

NATIONAL TOURISM AWARD 2008-2009
LIST OF WINNERS

Best State (Tourism related programmes) Rest of India
- Rajasthan

Best State (Tourism related programmes) North East
- Sikkim

Best State (Development of Tourism Infrastructure)
- Andhra Pradesh

Best Civic Management
-Tranquebar (Tamil Nadu) and Yanam (Puducherry) joint winners

-Vishakapatnam Urban Development Authority, Andhra Pradesh
(Special Category for caring for environment and green practices)

Excellence in Publishing - English
Outlook Traveller Guide- Driving Holidays across India
The Emperor's Table- The Art of Mughal Cuisine (Special Mention)

Excellence in Publishing - Hindi
-'Bharat Ke Paryatan Sthal', Raja Pocket Books

Award of Excellence- Best Tourism Promotion Collateral Publicity Material
Karnataka Tourism
Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation (Special
Mention)

Award of Excellence- Best Tourism Film
-"Andhra Pradesh - an unending discovery", Andhra Pradesh Tourism

Most Innovative use of Information Technology
-Deptt of Tourism, Govt of Kerala

Best Maintained Tourist Friendly Monument

- Bhima Devi Temple, Haryana- Joint Winner
- Humayun's Tomb, Delhi- Joint Winner

Best NGO

- Dhan Foundation, Madurai

Best Responsible Tourism Initiative

- Kumarakom Responsible tourism initiative, Kerala

Most Innovative Adventure Tourism Activity

- Sea Kayaking Expeditions, Snow Leopard Adventures
- Adventure Tourism at Haritha Hill Resort, Horsley Hills, Andhra Pradesh (Special Mention)

Most Tourism Friendly Golf Course

- Hyderabad International Golf Course, Hyderabad

Most Tourism Friendly Port-

- Chennai Port, Chennai

Most Innovative/ Unique Tourism Project

- Commercial Hot Air Ballooning by Sky Waltz - Joint Winner
- Chokhi Dhani Ethnic Village Resort, Jaipur- Joint Winner
- Agri Tourism Development Corporation, Pune- Special Mention

Best Wellness Center

- Soukya International Holistic Health Center, Bengaluru

Best Overseas Tour Operator to India from Europe

- Kuoni Europe

Best Overseas Tour Operator to India from Americas

- Indus Travels, Canada

Best Overseas Tour Operator to India from West Asia & South Africa

- Hi Sand Tours, Dubai

Best Overseas Tour Operator to India from UK Region

- Jewel in the Crown Holidays

Best Overseas Tour Operator to India from Australia

- Natural Focus Safari

Best Overseas charter operator

-Pegas Touristik, Russia

Best foreign journalist for India

- Mr Roger Allnutt, Australia

Best foreign photographer for India

-Pierre Vincent Etienne, France

Best Chef (4 to 5 star Deluxe Hotels)

- Mr Ananda Solomon, Corporate Chef Taj Group of Hotels

- Mr V K Chandrasekaran, Executive Chef, Taj West End Bengaluru (Special Award)

Best Convention Centre

- Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad

- Hotel Jaypee Palace & International Convention Centre, Agra (Special Award)

Best Eco Friendly Hotel

- ITC Maurya, New Delhi

Hotel providing Best Facilities for the Differently Abled Guests:

- Taj Hari Mahal, Jodhpur

Best Incredible India Bed & Breakfast Establishment (Gold)

- Sabharwal Homestay, New Delhi

Travel Agents Inbound Tour Operator (Category I)

- M/s Thomas Cook (I) Limited , Mumbai (Joint Winner)
- M/s Le Passage to India, New Delhi (Joint Winner)
- M/s Kuoni Travel (India) Pvt Limited (Joint winner)

Travel Agents Inbound Tour Operator (Category II)

- M/s Creative Travel Pvt Limited, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Abercrombie and Kent, New Delhi (Second Prize)

Travel Agents Inbound Tour Operator (Category III)

- M/s Minar Travel (India) Pvt. Limited, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Tamarind Tours Pvt. Limited, Mumbai (Second Prize)
- M/s Orient Express Pvt. Limited, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Travel Agents Inbound Tour Operator (Category IV)

- M/s Trail Blazer Tours India Pvt. Limited NOIDA (First Prize)
- M/s Travel INN (India), Pvt Limited, New Delhi (Second Prize)
- M/s Hi Tours (India) Pvt. Limited, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Travel Agents Inbound Tour Operator (Category V)

- M/s Indian Panorama, Trichy (First Prize)
- M/s Namaste Tours Pvt Limited, Gurgaon (Second Prize)
- M/s Holidays to Treasure India Tours Pvt. Limited, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Travel Agents /Inbound Tour Operator (Category VI)

- M/s Sai Voyages Pvt. Limited, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Flexi Tours Pvt Limited, New Delhi (Second Prize)
- M/s Nandi Travels, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Tourist Transport Operator (Category I-)

- M/s Ajay Travels Pvt Limited, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Mercury Car Rentals Limited, New Delhi (Second Prize)
- M/s Rajindra Bus Service (P) Limited, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Tourist Transport Operator (Category II)

- M/s Alwar Tourist Transport service, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Ex-Soldiers Tourist Taxi Service, New Delhi (Second Prize)
- M/s Jayasree Travels & Tours Company, New Delhi (Third Prize)

Tourist Transport Operator (Category III)

-M/s Heat Travels and Tours (India) Pvt Limited, Siliguri (First Prize)

Domestic Tour Operators (Rest of India)

- M/s Southern Travels Pvt Limited, New Delhi (First Prize)
- M/s Yatra Online Pvt Limited, Gurgaon (Second Prize)
- M/s Choudhary Yatra Co. Private Limited, Nashik (Third Prize)

Domestic Tour Operators (North East Region including Sikkim)

- M/s Heat Travels & Tours (India) Pvt Limited, Siliguri

Adventure Tour Operator

- M/s Rimo Expeditions, Gurgaon

MICE Operator

-M/s Creative Travel Pvt Limited, New Delhi

Most Innovative Tour Operator

- M/s Adventure World (India) Private Limited, New Delhi

Best Hotel (Five Star Deluxe)

- The Leela Kempinski, Kovalam

Best Hotel (Five Star)

- The Gateway Hotel, Calicut

Best Hotel (Four Star)

- Heritage Village, Manesar

Best Hotel (Three Star)

- Royal Orchid Central, Pune

Best Hotel (Two Star)

- Resorte Marinha Dourada, Goa

Best Hotel (One Star)

- Special mention made of Hotel Fifty Five, New Delhi who have won the award in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and having won the award thrice have been put in an elite category

Best Heritage hotel (Basic)

- Samode Haveli, Jaipur

Best Heritage Hotel (Classic)

- Indeco Hotel Swamimalai, Kumbakonam

Best Heritage Hotel (Grand)

- Fateh Prakash Hotel, Udaipur

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