



# **CITY MENU**





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Tikli Bottom

Haveli Hauz Khas (Earlier Amarya Haveli)

## DESTINATION

### DELHI



# DHARAMPURA





### DESCRIPTION

The new owners of Haveli Dharampura restored the haveli (old Indian mansion) to its glorious past and it once again boasts grandeur and royalty. Today, it's difficult to believe that it had been reduced to an ordinary rundown building. After all, 50 odd men worked 24/7 for nearly 6 long years under regular and personal supervision to achieve the result which we can all see today.

www.havelidharampura.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Recommended for its distinctive Mughal style of architecture and location. The building is situated near the historic Jama Masjid. The surroundings and overall structure of the Haveli still reflect history and lots of character. The brackets, balconies, multi-foliated arched gateway, carved sandstone facades and wooden doorway bring the past to life.

- Classical Music & Dance Evenings
- Kite Flying
- Pigeon Flying (Kabootarbaazi)
- Heritage Walk
- Photography



### TIKLI

## BOTTOM



### DESCRIPTION

Tikli Bottom is a modern small Lutyens style Indian haveli which is run as a private guest house. Nestling against the Aravali hills, it is peaceful, quiet and most relaxing destination. Food is grown organically and cooked fresh. The owners live on the property too makes the experience even more special. Tikli Bottom is a destination, not a stepping stone. There is plenty for the active to do, yet nowhere is better for doing nothing at all.

www.tiklibottom.com

### WHY WE LIKE IT

We recommend Tikli Bottom to those seeking a home away from home. This modern Lutyens-style private guest house is a pleasant drive away from Delhi. The courtyard and trees in the garden offer much recreational space, and shade in the hotter months. The view of the majestic Aravalli Hills offer a blissful experience. Freshly cooked organic food takes care of hunger pangs. As the owners live on the property, guests can look forward to that rare personal touch.

- Sleeping under the stars... Glamping in style indeed
- Walking tour to the village, school and organic Farm
- Bird Watching and Photography with picnic lunch
- Massage & Reflexology session
- Golf on the nearby championship links course stretches the best



### HAVELI

## HAUZ KHAS



#### DESCRIPTION

Earlier known as Amarya Haveli, this hotel is designed with Indian heritage as the main theme - with photographs, lithographs, canvases, carved wood, traditional textiles and hand-woven durries. The rooms and the common areas are on the heritage themes of Ajanta, Hampi, Banni, Kama and Neem.

www.havelihauzkhas.com

### WHY WE LIKE IT

A heritage mansion in a quiet, green residential area of the city. Some of the most popular restaurants, monuments and other tourist sites of New Delhi are close by. Owned and managed by a heritage aficionado couple retired from the Indian Administrative Services. They love to share their space with travelers and art lovers.

- Close proximity to all the historical sites of New Delhi
- Visit Hauz Khas Village to explore historical monuments
- Visit to nearby Deer Park a green belt
- Lots of shopping, clubbing and dining options





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## DESTINATION





### CORAL

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### TREE



### DESCRIPTION

Owned by Vandna & Gopal Singh THE CORAL TREE is built in a bungalow style amidst lush green surroundings, hardly a 6 minutes' walk from the Taj Mahal with easy access to restaurants, shopping malls, Taj nature walk etc.

www.thecoraltreehomestay.com

### WHY WE LIKE IT

Recommended to those who want to stay near Taj Mahal without paying an exorbitant price and also amidst lots of greenery, while experiencing Indian hospitality in its true sense.

- Visiting the nearby Taj Mahal
- Go birdwatching- over 100 species of birds have been recorded in its environs
- Owners being passionate naturalists may accompany you on The Taj Nature Walk
- Walking distance to major shopping and dining areas
- Eat fresh home-cooked food
- Enjoy Indian cooking with the host



### CORAL

### COURT



### DESCRIPTION

This tastefully built homestay is a creation with a great sense for aesthetics, choice of right colors and space. Artworks are displayed on the walls and even from little corners to door handles. The hosts have tried to relive the heritage left by the great Mughals in design and execution.

www.coralcourthomestay.com

### WHY WE LIKE IT

Recommended for its location, the ambiance, the neighborhood, the outdoor space and the proximity to the Taj Mahal (few minutes on foot). Safe for couples, solo adventurers, families, big groups and single lady travelers. Hosted by a couple, well versed in travel around India. They are happy to share information, ideas and suggestions about the city with their guests.

- Walking distance to the Taj Mahal
- Close proximity to the Itma-ud-Daulah
- Walking distance to major shopping and dining areas
- Taj Nature Walk
- Enjoy Indian cooking with the host





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Patan Mahal

## DESTINATION

PATAN



### PATAN

### MAHAL



### DESCRIPTION

Patan Mahal is the ancestral home of Rao Digvijay Singh Patan and his family. The family has lived in Patan since the 12th Century. The property is situated on the foot hills. The period furniture in the rooms showcases the skill and expertise of the Rajasthani artisans. Beautiful paintings on the walls and roofs have been carefully restored. The nooks and crannies have been retained, and many of rooms offer lots of pleasant surprises.

www.patanmahal.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Patan Mahal, a heritage home not far from Delhi, is a great one night stopover destination on the way to Jaipur. On one side, lies its very own farm. There is also an 800-year-old fort and another palace halfway up a hill. Most of the food served here is grown on the palace grounds and the rest is sourced locally. One may go on leisurely strolls through the fields, take a refreshing dip in the swimming pool, or laze around the pool area. The pool area offers a stunning view of the surrounding hills and the palace.

- Trek to 800 years old Fort located on a Hill
- Walk into the farming areas of the property where vegetable are grown organically
- Close proximity to Step well or Baori (ancient system of rain harvesting)
- Visit to a nearby potters village





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## BISHANGARH

## DESTINATION

1 Alila Fort

### ALILA

### FORT



#### DESCRIPTION

The iconic Alila Fort Bishangarh is a bold structure with striking architecture and offers spectacular 360-degree views. Recreating the flavor of Shahpura's royalty, the original fort has been left intact, with much care given to ecological restoration and the reconstruction of new residential areas. Perhaps, the only warrior fort converted into a heritage resort, Alila Fort Bishangarh is a unique example of the Jaipur Gharana architecture influenced by both the Mughals and the British.

ww.alilahotels.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

A true representation of royalty in the modern world. Encapsulating a uniquely crafted destination experience, for noble indulgence with spectacular cuisine, bespoke services and all that pampering. Its bespoke experiences revolve around various themes such as Enlightenment, History, Adventure, Gastronomy, Agriculture and more. The culinary journey is curated by celebrity chef Ranveer Brar. Located near Jaipur, the hotel serves as the ideal base to explore innumerable tourist attractions.

### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Visit to a nearby potters village
- Enjoy Spa facility
- Enjoy curated dining experiences



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### KARAULI

DESTINATION





Ramathra Fort

## RAMATHRA





### DESCRIPTION

The name Ramathra honors Lord Rama, who, it is believed, camped here during his epic journey to Lanka. The fort has a strong perimeter wall crowned with parapets. Its ramparts are wide and offer a spectacular view from the hilltop. Inside, there is a multi-storied palace, parts of which are being restored using traditional building techniques by local craftspeople. Stone lattices and a painted ceiling ornament the otherwise simple facilities. It was, after all, designed to be a battle fort.

www.ramathrafort.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

We recommend this place for those who wish to experience India's rural side but in the lap of luxury. Moreover, it conveniently falls between Agra and Jaipur and the short distance to Ranthambore makes the fort an all the more ideal stopover. One may take a jeep safari to a nearby wildlife sanctuary. Besides, there are nature walks, including a walking tour of the Ramathra village, a small hamlet of farmers and herders. What distinguishes Ramathra Fort from many other heritage homes is its remoteness from urban life and closeness to nature. Ramathra is part of a green farming belt in the Kalisil River valley.

### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Jungle Safari
- Nature safari
- Trekking
- Temple visit
- Picnic by the lake side



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JAIPUR



1 Dera Mandawa 2 Ramgarh Lodge 3 Naila Bagh Palace Shahpura House 4

### DERA

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# MANDAWA



### DESCRIPTION

Dera Mandawa is a confluence of influences, adorned with Rajasthani jharokhas (awnings) and arches mixed with British inspired doorframes. Highlighting the calm mood are the colorful local motifs, and quiet nooks and corners with only the chirping of birds and scurry of squirrels to break the silence. Natural light is in abundance. At Dera Mandawa, time slows its pace to usher you into the leisurely luxuries of an era gone by. Leaving behind the hullabaloo of the streets of Jaipur, you get transported into the tranquility and hospitality of traditional Rajasthani charm.

www.deramandawa.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

A beautiful boutique hotel oozing old world charm with home-like comfort, Dera Mandawa is ideally located close to the main attractions of the Pink City. You can walk from Dera Mandawa to the Pink City and to some of the best local markets rich in local crafts: handmade bangles, silver, blue pottery and textiles.

- Sightseeing of Jaipur
- Kite Flying
- Learn to cook like a local
- Henna art
- Picnic by the lake side



# RAMGARH

## LODGE



### DESCRIPTION

The Gateway Hotel Ramgarh Lodge, designed by Sir Swinton Jacob was once the favorite getaway of Maharaja Man Singh and Maharani Gayatri Devi. Previously, the hunting lodge of the Maharaja of Jaipur, it boasts private balconies and dreamy landscapes. This heritage hotel is an exceptional blend of unmatched traditional hospitality with contemporary efficiency. Complete with smart spacious rooms that offer breathtaking views of the Aravalli Hills, The Gateway Hotel Ramgarh Lodge is perfect for business travelers and leisure seekers alike.

www.gateway.tajhotels.com/en-in/ramgarh-lodge-jaipur

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

This peaceful heritage retreat offers an excellent value for money experience during your trip. Friendly staff, great facilities and close proximity to all that Jaipur has to offer are three great reasons you should stay at The Gateway Hotel Ramgarh Lodge.

- Indoor and outdoor Games
- Boating
- Fishing
- Trekking
- Jungle Safari



### PALACE

## NAILA BAGH



### DESCRIPTION

This heritage hotel is amongst the oldest in the city. Naila Bagh Palace stands tall in a 21000 sq. feet area, you will be welcomed within its folds by a serene and tranquil environment. The palace is surrounded by courtyards and gardens on all sides. Ornate frescos and majestic portraits of Maharajas and Princesses from the bygone era adorn the walls; colonial furniture surrounds you in majestic charm. The rooms are designed artistically such that they retain the old world charm, while providing all modern amenities.

www.nailabaghpalace.com

### WHY WE LIKE IT

We recommend Naila Bagh to all those seeking an unforgettable stay in a historical setting. The centrally located palace property is close to most sights of historical importance transports one back to a time of beauty, history and opulence. It offers an ambiance which is a conjunction of its illustrious heritage and art.

- Art & Cooking workshop
- Indoor Games
- Fitness Centre
- Elephant ride
- Camel ride
- Horse Safari
- Village Walk



## HOUSE




#### DESCRIPTION

Generations of travelers have always stopped to rest and refresh themselves at this oasis. The Shahpura family is famous for its warmth and hospitality. The traditional Rajput architecture with a mixture of Mughal and Indian influences, complete with a facade of domes and frescoes, never fails to mesmerize the visitor. The family portraits add to the charm of this hotel, where tradition still runs strong. Like many historic houses, Shahpura House is a curious mixture of the old and the new.

www.shahpura.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

An oasis in unexplored Rajasthan, Shahpura House is for those seeking an authentic bespoke homestay experience in a plush residential area of Jaipur. It offers the wonderful experience of traditional personalized hospitality, wherein you are welcomed into the heart of an ancient lineage. A destination you can come home to. Here, you would get the feel of a homestay, a place where you can rest, refresh, and revive yourself. You arrive as a guest and leave as a friend.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Close proximity to many historical sites of the city
- Art & Cooking workshop
- Indoor Games
- Session with astrologer
- Spa



### PALACE

# NARAIN NIWAS



#### DESCRIPTION

Narain Niwas was built in the year 1928. Designed in the Anglo-Indian style of the Victorian era, the palace is now one of the best heritage hotels one can witness in present times. Decorated with ethnic Indian furnishings, coupled with Rajput flourishing and traditional Jaipur-style painted wall decor in a typically bold color palette, Hotel Narain Niwas Palace provides an exclusive retreat to its guests.

www. hotelnarainniwas.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Centrally located, one of the finest heritage hotels of Jaipur, the palace is a good example of history amalgamating with modern times. During your stay at this heritage hotel in Jaipur, you will discover the secret of the grandeur of the Rajput royalty, when you see the exquisitely decorated walls and ceilings that are fully covered with frescoes and paintings. The period furniture placed all over the hotel is more than a visual delight. Narain Niwas heritage hotel is truly a place where one can enjoy traditional Rajput hospitality.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Close proximity to many historical sites of the city
- Art and Cooking workshop
- Indoor Games
- Session with Astrologer
- Spa, Meditation and Yoga
- Evening entertainment



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## CHANOUD



## DESTINATION



**Chanoud Garh** 

### CHANOUD

### GARH



#### DESCRIPTION

Chanoud Garh, one of the best heritage hotels in Pali, is spread in an expansive area of 200,000 square foot. The property is still managed and run by the royal family (descendants of Thakur Anoop Singh ji). Boasting age-old charm, the hotel has equally stunning interiors and exteriors. The delicate stone filigree Jharokhas, the rough marble pillared corridors, the Grand Durbars (royal courts), the winding doorways that lead to courtyards or opulent lawns, and the strong colonial and local influence in the rooms; all whisper small snippets of history.

www.chanoudgarh.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

It's a homestay, where home is a 300-year-old palace and 13 generations later, the palace still loyally serves its present-day guests. Totally unperturbed by the fast-changing world, every bit of the palace has been carefully preserved to lead you back to the era of the gallant rulers. Your friendly hosts, the Singh family, lives around one courtyard with their dogs. The guest suites located around the other. You'll be warmly welcomed by the family; they like to host drinks every evening before dinner and are always keen to show guests around the local area.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Village Safaris
- Village walk and meeting locals
- Visit to Salt Lake
- Cooking workshop





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## DESTINATION



**Rohet Garh** 

### ROHET

### GARH



#### DESCRIPTION

Situated on the banks of a lake and set in the midst of rural surroundings, it is a haven of peace and tranquility. Sprawling lawns and manicured gardens invite a multitude of birds and dancing peacocks. Rohet Garh has had the honor of hosting some of the most respected names in the literary world. Bruce Chatwin and William Dalrymple practically lived at Rohet Garh for four to five months, while working on their respective books, The Song-lines and The City of Djinns. Patrick French too is a friend of the family and has spent time at Rohet Garh, as did Simon Winchester and Jeffery Morehouse. Rohet Garh proudly boasts of the finest kitchens in traditional cuisine.

http://www.houseofrohet.com/rohet\_garh

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

This place truly defines itself with its name and one feels at home staying here. An amazing family-owned property for centuries and over the years it has been nurtured and developed with love and care into one of the finest heritage hotels in the region. Located in the heart of the village near the lake this hotel is a haven of tranquility. Recommended for those who like serenity and a homely environment.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Village Safaris
- Equestrian program
- Bird Watching
- Culinary workshops



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# **CITY MENU**



### NAGAUR

DESTINATION





### HOTEL

### RANVAS



#### DESCRIPTION

Within the magnificent Ahhichatragarh Fort, also known as Nagaur Fort, lie the 18th century residences. The prestigious and historic sites of Ahhichatragarh Fort in Nagaur open their doors each year to an extraordinary and sacred musical experience. Artists from Rajasthan to Kerala, nomadic poetry of the Silk Route from Kazakhstan to Afghanistan and Sufi rituals from Turkey and Egypt play a magic. This place also comes alive during the Cattle Fair. The most notable things to watch in this festival is the hundreds of thousands of animals, including horses, cows, bullocks, oxen and camels gathered for the purpose of trade.

www.ranvasnagaur.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Ranvas is one of the most well preserved stately residences in India. It is magical - a regal retreat as it was originally intended, striking a stark contrast to its desert surroundings. Ranvas is a heritage property in the purest sense, giving its guests the chance to experience a living legacy and a regal residence from which to explore Ahhichatragarh.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Fort visit
- Visit nearby temple and a village tour
- Visit to nearby desert on camelback, horseback or by car
- Annual Nagaur Cattle Fair in Jan/Feb is a photographer's delight
- Annual Sufi Spirit Music Festival in Feb
- Cycling





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Mountbatten Lodge

## DESTINATION





### LODGE

# MOUNTBATTEN



#### DESCRIPTION

This luxurious lodge is an exclusive four-suite property, ideally situated just a stone's throw away from two of North India's significant historical sites, the Kumbhalgarh Fort and the Ranakpur Jain Temples. The lodge evokes a sense of deep-rooted colonial times and guests who stay here are transported back to the days of The Raj. Get the chance to spot leopard, bear, deer, wild boar and a host of bird life; visit one of the many local tribal villages; or relax at sunset with a chilled glass of champagne.

www.mountbattenlodge.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

For its exclusivity, as it has 4 exclusive suites in a stunning location. The owner Reggie Singh, the grandson of Maharaj Ratan Singh of Jodhpur, known for his Polo and Shikar (hunting) exploits has always had a passion for safaris and the outdoors. It's been his endeavor to recreate the past, the colonial times and the days of The Raj. He would like to give his guests an experience of the 'real thing'- nothing recreated or cosmetic. You will notice the same on the menus, safari, service and also the ambiance.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Elephant mobile safari
- Leopard safari
- Horse riding
- Visit to a nearby stunning Jain temple
- Champagne at Sunset
- Visit to the nearby magnificent Kumbalgarh Fort





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Fatehgarh Palace

Raas Devigarh

### RAAS

# DEVIGARH



#### DESCRIPTION

Nestled in the Aravalli Hills of the Udaipur area, RAAS Devigarh, an 18th century heritage property, invites visitors to experience its remarkable charm. It has been transformed into one of the premier luxury hotels in Rajasthan. Much more than just a place to stay, Devigarh is a testament to the beauty and charm of old-world Rajputana, showcasing an array of decorative styles and landscaped gardens. The palace was restored and converted into an all-suite luxury hotel.

www.raasdevigarh.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

We recommend Devigarh to those who understand privacy and partying in equal measures. The hotel is known for its elegance and sophisticationnothing pretentious and nothing formal. It showcases gloriously how heritage building could not only be ravishingly restored but also combined with contemporary interiors, superb service and restaurants with buzz. Devigarh is a dedication to India's cultural and architectural preservation. Its proximity from Udaipur even makes it a first choice for travelers who are looking to stay at a quaint majestic Palace away from city and its hustle.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Village Walk
- Visit to the celebrated Eklingji and Nagda temples
- Close proximity to Udaipur city and its monuments
- Visit to Chittorgarh Fort
- Camel cart ride



### PALACE

# FATEHGARH



#### DESCRIPTION

Fatehgarh Palace is just not any ordinary hotel but a Heritage Renaissance – a term used to describe the laborious transplanting of stone by stone and pillar by pillar of a heritage structure to a new location, thereby conserving the rich Architectural Heritage for the generations to come. Fateh Garh Palace has been conceptualized, designed and executed to revitalize the environmental – cultural – spiritual heritage of the past.

www.fatehgarh.in

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Fatehgarh is recommend to those who are looking for their own space, a peaceful and quiet refuge from the noisy and crowded urban cities of India. For those seeking a good conversation, the Kelwa family plays the perfect hosts. The Kelwas live in this heritage resort and are deeply committed to the cause of an empowered and sustainable world. Alongside, they offer charming and warm hospitality. You will also be greeted by their friendly Great Danes – Phantom and Zara. One may also visit their stables which has an indigenous variety of horses and cows. These Marwari horses have been prize winners at the various horse fairs in their respective categories.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Jeep safari to nearby Village
- Culinary workshop
- Star gazing
- Bird watching
- Vintage car experience





# **CITY MENU**





DESTINATION





Le Sutra

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## **LE SUTRA**

HOTEL



#### DESCRIPTION

Le Sutra is just not another luxury hotel. Instead, it's a creation of unparalleled love for art that brings together a bunch of artists, sculptors, product designers and other creative folk to build a one of a kind museum in Bandra, where people can stay. It took 120 painters, 40 sculptors and 15 designers to bring their ideas to life here. Le Sutra is in the heart of the city surrounded by shops, partying hotspots, and touched by the sea.

www.lesutra.in

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Le Sutra is a small boutique hotel nestled in one of the most vibrant streets in Mumbai and yet as significant as any other hotel in the world. Fired by a concept, several artists, designers, curators, philosophers and visualizers came together to create Le Sutra – the world's first Indian Art Hotel. At Le Sutra, philosophy, myth, art form, history and pride weave together thousands of years of Indian ethos and narrate it through contemporary Indian Art.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Mumbai sightseeing
- Close proximity to important temples
- Elephanta Caves



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# GORDON

## HOUSE



#### DESCRIPTION

Gordon House is a small and intimate hotel that is big on style. Discover the subtle balance between innovative décor and warm and personalized service. Uniquely themed floors have captured the essence of Scandinavia, England and the Mediterranean. The Gordon House is a peaceful and hip oasis in the heart of the city.

www.thegordonhousemumbai.hotelsone.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Recommended to those who are looking for a boutique experience right in the middle of the buzz of South Mumbai area and in close proximity to famous historical monuments such as The Gateway of India, National Gallery of Modern Art and iconic Taj Mahal hotel.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Walking distance to the Gateway of India
- Walking distance to the Art District, restaurants (including the famous Leopold Café) and major shopping areas of South Mumbai
- Visit to the Elephanta Caves





# **CITY MENU**



## VARANASI

DESTINATION





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Brijrama Palace

Tree Of Life

## BRIJRAMA

### PALACE



#### DESCRIPTION

Brijrama Palace, one of the oldest landmarks of the city, is situated by the riverside on the Darbanga Ghaat. The history of the palace dates back to the year 1812. The first sight of the hotel is its historical elevator, installed in 1918, built to help the Darbanga king climb to the second floor of the palace. It also boasts of being the first elevator of India. The Brijrama experience starts at Bhisasur ghaat where the guests are greeted and escorted to the Bajra (a traditional Indian wooden boat), which takes them to the hotel, while, they enjoy the ride and soak in the enchanting history and beauty of Varanasi.

www.brijrama.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Recommended for those looking for a royal experience, while staying close to the sacred River Ganges in a city that exudes the spirit of beauty, magic and old world charm. The Palace hotel is located on one of the most prominent ghats in the heart of the old city with a beautiful view of the Ganges. The Palace aura will definitely hold your senses, and will compel you to soak in its beauty and get intrigued by its history, beautiful traditional architecture, musical mornings and evenings, and spectacular views of the Ganges and the Ghats. An exclusive dining experience also awaits you.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Sunset and sunrise boat cruise on the Ganges
- Yoga and Meditation
- Sarnath visit



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## THE TREE

### **OF LIFE**


#### DESCRIPTION

There is something that takes a hold of you from the moment you enter the gate. The Resort captures the essence of the city & the ghats beautifully. The Shivlings, the Kund (religious pond) where evening prayers (Aartis) are held and the departure experience with the prayer wheels and candles is absolutely tantalizing. The Tree of Life Resort & Spa encompasses all that Varanasi is, with a twist – it is your oasis of peace and calm after an overwhelming experience of the city.

www.treeofliferesorts.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Away from the noise and crowds of cities and yet conveniently close. A luxury resort which is calm, serene and away from the crowds; service which is discreet and caring; accommodation which spacious and built keeping in mind the regional sensibilities; cuisine which is made fresh daily – these are probably a few of the things that make this property worth recommending.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Sunset & Sunrise Boat cruise on the Ganges
- Yoga & Meditation
- Private dining option
- Religious ceremonies
- Walking tour of Old town and its narrow alleys



## SURYAUDAY





#### DESCRIPTION

Suryauday Haveli on Shivala Ghats is a reflection of the spirit of the holy city of Varanasi. The Haveli traces its history back to the early 20th century. It was built by the Royal Family of Nepal as a retreat for the aged. It has now been painstakingly put together again to provide the best ghat experience in Varanasi. Your experience begins with a 15 minute boat ride upstream along the famous ghats to reach the Haveli.

www.suryaudayhaveli.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

A small exotic mansion by the river Ganges makes it an interesting option for those who want to stay close to the river Ganges in one of the oldest living cities in the world. One gets a breathtaking experience as the rays of the dawn bathe the Ganges, the high-banks, the temples and shrines along the banks in a golden hue. You will hear soul stirring hymns and mantras, smell the fragrance of incense filling the air and see devotees taking a refreshing dip in the holy waters gently splashing at the Ghats.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Sunset and Sunrise boat cruise on the Ganges
- Yoga and Meditation
- Visit a village of silk weavers
- Religious ceremonies
- Walking distance to Old town and its narrow alleys





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## DESTINATION



The Sarai At Toria

## AT TORIA





#### DESCRIPTION

The Sarai at Toria is situated amidst an area full of history and natural beauty and it can be a destination in itself. This luxurious but earth-friendly small retreat is envisaged as the founding component of a wider project that seeks to play a positive role in the economic and social development of the local area. It is also a base for conservation activities and for wildlife and climate change research.

www.saraiattoria.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Located amidst agricultural lands in the unspoilt countryside, the Sarai at Toria spreads over nine acres of undulating land. With the river on one side and a small forest patch at the back, it provides many lovely corners for quiet reading and relaxation and for private al fresco meals. The owners (couple) are avid wildlife photographers, writers and conservationists which adds to the overall charm of this beautiful place.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Yoga and Meditation
- Visit to Panna Wildlife Sanctuary
- Visit to waterfalls
- Boat ride and fishing on the River Ken
- Walking tour of the countryside
- Close proximity to the world famous erotic temples of Khajuraho





# **CITY MENU**





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Punjabiyat

**Citrus County Farm** 

### DESTINATION



### HOSHIARPUR

### FARM

# **CITRUS COUNTRY**



#### DESCRIPTION

Spread over 2.5 acres of blissful landscape, the Citrus Country—with its eye-catching British architecture of slanting red-tiled roof—sits on the edge of the village square surrounded by tall poplar trees, centuries-old majestic peepal (sacred fig) trees and a lush green countryside dotted with orchards. The double story farmhouse with tastefully furnished furniture and interiors goes with the high comfort quotient. Guests can savor the cigars and spirits out of a well-stocked collection of the finest wines, scotch and beer, while lounging in front of the fireplace or a bonfire-and-barbeque evening in the lawns or next to the swimming pool.

www.citruscountyfarmstays.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Citrus County is recommended to those who want to savor a bit of rural India with a true Indian hospitality. It's a farmhouse nestling amidst verdant orchards laden with golden Kinnow fruits in a village called Hoshiaprur. Citrus County is also the home of Harkirat, his wife Jasveen, their two sons Zorawar and Partap, and their 2 playful Labrador retrievers, Rufus and Simba.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Day trip to a dairy Farm
- Participate in small farm chores such as plucking and pruning
- Walking tour of the countryside
- Star gazing
- Culinary workshop
- Dine with the hosts



### FARM RESORT

### PUNJABIYAT



#### DESCRIPTION

To keep this alarmingly fading tradition alive, Punjabiyat has been entirely built using locally made mud bricks and mud. True to its core philosophy, local construction methods have been developed and improved upon in ways tailored to local craftsmen's abilities, thus supporting the indigenous construction culture of Punjab. The cottage design, niches and other decorative forms have been selected after keenly studying the local styles.

www.hotvel.com/punjabiyat-itmenaanlodges-gurdaspur.html

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Punjabiyat offers an opportunity to experience life on a live farm ensconced within the rustic smell of the country in a peaceful yet stimulating environment. Experience the tranquility of countryside and farm life, and walk along the sprawling acres of carefully nurtured crops. Gaze at the rural idylls as the shadows lengthen and a spectacular sunset follows, and when night comes, get mesmerized by the sky with its millions of glittering stars. Truly, this is a magical Punjab getaway with a twist of unpretentious luxury.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Close proximity to Amritsar and its famous Golden Temple
- Day trip to Dairy Farm
- Walking tour of the countryside
- Culinary workshop
- Bicycle tour
- Tractor and Tonga (traditional horse-driven carriage) rides





# **CITY MENU**



### AMRITSAR



### DESTINATION



Ranjit's Svaasa

### **RANJIT'S**

### SVAASA



#### DESCRIPTION

Ranjit's SVAASÁ is a well-kept secret in the Holy City of Amritsar. Run by the descendants of the noted personality, Rai Bahadur Rattan Chand Mehra, it's a humble yet elegant haveli, which boasts of its owners being noted personalities of the country. With over three generations of hospitality behind them, it is their pleasure to have every guest enjoy the SVAASÁ touch. Its soothing ambience and guest service in the comforting hands of its caring staff are an extension of the family's morals and values to offer you a memorable experience.

www.svaasa.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Whether you are visiting Amristar in the beginning or at the end of the tour and are looking for a place where silence speaks volumes, Ranjit's SVAASÁ is your answer. Tucked away within the skylines of old and decadent arches, this intimate boutique haveli also resembles an aristocratic red brick colonial manor house with a family history of 250 years. This haveli has seen royalties and more; today it boasts a strong client list of socialites, celebrities, media personalities, foreign dignitaries and traveler's from across the world.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Close proximity to old city and its famous Golden Temple
- Culinary workshop
- Visit to Blind School and Cow shelter
- Visit to Wagah Border to see the 'change of guard' ceremony





# **CITY MENU**



### COORG



## DESTINATION



Pepper Trails Home Stay

### HOME STAY

## PEPPER TRAILS



#### DESCRIPTION

Pepper Trails a 2-room exclusive homestay located near the Nagarhole National Park. The park teems with over 250 types of birds, elephants, sloth bear, bison, tiger, leopards, deer, and wild boars. It's a home away home and guests have always admired the owners for their interest in taking care of the place and the facilities. The food served is typical of Coorg dishes. They also welcome personal preferences.

www.peppertrails.in

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Very apt for those, who prefer to stay amidst nature and the sounds of the chirping of birds as it is surrounded by un-spoilt wilderness. The air is fresh and there are serene forests, tea and coffee plantations, bubbling streams, and a tranquil waterfall.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Cultural shows
- Trekking
- Bamboo Rafting
- Spice Walks
- Jeep Safari
- Shopping
- Culinary workshop





# **CITY MENU**







Niraamaya Retreats Cardamom Club



- 4 Serenity at Kanam Estate
  - Purity on Lake Vembanad

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# SURYA SAMUDRA

### NIRAAMAYA



#### DESCRIPTION

Niraamaya Surya Samdura - an embodiment of wellness and luxury delivering bespoke experiences for its guests. Located in a stunning place, it imbibes the philosophy of wellness offering contemporary comforts and luxury elements seamlessly married to the traditional architecture and charm. The concept of wellness resonates across the retreat – whether it is the spa, yoga or the cuisine at the Niraamaya kitchens. Niraamaya Retreats Surya Samudra was inducted into the prestigious Relais & Châteaux club.

www.niraamaya.in

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

The resort embodies the spirit of wellness and luxury, designed with craftsmanship that offers the stillness and charm of a peaceful retreat offering contemporary hospitality, integrating a seamless blend of regional heritage and culture.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Cultural Evening
- Excursion to Kanyakumari
- Sightseeing of Trivandrum City
- Yoga, Meditation and Spa
- Renewal of vows
- Culinary workshop



# CARDAMOM CLUB

### NIRAAMAYA



#### DESCRIPTION

Spread over a vast area of cardamom plantations, this especial experience comprises of luxurious cottages, a Niraamaya Spa Centre, an infinity swimming pool and the Café Samsara, an all-day dining restaurant. The Niraamaya Spa extends a range of natural and holistic therapies to rejuvenate the body, mind and soul. The same includes, Ayurvedic treatments and international therapies such as Swedish massage, Spice magic and Asian treatments.

www.niraamaya.in

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

The property borders the fabled Periyar reserve and presents magnificent views of the mountains and valley from the cottages; in turn bringing forth tranquility and an overall wonderful experience for an ideal getaway in Kerala.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Cultural shows
- Trekking
- Bamboo Rafting
- Spice Walks
- Jeep Safari
- Shopping
- Culinary workshop



# WINDY WOODS

# CHANDY'S



#### DESCRIPTION

Set along a hill slope, the ambience of Windy Woods is one of muted, chic elegance. The lobby is bathed in soft lighting from recesses overhead, wood veneer cloaks the panels on the walls and floor, graphic motifs inspired by the surrounding nature amaze the visitor, and chrome and glass fittings add a touch of the contemporariness. A remarkable feature of the décor is an enormous faux tree that forms the essence around which the ambient experience of the hotel is woven. Bodhi Tree, Deep Forest, Traditional Village - each of the blocks has been named after an element of nature.

www.chandyswindywoods.com

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

If you are looking at staying amidst nature and serenity, then look no further. Nestled in a serene grove of silver oak trees amidst stunningly beautiful surroundings and offering gracious service Windy Woods is quite simply the epitome of luxury and fine living. Early in the morning and late in the evening, the hiss of the waterfall accompanies the primal sounds of jungle cats and bird calls.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Forest Tour
- Bird Watching
- Trekking
- Mountain Biking
- Plantation Tour
- Jeep Safari





## KANAM ESTATE



#### DESCRIPTION

Serenity at Kanam estate is an intensely private villa hotel owned by Joerg Drechsel and his wife Txuku. The owners share with their guests what they are passionate about: genuine art, genuine people, a genuine cuisine built on the best of local ingredients, genuine respect for customs and traditions, and genuine hospitality. Enriching their guests' stay by offering experiences for all the senses, comforts, a bit of learning for the curious, and celebrating the joy of life.

www.malabarescapes.com/serenity-kanam-estate/index.html

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

The property is surrounded by rubber estates and tropical spice gardens. Thoroughly re-designed, this dream come true 1920s estate bungalow has fully retained its heritage ambience and blends into an unspoiled rural setting.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Spa
- Yoga and Meditation
- Outdoor Games
- Day with Elephant
- Mountain Biking
- Culinary Workshop



# VEMBANAND

# **PURITY ON LAKE**



#### DESCRIPTION

Purity resort overlooks the Lake Vembanad at its widest point and is accessible by both car and boat. It is owned by Joerg Drechsel and his wife Txuku. The owners share with their guests what they are passionate about: genuine art, genuine people, a genuine cuisine built on the best of local ingredients, genuine respect for customs and traditions, and genuine hospitality. Enriching their guests' stay by offering experiences for all the senses, comforts, a bit of learning for the curious, and celebrating the joy of life.

malabarhouse.com/purity-muhamma/index.html

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Purity is the first sophisticated small hotel in the backwaters with expansive gardens, a swimming pool, huge art collection by up-and-coming Indian artists and a twinkly restaurant on the lake.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Spa
- Yoga & Meditation
- Culinary Workshop
- Cruise on backwaters
- Visit to Fisherman's Village



# FORT COCHIN

TRINITY AT



#### DESCRIPTION

Trinity is located opposite St Francis Church in the heart of historical Fort Cochin. Facing the Parade ground area, which represents the once mighty Dutch East India Company. It had offices here for almost 150 years. The noted personality, Soumitro Ghosh designed and produced a very contemporary setting. Within this space, he created a unique ambience showcasing the best of contemporary Indian design and art, and antique furniture. It is ideally located for walking through Fort Cochin, sightseeing, antique and curio shopping at Jew Town and tours to the backwaters.

www.malabarhouse.com/trinity-fort-cochin/index.html

#### WHY WE LIKE IT

Giving the feel of a contemporary apartment, it's ideal for those who want more privacy than they'd get staying at a hotel. An intimate city retreat that looks more like a smart art gallery than a place to stay, Trinity offers 'a world within' to the paradise seeker.

#### **POSSIBLE EXPERIENCES**

- Spa
- Yoga and meditation
- Culinary Workshop
- Backwater cruise
- Art, design and music
- Museum tours



#### **Thank You,** We look forward to serving you



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