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A WINTER WORTH WANDERING

How the world will travel in 2026



WINTER MOODS & SOULFUL ESCAPES

Winter isn't just a season it's a feeling. A time for contrasts: fire and ice, silence and celebration, reflection and wonder

Lapland — Rovaniemi, Finland



Just outside Rovaniemi, winter feels quietly magical. Nights are spent beneath the Northern Lights in glass igloos, days unfold in snow-covered forests, and encounters with reindeer bring a gentle rhythm to the Arctic landscape.
Encompass recommends: *Arctic TreeHouse*

Swiss Alps — St. Moritz & Gstaad



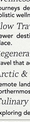
Two alpine icons that define winter elegance. St. Moritz brings sunlit glamour and legendary hospitality, while Gstaad offers understated charm, refined spas, and a slower alpine pace.
Encompass recommends: *Badrutt's Palace, St. Moritz, The Alpina Gstaad*

Iceland



A destination shaped by contrast steaming geothermal lagoons, volcanic landscapes softened by snow, and raw, elemental beauty at every turn. Winter here is immersive, dramatic, and deeply restorative.
Encompass recommends: *Eleven Deplar Farm, The Reykjavik EDITION*

Courchevel, France



One of the Alps' most prestigious winter destinations, where world-class skiing meets refined alpine living. Courchevel blends impeccable slopes, elevated dining, and a sense of effortless sophistication both on and off the mountain.
Encompass recommends: *K2 , Fouquet, Cheval Blanc*

LOOKING AHEAD

THE FUTURE OF TRAVEL:

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

As travel evolves, so do the reasons we journey. 2026 is about depth, intention, and experiences that leave both places and people better than before.



Wellness & Rejuvenation Travel

Journeys designed to restore the body and mind, from thermal retreats to holistic wellness escapes.

Slow Travel & Longer Stays

Fewer destinations, deeper connections, and time to truly experience a place.

Regenerative & Eco-Focused Tourism

Travel that actively supports conservation, communities, and local economies.

Arctic & Northern Adventures

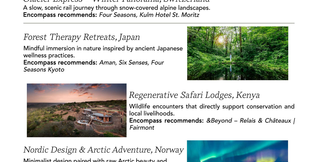
Remote landscapes, pristine nature, and immersive experiences in the world's northernmost regions.

Culinary & Culture-Driven Journeys

Exploring destinations through food, traditions, and local storytelling.

— Editorial perspective from Encompass Experiences

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES FOR 2026



Glacier Express – Winter Panorama, Switzerland

A slow, scenic rail journey through snow-covered alpine landscapes.
Encompass recommends: *Four Seasons, Kulm Hotel St. Moritz*

Forest Therapy Retreats, Japan



Mindful immersion in nature inspired by ancient Japanese wellness practices.
Encompass recommends: *Aman, Six Senses, Four Seasons Kyoto*

Regenerative Safari Lodges, Kenya



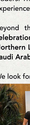
Wildlife encounters that directly support conservation and local livelihoods.
Encompass recommends: *&Beyond – Relais & Châteaux | Fairmont*

Nordic Design & Arctic Adventure, Norway



Minimalist design paired with raw Arctic beauty and outdoor exploration.
Encompass recommends: *The Thief Oslo, Sommerro Oslo, Storfjord Hotel*

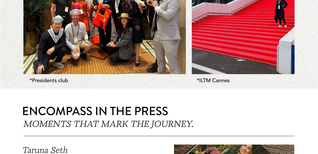
Mediterranean Culinary Trails, Italy & Greece



From vineyard lunches to family-run kitchens, flavour becomes the journey.
Encompass recommends: *Six Senses Rome, Borgo Pignano Tuscany , Casa Angelina Amalfi Coast, Andronis Luxury Suites, Four Seasons Astir Palace Hotel Athens*

ENCOMPASS NEWS

A YEAR IN MOTION



Taruna Seth, Navigator-in-Chief, and **Bhawna Rao**, Curator-in-Chief, came together at **Patina Maldives** for an inspired brainstorming session shaping ideas and crafting new journeys for 2026.

The year concluded with Bhawna in the French Alps at **Courchevel Live,** connecting with the finest ski luxury properties and experience providers in the region. Anything Courchevel you know where to find us.

As part of the **Serandipian Traveller Made Network**, an **exclusive** consortium of the world's leading luxury travel companies, **Encompass Experiences** was invited to the **President's Club** in Cannes a closed-door, invite-only gathering of global travel leaders. This was followed by **ILTM Cannes**, where we connected with our hotel and experience partners worldwide to continue raising the bar for our travellers.

Beyond these moments, 2025 was filled with **extraordinary journeys**, family **celebrations across continents, Antarctica** expeditions, summers in Greece, **Northern Lights chases, African safaris, Japan** sojourns, **wellness escapes** in AUAs, **Saudi Arabia, honeymoons** in Peru, and everything in between.

We look forward to planning remarkable journeys with you in 2026.



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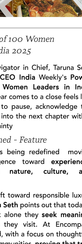


*ILTM Cannes

ENCOMPASS IN THE PRESS

MOMENTS THAT MARK THE JOURNEY.

Taruna Seth
The Travel Alchemist.
HELLO! Magazine



Luxury travel has always been more than destinations for us – it's the art of **blending creativity, connection, and consciousness.** From curating soulful celebrations to crafting journeys that honour culture, intention, and the earth, this work has grown through curiosity, legacy, and the joy of building something truly meaningful.



Power Circle of 100 Women Leaders in India 2025

Founder & Navigator in Chief, Taruna Seth was included **CEO India** Weekly's **Power Circle of 100 Women Leaders in India 2025.** As the year comes to a close feels like a quiet nudge to pause, acknowledge the work, and step into the next chapter with a little more certainty.

The Established – Feature

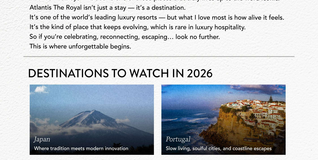
Luxury travel is being redefined moving beyond indulgence toward **experiences that respect nature, culture, and community.**

A recent feature in **The Established** highlights this shift toward responsible luxury tourism, **responsible luxury tourism**, and founder **Taruna Seth** points out that today's discerning travellers are no longer looking for comfort alone they **seek meaning, context,** and **a deeper connection** to the places they visit. At Encompass Experiences, this belief shapes how journeys are curated, with a focus on thoughtful, low-impact travel that supports conservation and local communities, **proving that true luxury lies in travelling with intention.**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

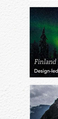
The Atlantis Royal, Dubai

A new restaurant, A new experience, A new energy



Atlantis The Royal in Dubai is one of those places that truly lives up to the word iconic.
Atlantis The Royal isn't just a stay — it's a destination.
It's one of the world's leading luxury resorts — but what I love most is how alive it feels.
It's the kind of place that keeps evolving, which is rare in luxury hospitality.
So if you're celebrating, reconnecting, escaping... look no further.
This is where unforgettable begins.

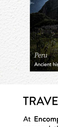
DESTINATIONS TO WATCH IN 2026



Japan
Where tradition meets modern innovation



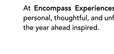
Portugal
Slow living, soulful cities, and coastline escapes



Finland
Design-led travel and Arctic serenity



Vietnam
Culture, cuisine, and emerging luxury experiences



Peru
Ancient history woven into dramatic landscapes

TRAVEL, THE ENCOMPASS WAY

At **Encompass Experiences**, we don't just plan trips we curate journeys that feel personal, thoughtful, and unforgettable. This winter, travel with intention and step into the year ahead inspired.