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Tips on Africa + middle east from our local Sony experts recently held a day of investors in Tokyo that gives us a look at what the company planned in the coming quarter. Most important to our interests is the fact that Sony Mobile has announced that they are adopting a new regional strategy that deactivate on the U.S. and India. Sony Mobile will redirect the energy previously destined for these markets to East Asia, Europe and the Middle East. The company justifies this new strategy by pointing to a contraction in its operations in India, the US, China and Brazil. Sony anticipates just 0.3 per cent smartphone growth in the coming year for India, China, Brazil and Indonesia. Comparing this with last year's estimate of 8.1% growth really illustrates how quickly these markets are cooling. Of course, business with smartphones is shrinking around the world, as previously hot, technology-hungry markets such as China have become increasingly saturated. It makes sense that Sony wants to throw its weight into those markets that point to further growth. In these new Focus regions, Sony plans to push hard at the top-end smartphone (+$250), as entry and mid-level markets prove relentlessly competitive. What are your thoughts on Sony's decoding to India and the United States? Some might wonder whether Sony was particularly focused on the US market at all. Tell us your opinion in the comments below! GHANAChez Clarisse, AccraSlonokokokokokokokokokokokokokokokoko kitchen, which is heavy on seafood. Get wild tilapia with attiéké (cassava couscous) and aloco (salty sweet plantaine). Cherae Robinson, founder/CEO of Tastemakers AfricaGold Coast Restaurant & Cocktail Bar, Accra Sundays are for soup. nkatenkwan or earthy soup is best eaten with your hands. Cherae RobinsonSENEGALChez Loutcha, DakarMasitive taste. The best tiéboudienne, or Senegalese fish and rice, will be found in front of your home. Cherae RobinsonSOUTH AFRICATo Pot Luck Club, Cape Town My favorite: chicken fries, pig's head, and carrot with goat ricotta cheese. There are also views of the table mountain. Make bookings months in advance. Cherae Robinson You won't forget the first meal at the Happiness Club. And it won't be your last. Photo: Diana MossEast Head Café, KnysnaTh is a tourist because it's overlooking Knysna Heads, but I had two absolutely memorable breakfasts here. Sarah Khan, food and travel writer of Max's Lifestyle, UmlaziBest place for braai, amazing South African grilled meat. Go on Friday or Saturday night to hear local Kwaito music. Cherae RobinsonISRAELMachneyuda, Jerusalem It's a chaotic place that nesses right into Machane Yehuda Square using fresh Israeli-grown ingredients. Peter Jon Lindberg, The editor of Studio Arcadia chef Ezra Kedem, JerusalemThat is a glass-closed dining room atop an olive tree, a covered hill outside the city. The food is simple, but exceptional. Anita Lo, chef/owner of AnnisaSimple, but exceptional: Studio Arcadia chef Ezra Kedem. Courtesy Studio Arcadia by Chef Ezra KedemMuscat Restaurant, Rosh Pinalt is the kind of place that lifts its own lamb and chooses fresh produce at 14.m., then serves it at 19.m. Michael Solomonov, chef/co-owner of Zahava and Dizengoff in Philadelphia's Abraxas, Tel AvivSite behind the counter and eat whatever the chef is doing that day. If they have baked potatoes and tahini, order it. Alon Shaya, chef/partner of Shaya, Domenica and Pica Domenica in New Orleans Elbabor, um al-FahmAsay palestinian food, and Kebab Elbabor makes me look good every time. Michael SolomonovLEBANONTawlet, Beirut Since then, it has become a living catalogue of Lebanese food traditions. David Prior, Co-Editor of Outdoor Activities Dubai Desert: Dune Bashing, Camel Ride, Sandboarding, DinnerTravel by 4x4 across the deserts of Dubai on this exhilarating 6-hour trip! 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In addition to free music in the dining room on the ground floor, there are two larger, scruffier performance spaces - one above and one down - where local and nationally known rock, punk and hip-hop acts perform seven nights a week. Past types have included such extensive acts as Peaches, Death Cab for Cutie, Hive and Sharon Jones and The Dap-Kings. Most countries in northeastern India require tourists to obtain some kind of permission to visit them. This is due to ethnic violence, as well as the sensitive location of the region bordering Bhutan, China and Myanmar. Here's what you need to know about the permit for northeast India, and where to get them. Be aware that foreigners can apply for permits (permission for the protected area and permission for internal lines) if they have an e-Visa for India. You do not have to hold a regular tourist visa to apply for a permit. Note: The Indian government has a relaxed permit for foreigners to promote tourism in the Northeast. Foreigners no longer have to be allowed to visit Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland. (The request for Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim still remains.) Foreigners must register with the Foreign Registration Office (district police chief) within 24 hours of entering each country. Furthermore, the exemption from authorisation does not apply to nationals of certain countries, including Pakistan, Bangladesh and China, who continue to request prior approval from the Ministry of the Interior prior to the visit of these three countries. Be aware that cardholders of overseas citizens of India are classified as foreigners and must obtain permits as necessary. The following information reflects the above changes. Indian tourists need permission for internal lines (ILP). It is available online on this website or from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh in an office in Delhi, Kolkata, Tezpur, Guwahati, Shillong, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur and Jorhat. In addition, ILP Facilitation Centers operate at Naharlagun railway station, Gumto railway station and Guwahati Airport in Assam. These centers issue ILP on arrival. Foreigners are requesting a Protected Area (PAP) permit. Licence applications were released in 2008 and only two or more people must travel together (instead of four). However, under a further government directive issued in 2014, individual foreign tourists can now obtain a pap to visit Tawanga, Bomdila and Ziro. Pap are available for 30 days (no renewals are possible). In fact, the easiest way to obtain a PAP is through a travel agent. It's going to take a few days to get out of the way. If you want to travel independently and do it yourself, the best places are the arunachal Pradesh Deputy Permanent Commissioner office in Kolkata or Guwahati. These are the only cities that have the power to issue pap to independent foreign tourists and individual tourists. In Guwahati, the office on the G.S. Road can be submitted from Monday to Friday, until 14:.m. Processing time is two to five business days. Permits are not required for Indians or foreigners. In mid-December 2019, the Indian government announced that Indian tourists will now seek permission for internal lines (ILP) to visit Manipur.Indian tourists visiting Manipur by road via Dimapur or Kohima will also require permission for internal lines (ILP) to pass through Nagaland (see how to obtain an ILP for Nagaland below). Foreigners no longer need a protected area (PAP) permit. However, within 24 hours of arrival, they must register with the local office of registration of foreigners (FRO) of the district they visit. (Previously foreign tourists were required to travel to at least four persons or a married couple, and only visit restricted areas). Permits are not required for Indians or foreigners. Indian tourists need permission for internal lines (ILP). It is available in any Mizoram House. It is also available at Lenpui Airport, for tourists arriving by flight. Foreigners no longer need a restricted area (RAP) permit. However, within 24 hours of arrival, they must register with the local office of registration of foreigners (FRO) of the district they visit. (Previously foreign tourists were required to travel to at least four persons or a married couple, and only visit restricted areas). Indian tourists need permission for the internal line (ILP) if they plan to visit any nagaland city, including Dimapur. Dimapur was under ilp regimen in December 2009. This permit can now be obtained online or at any Nagaland house (in Delhi, Kolkata, Guwahati and Shillong) or the Nagaland Government Office. Foreigners no longer need a restricted area (RAP) permit. However, within 24 hours of arrival, they must register with the local office of registration of foreigners (FRO) of the district they visit. (Previously foreign tourists were required to travel in a minimum group of four people and visit only limited areas). Indian tourists do not need permission to enter Sikkim. However, a internal line permit (ILP) is required to visit certain areas. In eastern Sikkium are these areas of Tsongo Lake, Nathu La, Kupup and Menmecho Lake. In northern Sikkium these areas are Chungthang, Lachung, Yumthang Valley, Yumesamdong, Lachen, Thangu, Chopta and Gurudongmar Lake. Permits can be arranged immediately through Sikkim travel agents. You can obtain this permission immediately online here, or at the border of Rangpo and Melli control points. The 30-day permit will be issued on presentation of passport photocopy, Indian visa and two passport size photos. Permission can be given in advance from Sikh tourist offices in New Delhi and Kolkata and district magistrates in Darjeeling and Siliguri. Foreigners also require a restricted area (RAP) permit or permission for the Protected Area (PAP) to visit North Sikkim, and for trekking in the country's internal region (such as Yuksom do Dzongri). Such licences shall be issued only to groups of two or more foreigners travelling together who have agreed with a trek/travel organiser registered with the Sikkim Tourism Department. The tour operator will take care of the acquisition of the allowed. Permission is also required for one-run trips from Gangtok to Lake Tsomgo. Tour operators/drivers will arrange this, but require a 24-hour notification. Permits are not required for Indians or foreigners. Thank you for telling us! Know!