Indians can easily travel with Visa on Arrival or apply for a Thailand e-Visa in advance. Many travel agencies and airlines assist with quick and smooth visa processing.

Why Thailand for Indians?

- Budget eats: Flavorful street food like Pad Thai, Tom Yum, and mango sticky rice starting from approx. ₹200–₹350.
- Comfortable stays: Excellent hotels and resorts available from ₹2,500–₹4,000 per night.

Thailand isn't just a destination — it's an experience of golden temples, tropical beaches, vibrant culture, and warm smiles.

With **Roamix International**, discover Thailand our way — stylish, seamless, and unforgettable.

Thailand - A Food Lover's Paradise | Roamix International

Thailand is a dream destination for food lovers — a vibrant blend of Thai, Asian, and global flavors. From bustling street stalls to elegant beachfront restaurants, the country serves dishes that reflect its rich culture and love for bold tastes. Here are some must-try foods when you're in Thailand!

Pad Thai (Classic Stir-Fried Noodles)

Thailand's most iconic dish — rice noodles tossed with tamarind sauce, peanuts, vegetables, and your choice of chicken, shrimp, or tofu. Sweet, tangy, and deeply satisfying.

Tom Yum Goong (Spicy Shrimp Soup)

A fragrant and fiery favorite — shrimp simmered with lemongrass, kaffir lime leaves, chili, and lime juice. Light yet bursting with flavor, it's a true Thai comfort dish.

Green Curry (Kaeng Khiao Wan)

A rich, aromatic curry made with green chilies, coconut milk, and fresh herbs. Creamy, spicy, and perfectly balanced, usually served with steamed rice.

Som Tam (Green Papaya Salad)

A refreshing street-food classic — shredded green papaya mixed with lime, chilies, palm sugar, and peanuts. Crisp, spicy, and irresistibly fresh.

Mango Sticky Rice

A beloved Thai dessert — sweet mango slices served with warm coconut sticky rice and drizzled with creamy coconut sauce. Simple, comforting, and unforgettable.

Thai Iced Tea

A local favorite — strong brewed tea mixed with milk and ice, lightly spiced and refreshingly sweet. Perfect to cool down after exploring.

Tip for Indian Travelers: Vegetarian food is easy to find — from tofu-based curries and vegetable Pad Thai to fresh spring rolls and stir-fried veggies. Most restaurants understand "veg only" requests and happily customize meals.



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Local Flavors



Dish & Drinks from the region

Dooars





Local Flavors

01 Pork with Bamboo Shoot

Pork with Bamboo Shoot is one of the most iconic dishes of the Dooars region, especially in Alipurduar and around Jaldapara, reflecting the deep-rooted culinary traditions of the local tribal communities. **Slow-cooked pork is simmered with tender bamboo shoots, allowing the meat to absorb the shoot's earthy, slightly tangy flavor that defines the dish. The result is a rich yet balanced preparation where the natural sweetness of pork meets the sharp freshness of bamboo, enhanced with minimal spices and local herbs.** Often enjoyed with steamed rice, this dish is a true expression of forest-to-table cooking and the region's close bond with nature. Traditionally prepared during family gatherings and festivals, it carries stories of shared meals and age-old cooking practices passed down through generations. More than just a meal, Pork with Bamboo Shoot embodies the warmth, simplicity, and soulful food culture of the Dooars.



02 Dry Fish Pickle

Dry Fish Pickle is a bold and flavorful delicacy deeply rooted in the everyday food culture of the Dooars region, including Alipurduar and Jaldapara. **Made from sun-dried fish carefully cleaned and cooked with mustard oil, chilies, garlic, and local spices, this pickle carries a rich aroma and an intense, savory taste. The sharpness of mustard oil blends beautifully with the deep umami of the dry fish, creating a condiment that instantly elevates a simple meal.** Often enjoyed with plain rice or warm rotis, it adds a punch of flavor to even the most modest plates. Prepared in many households as a way to preserve seasonal fish, Dry Fish Pickle reflects the region's resourceful culinary traditions. More than just an accompaniment, it represents the love for strong, rustic flavors and the enduring connection to local ingredients and heritage.

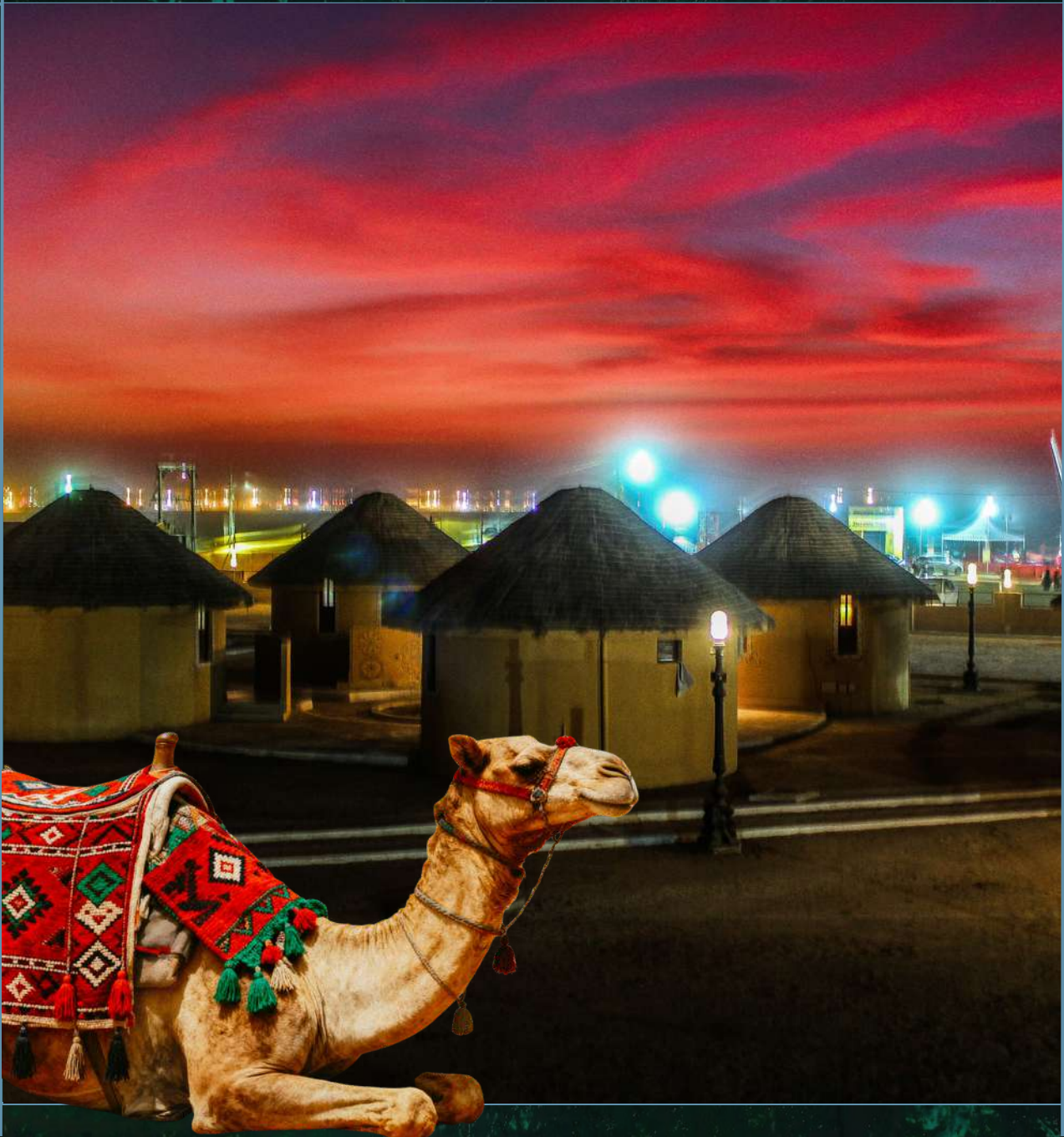


03 Patishapta Pitha

Soft, delicate, and steeped in nostalgia, Patishapta Pitha is a cherished traditional sweet that brings warmth to winter kitchens across the Dooars region. **This classic rice-flour crepe is gently wrapped around a luscious filling of coconut, jaggery, and sometimes khoya, creating a perfect harmony of sweetness and texture.** Passed down through generations, Patishapta Pitha is more than a dessert—it is a celebration of seasonal abundance, home traditions, and the simple joy of sharing something lovingly handmade.

RANN

UTSAV 2025



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The Festival That Lit Up the White Desert

In 2025, Rann Utsav unfolded across the vast white expanse of the Great Rann of Kutch with its signature vibrancy, color, and cultural pride. As winter settled gently over Gujarat, the festival drew travelers and local communities together in a grand celebration of art, tradition, and desert life. This year's Rann Utsav felt especially immersive, blending timeless Kutchi heritage with renewed energy for preserving local culture.

Rann Utsav 2025: Gujarat's Celebration of Culture, Colors & the White Desert

As winter settles gently over western India, the vast salt plains of Kutch begin to glow under starlit skies and moonlit nights – welcoming the arrival of Rann Utsav, Gujarat's most iconic cultural festival. Celebrated annually from late autumn to early spring (typically October to March), Rann Utsav transforms the Great Rann of Kutch into a living canvas of music, crafts, dance, and tradition. Set against the surreal white desert, the festival marks a season of celebration, creativity, and cultural pride.

A Celebration of Heritage & Artistic Spirit

Deeply rooted in the traditions of Kutch, Rann Utsav is a tribute to Gujarat's rich folk heritage. The festival brings together local communities, artisans, musicians, and performers who showcase centuries-old customs through vibrant folk dances, soulful music, and colorful attire. Unlike urban festivals, Rann Utsav feels immersive and heartfelt – where visitors don traditional outfits, interact with artisans, and experience culture as a shared celebration rather than a spectacle. The spirit of the festival lies in honoring local identity while welcoming the world.

Festivities at Dhordo & the White Rann

Centered around Dhordo village, the festival area comes alive with a temporary tent city, craft bazaars, cultural stages, and desert activities. As the sun sets, the salt desert reflects hues of gold and silver, while evenings echo with folk performances, storytelling, and music. Handcrafted textiles, mirror work, embroidery, pottery, and local cuisine form the soul of the celebration. For travelers, Rann Utsav offers a rare chance to witness Kutch not just as a destination, but as a living cultural landscape shaped by its people.

A Cultural Experience Rooted in Land & Tradition

More than an event, Rann Utsav symbolizes pride, resilience, and continuity. It celebrates the harmony between people and their environment – life thriving in an otherwise stark desert. Under full moon nights, the white Rann becomes almost magical, reflecting both nature's beauty and human creativity. The festival captures Gujarat's essence – vibrant, welcoming, and deeply connected to tradition.

Why It Matters

Rann Utsav stands as a powerful expression of Gujarat's cultural soul. In an age of rapid change, it preserves folk arts, supports local artisans, and strengthens community bonds. For visitors, experiencing Rann Utsav means stepping into a timeless celebration – tasting local flavors, listening to age-old melodies, and witnessing how culture can transform a silent desert into a festival of life. Each Rann Utsav is not just a journey across the white sands, but a celebration of heritage, unity, and end-uring beauty.

- **Cultural Evenings:** Folk artists and musicians gathered on open stages, filling the desert nights with rhythm and melody.
- **Traditional Attire:** Artisans and performers dressed in embroidered Kutchi outfits, mirror-work fabrics, and colorful turbans.
- **Folk Music & Dances:** Garba, folk dances, and traditional performances echoed across the salt plains.
- **Handicraft Bazaars:** Local artisans showcased embroidery, bandhani textiles, pottery, and handcrafted jewelry.
- **Desert Experiences:** Visitors enjoyed camel rides, cultural walks, and moonlit views of the shimmering white Rann.
- **Community Celebration:** Villagers and guests celebrated together, creating a shared space of culture and connection.
- **Local Cuisine:** Traditional Gujarati and Kutchi dishes were served, offering authentic flavors of the region.



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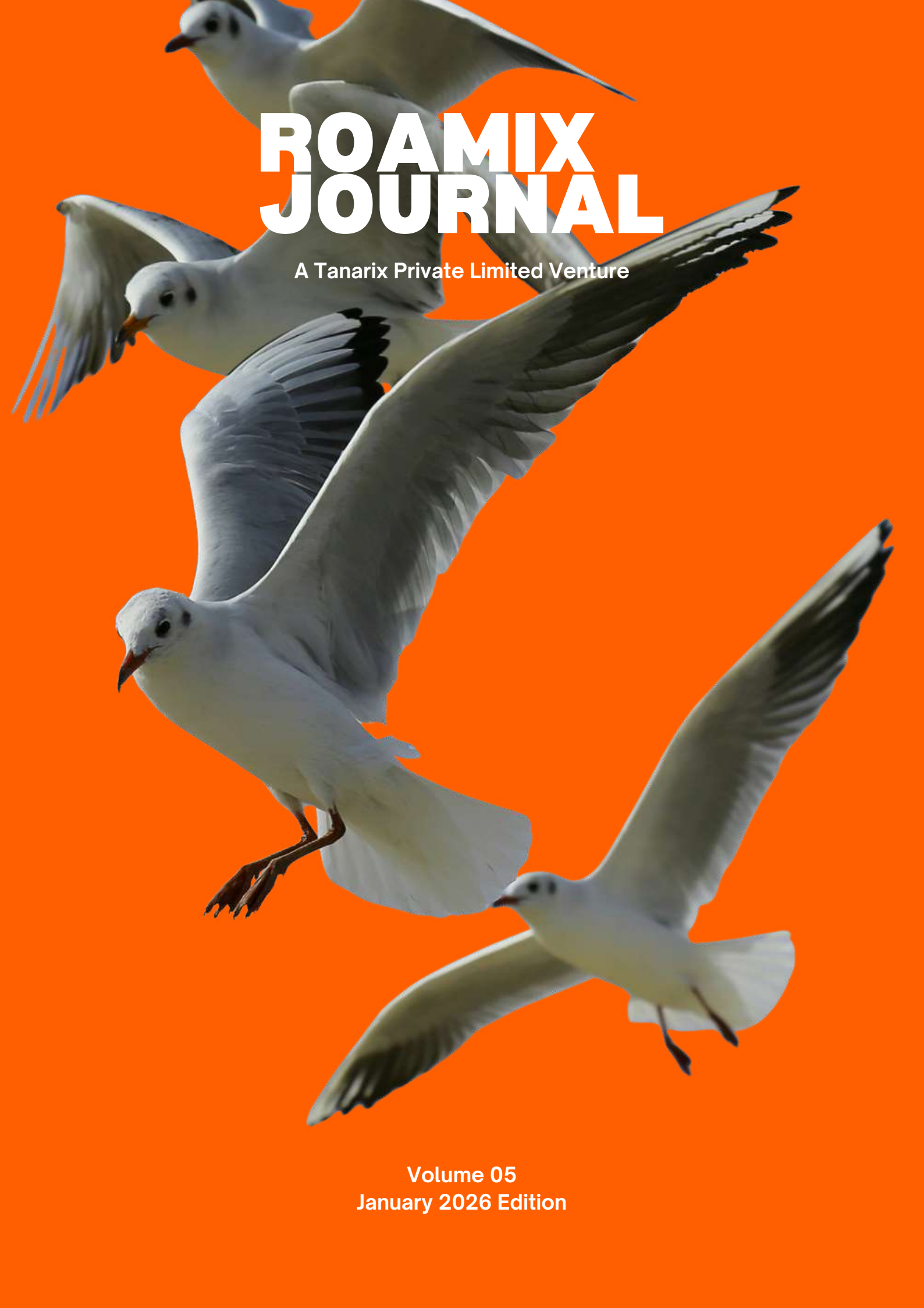
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