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Dune safari in Jaisalmer

Dubai-based **Lama Desert Tours & Cruises (LLC)** have recently launched a desert safari in Jaisalmer — 'Dune Safari' — for which power machines like 4X4 trucks and All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) will be used. Available for Rs 3,500 for an adult and Rs 2,500 for children between 3 to 10 years. This also includes camel rides, *hookah*, Rajasthani music and dances, and a buffet. The group is also set to open a resort in 52 acres in Jaisalmer, allotted by the Rajasthan government. The resort will initially have 40 rooms and four conference halls which will be operational by September this year, while the remaining 20 rooms will be open by March 2011.



LLC IS CURRENTLY IN TALKS WITH RAJASTHAN GOVERNMENT AND STATE TOURISM AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH PROJECTS IN TOURIST HUBS LIKE BARMER, BIKANER AND JODHPUR

Vivanta by Taj goes to Assam

The Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL) will set up a five-star hotel 'Vivanta by Taj - Guwahati, Assam'. The foundation stone for the property was recently unveiled by Tarun Gogoi, Chief Minister, Assam. It will be the city's first five-star hotel, which will target business and leisure travellers. A host of dignitaries including Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Sons; R K Krishna Kumar, Vice Chairman, IHCL; Rockybul Hussain, Minister of Environment & Forest and Tourism, Government of Assam, among others, were present during the occasion. The hotel will consist of 150 rooms and suites and will be built with a design theme inspired from local architecture. The hotel will have an all-day dining restaurant, a speciality restaurant and a bar, recreation facilities like an expansive spa and fitness centre, and a 6000-sq ft meeting and banqueting hall.



FlightTip

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Cool collection

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