

AGENDA

DAY ONE – TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2026

Arrivals All Day & Immersive Celebrations

A Royal Journey Through the Seven Senses

08:00 – 17:00

PADHARO SA

Experience the Warmth of Fairmont Udaipur Palace

Step into a world of royal Rajasthani hospitality as we welcome you to the enchanting and majestic Aravalli Hills of Udaipur. Inspired by the timeless spirit of “Padharo Mhare Desh,” your arrival at Fairmont Udaipur Palace is thoughtfully curated with warm traditions, graceful rituals, and heartfelt service.

18:00 – 22:30

SUNDOWNER EXPERIENCE AT THE CHAND BAORI

Buggy Transfer from Panther Patio, Level 5 to the Outdoor Venue.

DRESS CODE: INDO CHIC

Ritual Reimagined: The Haldi Glow – Sunkissed by the Timelessness of Turmeric

The Mehfil – The Alchemy of Joy

Every great celebration begins with a gathering... a gathering of souls, a celebration of love, and an evening touched by grace.

Welcoming connoisseurs of luxury destination weddings to the beautiful colours and festivities of the Big Fat Indian weddings!

The theme of our welcome reception today is to take you on an extravagant & royal journey of a typical Indian wedding and the celebrations that unfold, so get ready for an unforgettable evening! Blending cultural vibrancy with palace grandeur, the opening experience is a sensory celebration of joy, color, and heritage, designed for the modern, global wedding canvas.

Mehndi Majlis – The Art of Storytelling

“Stories are the currency of society... and tonight, we write our own.”

Inspired by the artistic traditions of Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Mughal mehndi heritage, guests are welcomed into a living canvas of culture.

Live mehndi artists intricately design bridal patterns that narrate individual love stories, while the atmosphere comes alive with soulful folk performances.

Sangeet Night – Performance as Power

“If one must make a spectacle... one must make it unforgettable.”

As the evening unfolds, the energy elevates into a grand theatrical spectacle inspired by modern Indian Sangeet culture. A Broadway-style production takes center stage, blending choreography, storytelling and cutting-edge stage technology.

Together, Mehndi Majlis and Sangeet Darbar transform the Sangeet Night into a grand cultural performance of love, creativity, and emotion!

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CONGRESS

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DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 2026

The Royal Rendezvous For The Architects of Wedding Dreams

The Global Congress of Luxury Celebrations and Unity of Cultures -
India Meets the World at Fairmont Udaipur Palace

08:00 – 08:55

RAJ DARBAR PRAVESH

Welcoming the World to the DWP Congress

Set within the majestic surroundings of Fairmont Udaipur Palace, attendees will be immersed in an unforgettable royal exchange of new ideas and conversations that shape the future of the destination weddings and luxury celebrations landscape.

Registrations and Networking into the Royal DWP Congress at the Jewel Ballroom

09:00 – 09:05

ORGANISER'S WELCOME ADDRESS

The Opening of the Grand Season

And so, the doors are opened... not just to a gathering, but to possibility itself."



Sidh NC

Co-Founder & Managing Director,
QnA International

09:05 – 09:10

HOST PALACE WELCOME ADDRESS

Royalty Meets Romance: A New Age

"A true host does more than welcome... they set the tone for everything that is to unfold."



Amitabh Rai

Chief Operating Officer – Luxury,
Accor South Asia

09:10 – 09:25

WELCOME KEYNOTE

The Power of Place: A Warm Welcome to Udaipur

"Every grand affair is shaped not only by its guests...
but by the soul of the place that hosts it."



Shriji Huzur

Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Ji Mewar of Udaipur

77th Custodian of the House of Mewar Udaipur, India

09:25 – 09:40

CONFERENCE CREATIVE PARTNER WELCOME

When Creativity Becomes a Signature

Building a Distinctive Creative Language in the World of Extraordinary Celebrations

- Designing an Experience, Not Just a Space

- From Indian Inspiration to Global Expression
- A Vision for the Next Generation of Weddings



Vandana Mohan
Founder and Artistic Director,
The Wedding Design Company, India

09:45 - 09:55

LIVE INTERACTIVE CONGRESS POLL

Real-time audience polling

10:00 - 10:15

THE FAIRMONT UDAIPUR PALACE KEYNOTE ALL FOR LOVE

Love is the one language the whole world speaks.

The rarest luxury of all is not extravagance... but the ability to make people feel something unforgettable. And every stakeholder in the industry must imbibe the key takeaways from this keynote.

- Love connects everyone: two people, two families, friends and generations.
- Like the infinity at the heart of our logo, love has no beginning and no end.
- Every celebration is a chapter in a story that keeps on going.



Vipin Khattar
Chief Commercial Officer,
Accor South Asia

10:20 - 10:55

THE VOICES OF THE PODIUM

The 7 Vows of Collaboration Across Destinations, Suppliers & Clients

Inspired by the Agni Sakshi: Seven Sacred Vows to this place

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- Weddings as creative ecosystems, not just events
- Pricing, clarity, expectation mapping and supplier honesty
- Trust, transparency & timelessness in the future of collaborative luxury experiences.



Bhavnesh Sawhney
Co-Founder,
FB Celebrations, India



Kaival Patel
Director,
Absolute Events, India



Mahesh Shirodkar
Managing Director,
Tamarind Global, India



Socorro Morake
Senior Manager, MICE & Weddings,
Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development
Authority, UAE

11:00 - 11:20

THE GIFT I'D GIVE MY YOUNGER SELF What I Would Do Differently and Why

- To Rightly Value My Creative Ideas - Pricing and Contracts

- Choosing Clients - "I Do" and "Maybe Next Time"
- Building my Dream Team that Represents the Brand
- Prudently Leveraging Social Media, Marketing and Branding



Dr. Ali Behnam Bakhtiar
Founder & Creative Director,
Ali Bakhtiar Designs, UAE & Monaco

11:25 - 11:40

A SURPRISE REVEAL AWAITS AT THE DWP CONGRESS

Some moments are too special to be revealed in advance.

DWP has something extraordinary in store. Be ready for an unexpected experience that will unfold when the moment is just right.

11:45 - 11:55

THE SALON OF SOCIETY

Coffee and Cultural Exchange

"A gathering is never merely about refreshment... it is where alliances are formed and ideas take flight."

12:00 - 14:30

SWAYAMVAR REIMAGINED AT THE JEWEL BALLROOM

The DWP B2B Meetings – Luxury Matchmaking

"In the grand game of society... the right match can change everything."

14:30 - 15:30

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

The DWP Congress Networking Lunch, Inspired by the Royal Banquets

One never truly knows a person... until one has dined with them.

15:35 - 15:45

A ROYAL GIFT

Surprise Giveaways to Win Experiences to Amazing Destinations

MANDARIN ORIENTAL DOWNTOWN, DUBAI

Step Into a World of Luxury at Mandarin Oriental Downtown Dubai

Where contemporary luxury meets the vibrant energy of Dubai.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two, as you experience the refined hospitality and sophisticated surroundings of one of the world's most dynamic cities. From impeccable service to modern elegance, discover Dubai through the distinctive lens of Mandarin Oriental.

ALILA FORT BISHANGARH, JAIPUR

Step into a 236-year-old warrior fort, where Rajasthan's rich heritage meets the tranquillity of the Aravalli landscape.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Grand Suite on double occupancy, and an Alila Moment – Forgotten Trail experience. Step into a world of rustic elegance, ancient stone walls as you discover the culture, history and profound sense of peace that make Bishangarh truly unforgettable.

LA PERLA DEL DOGE & VILLA CIARDI, PUGLIA, ITALY

Your idyllic escape to Villa Ciardi, an exclusive Italian retreat where timeless elegance meets the authentic charm of Puglia.

Enjoy a complimentary two-night stay for two at this enchanting villa, surrounded by the beauty and character of southern Italy. Discover a world of understated luxury, historic charm and authentic Apulian hospitality, where every moment captures the romance of the Italian countryside.



Alila | FORT BISHANGARH
JAIPUR





MARRIOTT LUXURY GROUP – THE RED SEA & AMAALA RESORTS, SAUDI ARABIA

Win an extraordinary escape to AMAALA, where the breathtaking Red Sea coastline meets the refined world of The Ritz-Carlton.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two at the Marina Suite, inclusive of full-board dining with breakfast, lunch and dinner at selected restaurants. Set against the tranquil beauty of AMAALA, immerse yourself in an elevated retreat where expansive spaces, exceptional hospitality and the splendour of the Red Sea create an unforgettable escape.

FAIRMONT AMMAN, JORDAN

Elegant escape to Fairmont Amman, where contemporary luxury meets the rich flavours and warm hospitality of Jordan.

Enjoy a three-night stay for two, inclusive of daily breakfast, complemented by two exceptional dining experiences. Dinner for two at Nur Signature Lebanese Dining and dinner for two at the fine-dining Salt Brasserie. Discover Amman through a stay that brings together refined hospitality, culinary artistry and the vibrant spirit of Jordan.

RAS AL KHAIMAH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Win an experience to the allure of Ras Al Khaimah, a destination where soaring mountain adventures and authentic Arabian experiences come together beautifully.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two at The Ritz-Carlton Ras Al Khaimah, Al Wadi Desert, in an Al Rimal Villa, including breakfast at Kaheela Restaurant. Your experience also includes two tickets for the exhilarating Jebel Jais Flight and two tickets to the Suwaidi Pearl Farm Experience, offering a glimpse into the emirate's natural beauty, adventurous spirit and rich cultural heritage.

ATLANTIS DUBAI

Win an experience to Atlantis the Royal, where extraordinary design meets infinite ocean views, world-class dining and unforgettable experiences.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two adults and two children under 14 years in a Palmscape Queen Room, inclusive of daily buffet breakfast, Royal Club Lounge access, and access to the Aquaventure Waterpark and The Lost World Aquarium. A stay that brings together ultra-luxury, spectacular experiences and the unparalleled grandeur of Atlantis.

MUSICIANS LEAGUE

Win an unforgettable night with Musicians League bringing world-class live bands, DJs, lighting and sound to celebrations across the globe.

A lucky winner will receive a Musicians League Band Voucher, redeemable within the next 12 months.

This voucher is your chance to create the soundtrack to an extraordinary occasion, with access to Musicians League experiences across Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America.

15:45 – 16:30

DWP ATELIER MASTERCLASS – INSPIRED BY THE MAJESTY OF THE ARAVALLIS One must know when to be seen... and when to simply be felt.

MASTERCLASS: Atelier Masterclass 1

THEME & FOCUS: ARAVALLI REVERIE

Moments of Magic.

Designing High-Impact Intentional Moments.

What makes the smallest moments stay with us the longest?

- Smaller doesn't necessarily mean simpler
- Operational complexity, the invisible elements, client requirement & expectations
- Why storytelling becomes more important than scale in modern celebrations
- How to balance authenticity, transparency aesthetics, and experience in small gathering



Precious Thamaga
Founder,
Precious Celebrations, South Africa

MASTERCLASS: Atelier Masterclass 2

THEME & FOCUS:

ARAVALLI LUXE

The New Romance Economy.

The Art of the Unrepeatable.

Why the future of luxury lies in creating experiences that could belong to no one else?

- Why the most meaningful celebrations begin with a story, not a visual reference.
- Translating personality, heritage, relationships and destination into the DNA of an experience.
- Designing moments that evoke feeling rather than simply create visual impact.
- How anticipation, intuition and thoughtful gestures create a sense of true luxury.
- Creating moments that live beyond the photographs and become part of the couple's story.



Nadia Duran
Founder,
N Duran Pty Ltd, Australia

MASTERCLASS: Atelier Masterclass 3

THEME & FOCUS:

ARAVALLI RADIANCE

Embracing Hard Lessons that Sparked Joy.

Can you design an emotion before you design the experience?

- Turning spontaneity surprises and the unexpected crisis into unforgettable experiences.
- What the world can learn from South Asian celebrations about generosity, ritual, family and hospitality.
- Less is luxury, why restraint, intention, and knowing what not to do can create the ultimate luxury.
- Joy in chaos, designing for emotion, connection, and the joy you simply can't schedule.



Elizabeth Priya Kumar
Founder and CEO,
Premini Events, USA

16:30 – 18:00

SIESTA BEFORE FIESTA

18:00 – 18:30

SAFA TIME - TAKE THE BUGGY FROM THE PANTHER PATIO, LEVEL 5 TO THE LOTUS POND

18:30 – 19:30

BARAAT

A royal procession before your Gala begins

19:30 – 00:00

BEAUTIFUL GALA AT THE JASHN LAWN

Curated by Mahesh Shirodkar and Team Tamarind Global

THE ROYAL NIGHT OUT - A REGAL WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE BENEATH THE ARAVALLI SKIES

"As every great court knows... the most unforgettable evenings begin not with an announcement, but with an atmosphere."

Step into an extraordinary evening where the untamed beauty of the wild meets the grandeur of royal India. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Fairmont Udaipur Palace and inspired by the majestic spirit of the Aravalli landscape, it will be a bold and immersive gala celebration that reimagines the royal night out through the lens of nature, luxury, and the creative spirit!

One never truly knows a person... until one has dined with them.

*.Please note this agenda is subject to change due to last-minute cancellations **

*.Kindly note a gap of 5 mins between sessions has been intentionally included in the for Q & A **

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DAY THREE – THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2026
The Business of Forever- - Jewel Ballroom, Level 4

08:20 – 09:00

THE MAHARANI'S PROCESSION

Registration and Networking Coffee

09:00 – 09:10

A ROYAL GIFT

Surprise Giveaway for the Early Riser

Exclusive luxury giveaways.



HYATT REGENCY AQABA AYLA RESORT, JORDAN

Experience the serenity of the Red Sea at Hyatt Regency Aqaba Ayla Resort, where waterfront beauty meets contemporary resort living.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Regency Suite and experience the laid-back elegance of Aqaba's Ayla destination. From tranquil waters and striking landscapes to warm Jordanian hospitality, discover a getaway designed for relaxation, discovery and unforgettable moments.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KYOTO, JAPAN

Journey into the timeless elegance of Kyoto, where the inimitable Japanese traditions meet the refined hospitality of Four Seasons.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Premier King Room, inclusive of breakfast at EMBA KYOTO GRILL. Immerse yourself in the serene beauty of Kyoto, where ancient culture, exquisite cuisine and contemporary luxury come together to create an experience steeped in Japanese artistry.



SWITZERLAND TOURISM BOARD

Revel in the captivating Swiss property overlooking the shores of Lake Geneva, where Belle Époque grandeur meets the timeless beauty of Montreux.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Lake View Room, inclusive of breakfast and complimentary access to the Fairmont Spa. To complement your experience, Switzerland Tourism will also offer a five-day First Class Swiss Travel Pass for two, inviting you to journey through Switzerland's breathtaking landscapes, charming towns and iconic destinations.



THE RED SEA & AMAALA RESORTS, SAUDI ARABIA

Win an extraordinary escape to AMAALA, where the natural beauty of the Red Sea meets the timeless luxury.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Grand Deluxe Room with Marina View, inclusive of full-board dining with breakfast, lunch and dinner at selected restaurants. Surrounded by pristine coastal landscapes and the tranquil beauty of AMAALA, discover an experience where exceptional hospitality, refined luxury and the spirit of the Red Sea come together

RUSTIC KARUIZAWA JAPAN

RUSTIC WEDDINGS INC, JAPAN

Win a trip to Karuizawa from Rustic Weddings Inc., where the serene beauty of Japan meets the art of extraordinary celebrations.

Enjoy a two-night site-visit stay for two in Karuizawa in 2027, complemented by an exclusive whisky distillery party. Discover the charm of one of Japan's most captivating destinations while experiencing its refined hospitality, distinctive culture and inspiring landscapes an experience designed to spark new ideas and lasting memories.

09:15 – 09:35

AI SESSION

From Enquiry to "I Do": Three Practical Ways AI Can Help Wedding Planners

- Get discovered through ChatGPT ads
- Handle enquiries with AI voice assistants
- Turn a wedding vision into a proposal



Anil Lobo
Founder,
TALC AI, UAE

09:40 – 10:10

SHUBHO DRISHTI

The Power of the First Look

The Ultra High-Net-Worth Bride in the Business of Luxury – Understanding the Psychology of the Global Luxury Client

"In that one moment... everything changes."

A bride's reveal, inspired by the Bengali Shubho Drishti ritual, where anticipation, emotion, and storytelling come together in a single, unforgettable moment, this session explores how planners can be the key custodian work with the UNHWI clients, as custodians of the big day, milestone moments and continue to build a legacy of continued business based on trust and a true understanding of the UNHWI psychology.

- UHNW clientele & Luxury Behavioral Economics: Navigating the emotionally driven luxury decisions.
- Aspirational Consumption & Legacy Spending: Reflecting family identity, heritage, status, and generational storytelling.
- Emotional ROI: Where the guest connection is paramount, along with the emotional impact, memory value.
- Experience Capital: What can be of more value than material luxury alone?



Matthew Oliver,
Director,
Matthew Oliver Weddings, UK



Teddy Manuel,
Event Designer & Stylist,
Flowers and Events by Teddy Manuel, Philippines

Moderator



Aarti Manocha,
Founder & Managing Director,
Milestones to Memories, India

10:15 - 10:35

CONTRACT SESSION

Bandhan - The Legal Ties Behind Every Celebration

Booked, Paid... and Protected? The Legal Side of the Wedding Business - will go for this one?:

- Contracts That Protect Your Business
- Cross-Border Weddings: Navigating International Legal Risks
- Intellectual Property & Commercial Protection
- When Things Go Wrong: Managing Disputes Effectively



Pranav Bhanot MBE,
Founder,
The Wedding Lawyer & WYN Legal, UK

10:40 - 10:55

THE VARMALA MOMENT

Digital Transformation for Growth

Harnessing Technology to Scale Businesses in the Modern Economy:

- AI-Powered Growth: Doing More Without Becoming Less Human
- Attention to Authority: Turning Content Into Global Demand
- Talent to Enterprise: Building Systems That Scale the Magic



Pervez Taufiq,
Founder & Creative Director,
P Taufiq Photography, USA

11:00 - 11:20

QUBOOL TO ORCHESTRATING COUTURE, DESIGN & EXPERIENCE INTO ONE SEAMLESS COLLABORATION

From Sacred Trust to Strategic Alliances in a Billion-Dollar Industry

"Trust is the rarest currency... and the most valuable."

- What defines "next-gen luxury" across couture, decor & planning: How can all these elements be seamlessly aligned to tell one cohesive story - from the bridal outfit to tablescapes and more...
- Viewing weddings as a multi-sensory layered experience rather than isolated elements
- The role of detail, texture, and flow in creating a truly aesthetic and emotional impact
- Defining the modern luxury standard: Moving beyond price tags, that truly makes a wedding feel luxurious - from craftsmanship and detail to personalization & emotional impact



Sumant Jayakrishnan,
Founder,
Sumant Jayakrishnan Design, India

11:20 - 11:30

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Surprise Giveaway

Exclusive Luxury Giveaways to Exciting Destinations

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Win an enchanting Rajasthan stay at Alila Fort Bishangarh, in a setting steeped in history and charm.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two in a Grand Suite, inclusive of breakfast and an unforgettable Alila Moment – Forgotten Trail experience, as you immerse yourself in the timeless charm and rich cultural heritage of Bishangarh. The retreat beautifully blends offering a tranquil setting to slow down, reconnect and discover this remarkable destination.

ANGSANA LAGUNA PHUKET, THAILAND

Win a tropical escape to Phuket, where lush landscapes, island serenity and vibrant Thai hospitality come together at Angsana Laguna Phuket.

Enjoy a three-day, two-night stay for two in a One-Bedroom Loft, inclusive of daily buffet breakfast, a 60-minute spa treatment and dinner for two at Baan Talay. From restorative wellness moments to flavours of Thailand, embrace a getaway designed to delight every sense.

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RAS AL KHAIMAH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Win an experience at Ras Al Khaimah, where refined resort living meets thrilling mountain adventures and breathtaking natural landscapes.

Enjoy a two-night stay for two at the luxurious Ras Al Khaimah offering a stay at Anantara Mina Ras Al Khaimah Resort, in a Premier Room, including breakfast at Seabreeze Restaurant. The experience includes two tickets to the Jebel Jais Flight taking you above the dramatic landscapes of Ras Al Khaimah along with two tickets to the Suwaidi Pearl Farm Experience.

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14:25 - 15:25

MAHARAJA FEAST

The DWP Congress Networking Lunch – Imperial Ballroom, Level 4

"In every great gathering, the table remains the true center of connection."

16:45 - 17:45

SHUTTLE TRANSFER TO JAGMANDIR PALACE

18:00 - 00:00

THE AFTER PARTY: ONE WORLD, ONE CELEBRATION DWP CONGRESS AT JAG MANDIR PALACE MANAGED BY TAJ

Curated by Kaival Patel & the Absolute Events Team

Celebrating the relationships, memories, and partnerships created at DWP Congress. Enjoy the taste of modern India before we say goodbye!

One World, One Celebration DWP Congress

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