



NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

The Westin Resort & Spa, Himalayas

Where? Near Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

What is Unique? The hotel features 141 rooms- all equipped with Westin's plush, all signature Heavenly Bed and the rejuvenating Heavenly Bath with its fully customizable shower and bath with nourishing Tea Aloe Bath Amenities. Housed within the resort are four distinct restaurants and bars, Rishikesh's largest conference hall, a heated pool dotted with cozy gazebos and an infinity pool with a swim-up bar offering breathtaking mountain views. Taste the luxury and grandeur of the all-weather outdoor pool via steps straight from the villa room!

Why? Just around 28 kms from Jolly Grant Airport Dehradun and 256 KM from Delhi, The Westin Resort & Spa is perfect for any occasion, may it be Weddings, Meetings or just few days away from the hustle bustle of the city. Drench in the pious atmosphere of Rishikesh by taking a dip in the holy Ganga river or get your adrenaline rush by experiencing one of the best river rafting and other adventure activities like bungee jumping, cliff diving. You may also choose to stay back and indulge in a high-altitude massage at The Westin Resort & Spa.



Mementos by ITC Hotels, Ekaaya Udaipur

Where? Udaipur

What is Unique? A location beyond obvious - spread across the rolling hills and lush, sprawling acres, are a dreamy escape. Divided into intimate clusters, each one boasts a luxurious heated pool and a secluded deck. The hotel has a mini theatre with a private screening option and one of the largest open and covered venues for events and weddings in Udaipur. Experience the ultimate rejuvenation and multilevel spa experience in the Royal Spa with seven spa treatment rooms and hydrotherapy in the twelve Hydrotherapy rooms.

Why? Allow yourself to be transported to a place where every moment is infused with wonder and beauty in this sanctuary of luxury and comfort. The elegant villas and suites offer breathtaking views of the picturesque surroundings and the finest amenities to make your stay truly unforgettable. From the authentic local flavors to the exquisite gourmet dishes for you to savor each bite and sip in this haven of gastronomic delight! The resort encompasses elegant meeting spaces, including a grand ballroom, ample pre- and post-function areas, multi-functional breakout rooms, green rooms and a private theatre.

They're waiting to be discovered. What will your memory be?



The Postcard on the Arabian Sea, Karnataka

Where? Maravanthe, Udupi, Karnataka

What is Unique? It is a world where the pristine deep blue ocean is the backdrop for a profoundly personalised refuge. All rooms face the ocean with patios and seating areas from which to idle away and watch the setting sun. Maravanthe Beach on which the hotel sits, is also one of the best diving sites in the country. Visit the sacred shrine of Maraswamy, a trail to the Agumbe Peak and Dolphin spotting. The location offers day excursions to the sacred shrine of Murudeshwara, Udupi Shri Krishna Matha, Jog Falls (highest untiered waterfall). You will feel connected to the ocean, the richness of the destination, and of course to one another.

Why? Intimate, unique, and luxurious, the boutique hotel is positioned just off the Maravanthe coast and in close proximity to the temple city of Udupi in coastal Karnataka. Ten luxury rooms, mere steps away from the sea, ensure that you enjoy uninterrupted views in absolute privacy no matter which room you're in. Enjoy the amalgamation of food cultures of four major communities of the region - Bunt, Goud Saraswat, Catholic, and Konkani Muslim. Expect Ghee Roasts and Kundapur Chicken Curry, Shaiyya Prawns Biryani and Mangalorean Mutton Stew. Yummmmm!

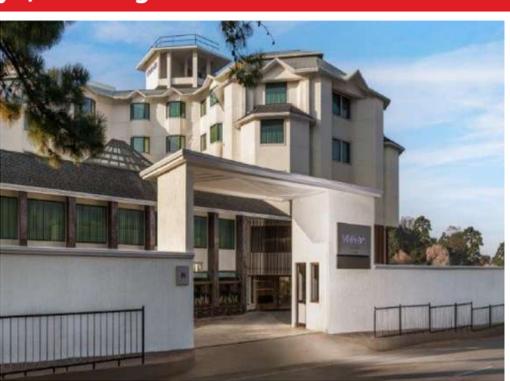


Vivanta Meghalaya, Shillong

Where? Police Bazar, Shillong

What is Unique? The centrally located hotel offers access to most buzzing quarter, police bazar, with a colourful market, local craft shops and art galleries. Vivanta Meghalaya, Shillong offers off beat experiences like feast under starlit skies at the hotel, picnic at Nongsawlia, specially curated picnic baskets for excursions to the gorgeous Laitlum Canyon, the scenic Mawphlang, David Scott hiking trail and the lovely Ward's Lake. Rooms will ensconce you in comfort, whether you are in town to revel in some of the most rousing rock shows in the country or to experience Cherry Blossom trees in full bloom or to explore the pine-scented environs or business.

Why? Handicrafts made from cane and bamboo, artefacts carved out of wood and intricately woven mats are as proudly showcased in the markets of Shillong as they are in the rooms of Vivanta Meghalaya, Shillong. Environs that are reflected in the choice of materials that have been liberally used across the hotel like timber and cherra stone. Elegantly designed with a decor that highlights Meghalayan culture, the rooms offer the perfect harmony of comfort and aesthetics. The first bonafide luxury establishment in the music capital of the country, Vivanta Meghalaya, Shillong promises you the best of everything and more in the gateway to some of India's finest trekking trails, glamping destinations, nature walks and music festivals.



How Bharat put Mumbai on the Tourism Map of India

Article courtesy - Vinayak Talwar who is one of the passionate story tellers at Khaki Tours



This story begins in 2015 when a General Manager of Marketing in a Multi-National Conglomerate decides to make use of his spare time on a holiday. Meet Bharat Gothoskar, founder of KHAKI Tours who took his passion for the lesser-known secrets of his city out to the world and make it one of the most sought-after experiences for tourists visiting Mumbai.

Raised in the bustling metropolis of Bombay, Bharat grew up with a keen eye for looking at things for more than what they stood for. A city that today is known only as the Economic and Entertainment capital of India, Bharat has learnt to know this city beyond just the obvious and its cities within.

Bharat started KHAKI Tours with the intent of showing Mumbai to its own citizens beyond the colonial remnants noticeable in the Fort area by conducting heritage walks on holidays. His idea was to open windows in people's minds to the rich heritage that surrounds them. Today, people visit the likes of London, Rome, Paris, Venice, pay top dollar to attend heritage walks, only to come back to their own city and say "There is nothing interesting here". Starting with precincts that are not as 'touristy' as Fort, Bharat started conducting walks in areas such as Gamdevi, Bhuleshwar, Lalbaug, Banganga and today KHAKI conducts heritage walks in over 50 such precincts of the city with the numbers growing month after month.

With the popularity of KHAKI growing year on year, Bharat decided to grow his clout and start a program known as 'Ambassadors of Mumbai' where individuals passionate about history can learn about the multiple aspects of this city and train themselves to conduct walks on behalf of KHAKI as well. Today, KHAKI has become a household brand when it comes to heritage with experiences ranging from walks, talks, bus rides, jeep rides, curated food walks and what not. And not just for Mumbaiers, but even for first time visitors to this city, KHAKI has managed to create awareness for international and domestic travellers to experience Mumbai like never before.



What is the secret that makes KHAKI stand out compared to any other tour agency? It is not just the passion for heritage but the narrative that stands out. People are not here to listen to historical numbers and figures, but to listen to stories that nobody would have told them till now. How a historical fact becomes important for them is when it becomes relatable and that is what KHAKI has managed to achieve right to the T.

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LEADER SPEAK

Walking the Talk Every Step of the Way

by Kush Kapoor CEO of Roseate Hotels & Resorts

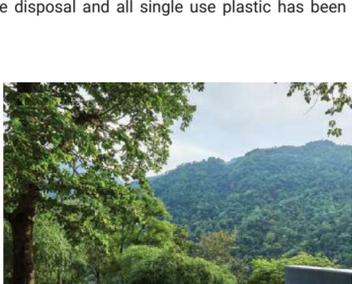
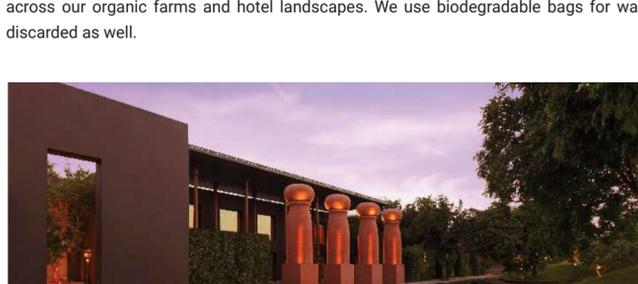
Sustainability is intrinsically a part of who we are and what we do. It is deeply embedded in the Roseate philosophy. It begins with a mindset. A commitment.

We preserved the natural landscape across each of our hotels to the very best possible. The Roseate New Delhi a verdant green oasis in the capital city, conserves more than 1000 trees. Water, bodies, lush gardens, birds are a part of the fascinating ecosystem. It is a place to unwind, relax, disconnect to connect with yourself, far from the madding crowd.

The Rooms & Suites across our hotels are mindfully designed as calming sanctuaries that allow fresh air and sunlight to waft inside. The colour palette is pastel and calm, mostly earthy to induce tranquility with the larger ecosystem. Our aim was to reduce the surrounding noise and unnecessary clutter, creating an austere yet warm space for reflection and introspection.

Harmony with the environment has been at the helm of everything. At the Roseate Ganges, the focal point of each room is the view of the forest and connect with the landscape. The skylight in the bathrooms gives a feeling of being in the open and enjoy natural light throughout the day. Large balconies overlooking the verdant valley give a sense of unperturbed tranquillity and are a very prominent part of the experience. Usage of white marble and hardwood lend a sense of warmth which is juxtaposed with raw concrete plaster to take away the understated luxury. We've used natural materials such as hardwood, granite, marble and brass to lend warmth to the spaces. These materials have been used thoughtfully for long lasting use and give a sense of permanence.

Roseate Hotels & Resorts are non-smoking hotels. Most of our key departments are paperless. We do not use plastic in either room amenities or across our restaurants. In room amenities and toothbrushes are being replaced by those made with high quality bamboo. Carry bags used across our take away Cafés & Patisseries are made with certified recycled paper. We recycle waste water. Specially designed water tanks are used to save, store and reuse water. Kitchen waste is mindfully converted to compost which is used across our organic farms and hotel landscapes. We use biodegradable bags for waste disposal and all single use plastic has been discarded as well.



The resort has installed state of the art panels that collect moisture from the atmosphere, purify it and make it safe and healthy. This in-house brand of bottled water is further hygienically packaged in glassware, replacing plastic bottles. It is treated carefully before converting into alkaline water with 8ph value in it and blended with trace minerals.

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