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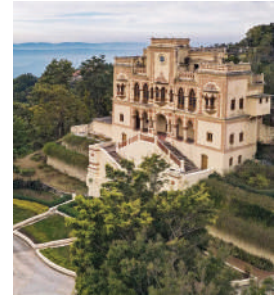
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The tournament presented itself in a unique format: each team had to face the remaining teams playing only two chukker rounds on the same day, for a total of six chukker rounds. Hence, there was no room for error for any teams, and each matchup was an opportunity to score big, as the winner would eventually be decided as a sum of the total score from both rounds.

The teams were ready to experience the thrill of Arena Polo and were poised to play every chukker as a do-or-die situation to emerge victorious.





CHUKKER 1

HPRC vs Rajasthan Polo Club

DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER

The first round of Arena Polo started with HPRC and Rajasthan Polo Club. Both teams played aggressively, but the fact that Rajasthan Polo were not so good at defence and diverting the ball, they gradually bled out goals successively and lost the game.

Score: HPRC (5-2)



CHUKKER 2

Rajasthan Polo Club-2 vs Chandigarh Polo Club

The second round started and was the last chance for Rajasthan Polo to score big and have a formidable total. They were against Chandigarh Polo, who displayed quite inexperience and were able to amass only a single goal while conceding more than half a dozen goals in just one round.

Score: RAJASTHAN POLO CLUB-2 (8-1)

CHUKKER 3

Chandigarh Polo Club-2 vs HPRC-2

Chandigarh Polo faced HPRC to redeem themselves in this round. They were able to find their composure and perform much better than their previous game and dethroned HPRC from their winning streak, defeating them by a single point margin. Winners:

Score: CHANDIGARH POLO CLUB-2 (3-2)

CHUKKER 4

HPRC vs Chandigarh Polo Club

The next chukker featured the dominating side of HPRC against Chandigarh Polo. HPRC ruled the entire round as they thrashed the opponents with a flurry of goals and had possession of the ball almost every time, resulting in a clean sweep with 9 to 0 points

Score: HPRC (9-0)

INDIAN POLO SEASON

CHUKKER 5

Rajasthan Polo Club vs Chandigarh Polo Club-2

The fifth round was a bout between RPC and Chandigarh Polo Club-2. There was a clear and massive gap between the teams, as shown in the numbers given below. They were able to use their mallets significantly well and scored eight consecutive goals without offering even a slight chance for Chandigarh Polo to bounce back into the game.

Score: RPC (8-0)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
1 September 2024	Chukker 1	HPRC	5	Rajasthan Polo Club	2
1 September 2024	Chukker 2	Rajasthan Polo Club-2	8	Chandigarh Polo Club	1
1 September 2024	Chukker 3	Chandigarh Polo Club-2	3	HPRC-2	2
1 September 2024	Chukker 4	HPRC	9	Chandigarh Polo Club	0
1 September 2024	Chukker 5	RPC	8	Chandigarh Polo Club-2	0
1 September 2024	Chukker 6	RPC-2	6	HPRC-2	0



CHUKKER 6

Rajasthan Polo Club 2 vs HPRC-2

The last chukker was played between RPC-2 and HPRC-2. Continuing their presiding over the game, RPC once again commanded their horses towards the win as they kept attacking from every direction towards HPRC's goal-posts, making their posts a fortress that HPRC couldn't breach even once.

Score: Rajasthan Polo Club-2 (6-0)

Total Cumulative Scores:

HPRC: 14

HPRC-2: 2

Rajasthan Polo Club: 10

Chandigarh Polo Club: 4

Chandigarh Polo Club-2: 3

Rajasthan Polo Club 2: 14

HPRC and RPC were declared the joint winners of the tournament.

RPC CUP

(Out of Hats Tournament)

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The 'Out of Hat' Cup, evidently known as the RPC Cup, came like the long-awaited monsoon season, drenching the hearts of polo enthusiasts with spectacular matches. Eight teams, divided among two pools, took part in this event from 27 August to 1 September.

Below are the teams and how they performed to gain experience in this initial tourney of the Jaipur Polo Season:



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Participating Teams

Pool A

DERA ASHWA

DIVYAMAAN SINGH DUJOD (-1)

SAVIR MEHRAJ GODARA (+0)

KR VIKRAMADITYA SINGH
BARKANA (+0)

RANSHAY PUROHIT (+1)

GOHILWAD

MILI SETH (-2)

ALLAN SHAUN MICHEAL (+0)

RIS VIJAY SINGH (+1)

JAYVIR SING GOHIL (+1)

SPECTRUM POLO

DROUN SHEKHAWAT/
YOGENDRA SINGH (-2)

DR. SHIVANGI SINGH (-2)

DFR. SAT PRAKASH (+0)

DANE JASHUA (+3)

PPC

NARENDRA KUMAR/
YASHOVARDHAN SINGH (-2)

SWR YALLAPPA GODI (+0)

ASHVINI SHARMA (+0)

VISHAL SINGH (+1)

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Pool B

RPC

MAHENDRA SINGH (-2)
ARYAN SINGH (-1)
CA SHUBHAM GUPTA (+0)
HH MAHARAJA SAWAI PADMANABH SINGH OF JAIPUR (+3)

61 CAVALRY

NEIL MALONI (-2)
DEVVRAT SINGH (-2)
COL V S KAHLON VSM (+0)
LANCE WATSON (+4)

BEDLA POLO

RAGHURAM HARI (-1)
LT COL NARENDRA / LT COL SANDEEP (+0/-1)
BR. MAYURDHWAJ SINGH TALABGAON (+0)
RAO HIMMAT SINGH BEDLA (+1)

CHANDNA POLO

SANJULA MANN (-1)
DFR RAM SINGH (+0)
KR. PRATAP SINGH KANOTA (+0)
ASHOK CHANDNA (+0)



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Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
27 August 2024	Qualy	Dera Ashwa	9	Gohilwad	4
27 August 2024	Qualy	RPC	7	61 Cavalry	5
28 August 2024	Qualy	Spectrum Polo	8	PPC	6
28 August 2024	Qualy	Kanota Polo	9.5	Bedla Polo	4
29 August 2024	Qualy	RPC	8.5	Bedla Polo	4
29 August 2024	Qualy	Dera Ashwa	8	PPC	4.5
30 August 2024	Qualy	Spectrum Polo	12	Gohilwad Polo	1
30 August 2024	Qualy	61 Cavalry	8	Kanota Polo	4.5
1 September 2024	Final	RPC	8	Dera Ashwa	5

COPA DE ORO TURKISH AIRLINES

(20-22 Goal Tournament)

Spain throttled its season with the fresh arrival of the Copa de Oro Turkish Airlines, a 22-goal tournament featuring the very best polo action this past week.

Amidst numerous tournaments, the Copa de Oro Turkish Airlines was held at the Ayala Club, which felt the tremors even after the tournament was over. The 53rd Andalusia International Polo Tournament had some renowned teams and names that participated in rigorous matches to prove their mettle. Here are the teams following, which mentioned some of the peak moments from the tournament:



Image Credit: Martin Gallego

PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Zone A

LA DOLFINA DOS LUNAS (22)
Mia Cambiaso (2)
Pascual Sainz de Vicuña (5)
Juan Zubiaurre (6)
Adolfo Cambiaso (9)

KAZAK (21)
Sebastien Aguetant (0)
Beltran Laulhe (5)
Nicolas Pieres (8)
Francisco Elizalde (8)

CALATAGAN POLO TEAM (22)
Martin Romualdez (0)
Antonio Heguy (6)
Santiago Laborde (6)
Facundo Pieres (10)

MB POLO (22)
HRH Mateen Bolkiah (0)
Rufino Laulhe (4)
Adolfo Cambiaso Jr. (9)
Pablo Mac Donough (9)

Zone B

ATL MARINE & ENERGY (21)

Gonzalo Entrecanales (0)

Pablo Llorente (6)

Bartolome Castagnola Jr. (10)

Lorenzo Chavanne (5)

SAINTE MESME (22)

Robert Strom (4)

Carlos Maria Ulloa (7)

Santiago Cernadas (7)

Pelayo Berazadi (4)

DUBAI POLO TEAM (23)

Camilo Castagnola (10)

Rashid Albwardy (2)

Estanislao Darritchon (2)

Juan Martin Nero (9)

After the initial seven matches, the tournament saw some really surprising upsets where the Dubai Polo Team wasn't able to win even a single game, and below's what happened when the tournament hit its crucial stages.



Image Credit: Mattias Callejo

MATCH NO. 8
Calatagan Polo Team vs Kazak

DATE: 25 AUGUST

Calatagan Polo Team, a strong contender this year, faced Kazak in this game. It was raining goals more than any spectator could keep track of. Both teams were offensive and murdered the polo ball with each hit, but Kazak fell behind little by little by the end of the latter chukker rounds, but nevertheless they put up a great fight, refusing to make this a one-sided game.

Winners: Calatagan Polo Team (15-10)

MATCH NO. 9

MB Polo vs La Dolfina Dos Lunas

DATE: 25 AUGUST

The last league game was held between MB Polo and La Dolfina Dos Lunas. Both teams by now were pretty much out of the tournament, but they ceased this opportunity to give their fans one last exciting game in the tournament. MB Polo won this game, fighting hard to develop a lead and ending their campaign with a win against La Dolfina Dos Lunas

Winners:
MB Polo (11-8)



Image Credit: Mattias Callejo

SPAIN POLO SEASON

SEMI-FINAL 1

Calatagan Polo Team vs Sainte Mesme

DATE: 28 AUGUST

It was time for the Calatagan Polo Team to take the field again and face Sainte Mesme in the first semi-final game of the tournament. The former team continued their good momentum, but winning this game was no walk in the park for them. Sainte Mesme were a formidable force on their way to the finals, as they fought back hard, and Calatagan were able to win this game only by a one-point lead.

Winners:

Calatagan Polo Team (12-11)

SEMI-FINAL 2

ALT Marine & Energy vs Kazak

DATE: 28 AUGUST

The second finalist was decided by a game between ALT Marine & Energy and Kazak. Kazak simply outplayed this game and had no room to sneak any loose goals, which led to ALT Marine & Energy dominating the game as they scored twice the number of goals as Kazak.

Winners:

ALT Marine & Energy (12-6)

Date	Round	Team	Goals	Team	Goals
25 August 2024	Qualy	Calatagan Polo Team	15	Kazak	10
25 August 2024	Qualy	MB Polo	11	La Dolfina Dos Lunas	8
28 August 2024	Semi-Final	Calatagan Polo Team	12	Sainte Mesme	11
28 August 2024	Semi-Final	ALT Marine & Energy	12	Kazak	6
31 August 2024	Final	Calatagan Polo Team	15	ALT Marine & Energy	14



Image Credit: Mattias Gallego

FINAL

Calatagan Polo Team vs ALT Marine & Energy

DATE: 31 AUGUST

Finally, the day of finals arrived, and the Calatagan Polo Team and ALT Marine & Energy were both ready for the big challenge. This game was truly worthy of being a tournament final as it encapsulated everything—high goals, anticipated, and edge-of-the-seat bitter! Both teams had their eyes fixated on the title, and as the game progressed, both teams were raining goals upon each other. The game was won by Calatagan as fortune smiled upon them, and the bell rang when they were one point ahead.

Winners:

ALT Marine & Energy (12-6)

POLO EVENTS

Several international events also made headlines across the globe with an abundance of action.

PREVIOUS WEEK

1 GUARDS LADIES CHARITY POLO TOURNAMENT

Date: 28 - 31 August

Location: Guards Polo Club, UK

GOAL LEVEL: 16

Winner:

TTR Sotheby's (7) vs
Polo Performance (4)



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THIS WEEK

2 ENGEL & VÖLKERS BERLIN POLO CUP

23 AUG - 1 SEPT

Location: Prussian Polo & Country Club, Berlin, Germany

GOAL LEVEL: 10

Winner:

Engel & Völkers (7) vs
Allianz Kundler (7.5)



Prussian Polo & Country Club

Image Credit: USA



Guards Polo Club



Beaufort Polo Club



3 SOTOGRANDE GOLD CUP MEDIUM GOAL (12-14)

Date: 5 - 31 August

Location: Santa Maria Polo Club, Spain

GOAL LEVEL: 12-14 goals

Winner:

Electric Polo (9) vs
Amanara (14)

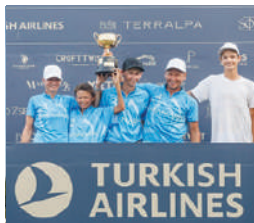


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4 COPA DE ORO TURKISH AIRLINES (6-8)

Date: 20 - 31 August

Location: Ayala Polo Club, Spain

GOAL LEVEL: 6-8 goals

Winner:

Calatagan Polo Team (10) vs
1896 Polo (11)

5 COPA DE ORO TURKISH AIRLINES (20-22)

Date: 19 - 31 August

Location: Ayala Polo Club, Sotogrande, Spain

GOAL LEVEL: 20-22

Winner:

Atl Marine & Energy (14) vs
Calatagan Polo Team (15)

1

EASTERN CHALLENGE

Date: 24 August - 2 September

Location: Beverly Polo Club, USA

GOAL LEVEL: 12-16

2

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Date: 26 August - 7 September

Location: Guards Polo Club

GOAL LEVEL: 9-11

3

THE SOLITAIRE SALVER

Date: 25 August - 8 September

Location: Beaufort Polo Club

GOAL LEVEL: 0-4

SERENE YOGA ESCAPES

India's yoga retreats offer a unique blend of spirituality, serenity, and self-discovery.

India, the birthplace of yoga, is the ultimate destination for soul-searching. With a rich spiritual heritage dating back four to five thousand years, yoga in India is more than just physical postures—it's a philosophy that harmonises the inner and outer self, merging the physical and psychological. The true charm of India's yoga retreats lies not only in the practice but also in the deep sense of enlightenment they provide. Immersed in spirituality, these retreats are the epitome of serenity.

AMANBAGH, ALWAR

"A yoga retreat within a modern Maharaja's pink palace in the Pink City, Amanbagh is inspired by the Indian belief that music and meditation guide the soul to transcendence," writes Condé Nast Traveler. Nestled in the timeless

beauty of the Aravalli Hills, this retreat is a sanctuary of rustic charm and elegance. The rose-hued cupolas and vaulted entrances of the Mughal-inspired structures provide the perfect setting for practicing meditation and yoga in an atmosphere of serene luxury.



TRAVEL

RAFFLES, UDAIPUR

As savvy consumers, we have the With its elegant Garden Temple and green lawns bordering the Udai Sagar Lake, the Raffles retreat offers a sanctuary of serenity. Stepping into this sophisticated Indo-European structure, adorned with Greco-Roman murals and Venetian mirrors, you'll feel transported to the English countryside of the late eighteenth century but with a distinct Indo-Rajasthani flair. Originally established by Maharana Udai Singh of Udaipur, the property is a favourite among affluent Indian families. Yoga at the retreat begins with a personalised consultation at the Writer's Bar, where the staff tailors your program according to the retreat's yogic practices and principles.



SWASWARA, GOA

Practicing yoga beneath the banyan trees on Goa's cliffs, guided by ancient yogic texts, is sure to awaken the yogi within you. The retreat, a collection of charming coconut cabins shaded by lush greenery, offers a serene escape. With cliffside walks, fresh air, and creative activities like pottery and painting, you'll leave with a treasure trove of magical memories.



SIX SENSES VANA, DEHRADUN

Focused on Ayurvedic rejuvenation, this retreat is nestled on a forested hill above Rishikesh, the birthplace of yoga. Offering asana, pranayama, and dhyana, it features contemporary architecture that immerses you in nature. "India's top yogic and Ayurvedic practitioners tailor each retreat to every guest," notes Times Travel.



Image Credit: Who will you meet

WILDFLOWER HALL, SHIMLA

Though not a retreat, yoga at this former residence of Lord Kitchener is a heavenly experience. One-on-one classes tailored to your needs are held in a sunlit shala or amid the wind-kissed cedar forests, with breathtaking views every season.

SHREYAS YOGA RETREAT, BENGALURU

Just outside bustling Bangalore, Shreyas offers a peaceful escape with programs in Hatha, Ash-tanga, Vinyasa, Iyengar, and Restorative yoga. The serene, pastoral setting is a world away from the city's chaos.

ANANDA IN THE HIMALAYAS, RISHIKESH

Nestled in a luxurious Maharaja's palace, Ananda offers an unparalleled yoga experience in the birthplace of Indian meditation. The yoga here is pure Hatha, customised to individual needs, offering everything from Surya Namaskara to Chandra Namaskara.



Image Credit: iDestiny

KAIRALI AYURVEDIC, PALAKKAD

This retreat, set in a traditional Vedic community within teak woodlands near the Western Ghats, offers transformative Ayurvedic and yoga practices. Known for its personalised panchakarma programs, Kairali provides deep rejuvenation through tailored treatments, medicinal massages, and healing therapies.

UNDER THE STARS: WHY LUXURY TRAVELLERS ARE FLOCKING TO ASTRO-TOURISM?

From the ethereal deserts of Chile to the mysterious outback of Australia, these sites provide a celestial getaway that combines science, spirituality, and grandeur.

Ever heard the phrase “the sky’s the limit”? In the world of luxury travel, this sentiment is being taken to a new level, with the rise of Astro-Tourism. Luxury astro-tourism is taking the world by storm, pushing tourists to swap out over-populated resorts and bustling cities for tranquil, crystal-clear skies of the planet’s most remote locations.

The Next Chapter in Luxury Travel

Luxury astro-tourism is more than just staring up at the sky; it is about immersing oneself in the cosmos while enjoying all of the conveniences of a high-end vacation. This includes private observatories, high-powered telescopes, skilled astronomers, and, of course, outstanding accommodations. Let’s look at some of the world’s best luxury astro-tourism places:

Aman-i-Khás, India: A Royal Stargazing Experience

Tucked away in the coarse wilderness of Rajasthan, near the Ranthambore National Park, Aman-i-Khás provides a luxury stargazing experience that is profoundly related to India’s tradition. This tented camp’s Mughal-inspired architecture and decor make it an ideal location for stargazing. The camp’s professional guides will accompany you through the constellations while narrating stories from Indian mythology that have been passed down the ages.



Image Credit: Greaves India



Image Credit: Polorus Travel + Leisure

Longitude 131°, Australia: A Celestial Sanctuary

Longitude 131° is a destination where luxury meets the mystique of the outback, located in the heart of Australia's Red Centre with the legendary Uluru as its backdrop. This secluded retreat provides a unique stargazing experience. The enormous, uninterrupted sky provides an unrivalled setting for astronomical occurrences ranging from meteor showers to the sparkling Southern Cross. Each evening, guests enjoy being treated to a "Sounds of Silence" meal, which takes place under the stars in the desert. As night descends, an expert guide leads you through the constellations, revealing Indigenous Australian star lore that has been handed down for millennia.

Explora Atacama, Chile: Desert Stars

The Atacama Desert in Chile is sometimes referred to as Mars on Earth—a bleak, unreal terrain with some of the clearest skies in the world. The Explora Atacama combines luxury and cosmic beauty. This resort provides equally rustic and sophisticated stargazing experiences. Guests may see the Milky Way in all its grandeur via cutting-edge telescopes led by experienced astronomers who understand the mysteries of the southern hemisphere's night sky. After a night spent staring at the stars, retreat to your room, which is created in minimalist luxury.



Image Credit: Polorus Travel

TRAVEL

Amangiri, USA:

Stargazing in the Wild West

Amangiri, a resort that conveys the region's natural luxury, is located in the canyons of Utah, in the heart of the American Southwest. The huge, open skies of the Utah desert offer an outstanding stargazing experience, devoid of pollution and filled with the glories of the night sky. Amangiri provides personal stargazing sessions with a local astronomer who will show you the constellations, planets, and galaxies accessible from this distant spot.



Image Credit: Western Art and Architecture

Soneva Fushi, Maldives:

Stars Over the Indian Ocean

When you think of the Maldives, you generally picture blue oceans and white sandy beaches, but this tropical paradise also provides an excellent stargazing experience. At Soneva Fushi, a luxury resort on a private island, the night sky is as much a part of the landscape as the water. The resort's state-of-the-art observatory, one of the largest in the Indian Ocean, allows guests to observe the night sky with

advanced telescopes. The clean air allows the stars to shine brighter, and the resort's professional astronomer is on hand to explain the cosmic wonders overhead.



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