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Jazzmandu – Smiling Albino launches new adventure at Himalayan music festival

Since opening trips in Nepal in October 2006, Smiling Albino (SA), a Bangkok-based speciality travel company has expanded their offerings with two new adventures based around *Jazzmandu* – the region’s premier jazz festival.

“After first seeing *Jazzmandu* in 2006, we’ve dreamed of giving our guests the chance to experience this unique festival,” says SA co-founder Scott Coates. “We want our guests to share in the fantastic music and truly incredible venues, such as performances held in a royal courtyard in Patan, one of Nepal’s ancient capitals.”

SA’s six-night Jazzmandu Gig is perfect for travellers living in the region with limited time. It will focus on all festival concerts coupled with daytime exploration of the Kathmandu Valley’s art scene and other SA-style insider nooks and crannies. “With direct flights to Kathmandu from Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok, this trip is a quick escape into a different world and festival,” enthuses Coates.

For those with more time, the 13-day Jazzmandu Grand Slam takes in all festival concerts and then heads to the Annapurna Range for a stunning six-day trek well beyond the more commercial trails in this famous region. A support crew provides fully-serviced, gourmet camping along the way, which enables guests to maximize their time and enjoyment of the area.

“These one-time trips provide a window to the world for this unique segment of the Nepali art scene and should sell out quickly”, says Coates. “This is a great opportunity to discover the best of Nepal while experiencing the Himalaya’s premier music festival at the same time”.

Smiling Albino co-founder Daniel Fraser will be in North America and available for interviews from Aug 17– Sept 20, 2010, and in London, UK from September 22-25, 2010.

About Smiling Albino

Smiling Albino is a team of travel enthusiasts offering custom built experiences in Asia. Our adventures are the result of continuous travel, innovation and refinement. Trips combine multiple activities, charming venues, the finest regional cuisine and passionate hosts. You’ll hit the highlight stops, but the real magic is in the hidden corners, insider sights and unique local characters. The signature of our experiences relies on the intimate relationships we’ve built with a huge network of people throughout the region. We don’t just connect the dots...we create them...and deliver unforgettable travel experiences.

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