



# A FAMILY HOLIDAY

Adlabs Imagica, the popular theme park near Mumbai, is now a weekend destination with the addition of a star hotel in its premises. **By Bindu Gopal Rao**

## WHAT IF YOU CAN RECONNECT

with your childhood days? And better still what if you can do that on a holiday? Well if you are looking to answer these questions head to Adlabs Imagica, located just off the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, approximately 4 km from the Khalapur toll plaza. Touted as India's first and only international standard theme park, this is the place where you can rediscover the child in you and temporarily forget the stress of urban life. You can extend your weekends at the park by staying back at a star hotel within the Imagica premises.

The park offers a plethora of fun filled action, entertainment, dining and



shopping experiences all at a single destination. And this is what makes Adlabs Imagica no ordinary theme park. And make no mistake here, as the park is not just about rides, but is driven by a world of fantastical themes that can bring the whole family together to enjoy a great holiday.

Spread over 80 acres, Adlabs Imagica offers 25 rides and attractions including air-conditioned indoor rides. These are all designed and manufactured by renowned international designers and manufacturers which make the park unique. These include thrilling options like Nitro the biggest roller coaster, rides like Scream Machine,



Dare 2 Drop, The Deep Space, Gold Rush Express and stunning themed attractions like Rajasaurus River Adventure, Mr. India, Alibaba Aur Chalis Chor and I for India.

This is a fascinating world and celebrates the Indian legacy of storytelling. Enjoy the ultimate family fun with Mambo Chai Chama, Splash Ahoy, Detective Bow Wow show, Save the Pirate, Lochness Explorers, Bump it Boats and kiddie rides like Tubby Takes Off, Wagon-O-wheel, The Magic Carousel, Zoobaloo, Happy Wheels and Humpty's Fall. There are also five multi-cuisine restaurants inside the park that serve delectable delights. While you are here do not miss the grand Imagica Parade. The park also has three indoor AC Banquet Venues and you can also shop for souvenirs and merchandise while you are here. And yes, do not forget to take home memories with the in-house digi photo studio.

If you like water, you will have a ball at Aquamagica Water Park. Opened last year, this is an international standard water park spread over



20 acres and offers 14 thrilling rides. Said to be an all season day party destination, this is a world of wholesome aqua fun built in the Mykonos theme with rides that twist, turn and are loads of fun. The rides and attractions at Aquamagica are designed by renowned international designers who have worked on the conceptualisation of leading water parks worldwide so you know you are in safe hands. While you are here flow on Raafastic!, take the 72-foot plunge on the Swirl Whirl; dare to drop on the Mat Racer and laze around for hours in Floatsa.

Feel the rush of adrenalin when you check out the Twisty-Turvy, Yell-O!, Screamer, Boomeranggo and the party in the wave pool, Wacky Wavess. If you are with family head to The Pirate Bay, take the splash into the Soakerz slide or immerse yourselves in the loopy water world. And you can be assured of the quality of water supplied to Aquamagica as it is harvested and recycled and undergoes multiple levels of treatment through state-of-the-art water plants installed, making it one

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of the purest forms of water that could be used in a public water park. With a whopping seven food and beverage outlets, this water park lives up to its philosophy of 'Go with the Flow' in more ways than one.

To enjoy the entire gamut of experiences, you must stay at the recently open Novotel Imagica that is located adjacent to the Adlabs Imagica entertainment theme park and Aquamagica water park. The modern, spacious and comfortable rooms ensure that you can relax and work as you please. The 260 Superior rooms, 20 Premier rooms, 5 Suites, 1 Presidential suite and 1 Specially-abled room come with all modern amenities including high speed internet with Wi-Fi, mini bar, electronic safe, 40 inch LED TV, complimentary tea/coffee maker and 24 hours in-room dining.

The hotel also offers wide variety of culinary options. The Square is the signature all day dining restaurant and is the perfect place to enjoy a relaxed Sunday brunch with a lavish buffet spread and a special Kids' play zone. If you want to chill by the pool, head to Flotz where you can sip on addictive concoctions with groovy music and



appetizers. The Nitro Bar, incidentally named after the famous ride at Adlabs Imagica Nitro Roller Coaster is the energizing bar that has a range of exquisite wines, cocktails and premium beverages. Check out Tubby's Bistro for its wide array of breads, cakes, pastries, chocolates and macaroons that are amazingly drool-worthy.

The hotel also offers state-of-the-art premium meeting rooms equipped with the latest design, technology, telecommunications and AV equipment. The pillar-less ballroom of 446 sq m can accommodate up to 460 people and can also be divided into three smaller rooms making it ideal for meetings and weddings. The landscape lawns spread over 1660 sq m and a terrace of 2225 sq m offers scenic views of the Sahyadri range.

The hotel has a dedicated activity manager who can actually help plan fun activities. Fitness enthusiasts can work out at the In Balance fitness club else. Or you can relax at the serene outdoor swimming pool and head to the sauna. You can also enjoy an array of activities such as yoga, baking and cooking class, theme and karaoke nights and outdoor sports.

