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Tour and Hotel News: Dance and Music in India; Safaris in Tanzania

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A tour focused on music and dance includes a recital in Varanasi, India. Geringer Global Travel















A TASTE OF ITALY IN LAS VEGAS

<u>The Venetian</u> and <u>the Palazzo</u> hotels in Las Vegas are teaming up from Dec. 17 to 20 for the third annual <u>Ultimo</u>, a food festival celebrating Italy. The lineup of participating chefs this year includes luminaries such as Daniel Boulud, Jérôme Bocuse, Shaun Hergatt, Gavin Kaysen, Thomas Keller and Ming Tsai.

Tickets for each of the festival's six events can be purchased à la carte; the kick-off is a Bocuse d'Or Competition at the Venetian where more than 400 chefs will compete to represent the United States at the renowned Bocuse d'Or in Lyon, France, in 2017. Other festivities include Celebrating Air: The Grand Banquet, Dinner in the Clouds (\$1,000 a person), where the evening starts with a reception featuring Krug Champagne and caviar before guests are seated at a glass table where they dine on a meal prepared by Mr. Keller, Mr. Tsai, Mr. Hergatt and Philip Tessier, the first American Bocuse d'Or silver medalist. There's also an Italian seafood lunch

serve prosecco from their boats and a farewell brunch (\$150 a person) where dishes with Italian truffles are a highlight.

A DINNER DEAL IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Glenmere Mansion, a Relais & Chateaux property in the Hudson Valley, about 90 minutes from New York City, is celebrating its new executive chef, Gunnar Thompson, with a two-for-one dinner offer for guests. For every new reservation booked and completed by Dec. 19, guests get one complimentary dinner in the hotel's fine-dining restaurant, the Supper Room, when buying another dinner of equal value. Before joining Glenmere Mansion, Mr. Thompson was the executive chef at three restaurants at the Primland Resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia; in his new role, he plans on staying with the American Continental cuisine the property already serves but will add his own dishes such as pumpkin soup with pumpkinseed praline and duck cracklings, lamb rib chops with pea tendril pesto and Romanesco cauliflower and scallops with butternut squash, speck and brussels sprouts. Room rates from \$750 a night including a three-course breakfast.

A DANCE AND MUSIC TRIP IN INDIA

Travelers often visit India to see its many temples and palaces, but a new trip from the tour operator <u>Geringer Global Travel</u> is a chance to explore the country's lesser-known music and dance heritage, spanning several thousand years. The 16-day India Dance and Music is concentrated in northern India with stops in the cities of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Varanasi and Lucknow. Highlights include visiting workshops in Old Delhi that produce and sell Indian musical instruments, attending a flute, sitar and tabla recital in Varanasi during a sunrise boat cruise, and touring Bhatkhande Music Institute University in Lucknow, one of the most famous schools of Hindustani classical music. Guests also see the Taj Mahal at sunrise and visit Unesco-designated temples in Khajuraho. Prices from \$5,095. Includes accommodations, breakfast, transfers, guides, monument entrance fees and most activities. Travelers who book by Dec. 15 will save \$200 per person.

A NEW SAFARI CAMP IN TANZANIA

Nomad Tanzania, a collection of small safari camps throughout Tanzania, is opening its 11th property in the country next June called Entamanu Ngorongoro. The camp is perched at 7,500 feet high on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, and the company claims that it's the only camp in the world with views of both the crater and Serengeti National Park, known for having one of the highest mammal concentrations in Africa. Entamanu will initially have eight rooms, but more will be added by 2017. Prices from \$655 per person per night.