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New Hotel Openings

HILTON GARDEN INN, PUNE HINJAWADI

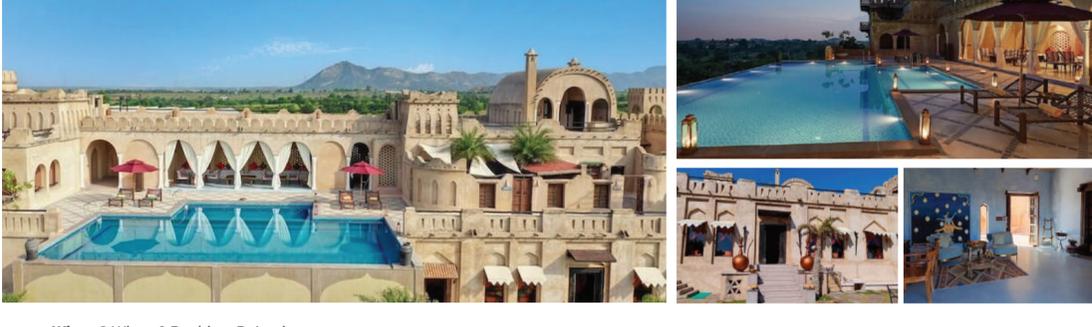


Where? Pune Hinjawadi, Maharashtra

What is unique? Hilton Garden Inn offers 144 keys and 4 food and beverage outlets. The hotel provides affordable luxury with great logistical convenience, located 30 minutes from the city centre, 45 minutes from the international airport and a 15 minute exit to the Mumbai Pune expressway.

Why? Hilton Garden Inn Hinjawadi provides accommodation with a restaurant, terrace pool, a fitness centre and a bar. Located along the road to the Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park and International Biotech Park offers 5,500 sq. ft. of event space with excellent views.

MAYAGARH BY MAYA LUXURY, PUSHKAR



Where? Pushkar, Rajasthan

What is unique? Maya Garh, a Luxury Collection Desert Fortress - Pushkar is a private oasis nestled among the lush green farms. This 5 star Desert Fortress boasts private swimming pool with majestic dune and mountain views and has 10 villas which boast discreet refinement with authentic regional antiques, local artefacts and thoughtful nuances

Why? Maya Garh provides in total 10 suites and villas - 2 Noor Maya (with bathtub) / 3 Moh Maha Suites (with Jacuzzi) / 5 Maha Maya villas (with private lunge pool). Guests while staying, can opt for one activity from Camel / Jeep / Horse safari besides High tea at the dunes during sunset.

EAGLES NEST, DHARAMSHALA



Where? Dharamkot, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh

What is unique? Nestled in the verdant cedar, oak, and rhododendron forests of the Himalayan foothills at an elevation of 2,250 metres (7,381 feet). Eagles Nest provides breathtaking views of the Kangra Valley below. Set against the breathtaking beautiful snow-capped peaks of the Dhauladhar mountain range, this is a place where tranquilly and adventure coexist. Secluded from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, Eagles Nest is a beautiful retreat surrounded by snow-capped mountains and cedar forests on the Himalayan foothills.

Why? The Eagles Nest aims to provide the ideal place to get away from it all, with its 12 beautifully rustic and exquisite rooms that offer peace and comfort in equal measure. For the magnificent and mesmerizing views you could head to The Point - Vantage point from where one can gaze endlessly at the majestic snow-clad peaks as well as look at the Kangra valley with a fixed telescope, for land or sky gazing. The Deck - Weathered wood open deck at The Point which is ideal for solace and meditation or even a small customised event. Other activities includes, star gazing, bird watching, Treks and hiking into the mountains, Pony riding, etc.

ZANA UDAI SAGAR LAKE RESORT, UDAIPUR



Where? Udaipur, Rajasthan

What is unique? At Zana Lake Resort – Udaipur, indulge in spectacular unfettered views of the mountains framed within a glistening lake that is home to exquisite migratory birds. Experience this solitude and solace infused across 30 intimately crafted rooms with inspiring experiences, nourishing cuisine and service philosophy

Why? Named after the rare purple lily, 'ZANA' is your escape from the ordinary into a world of indulgence and exclusivity. Located 20 minutes from Maharana Pratap airport, Zana Lake Resort is conveniently close to the 'Venice of the East' – Udaipur. The 15 spacious 650 sq.ft Lake front rooms with private garden on the first floor open up to a garden for you to relax and enjoy the lake view. The second room category, 15 Lake front rooms with balcony are 450 sq.ft. which is located on the second floor giving un-hindered views of the lake

AMAYA SPA RESORT, NARENDRANAGAR, RISHIKESH



Where? Narendranagar, Rishikesh

What is unique? Amayaah Spa Resort is your private world class wellness resort. The resort has rooms overlooking Himalayan mountain ranges and Ganges meandering down Rishikesh, in Villas to enable the guests to enjoy family/friends bonding in a tranquil environment. The villa is with its individual Chef and Butler to provide personalised curated Menu. Yoga and meditation program or International Spa therapy are specifically curated for you.

Why? Amayaah Spa Resort is your private world class wellness resort. The resort offers Villas with expansive living spaces that are structured from indigenous materials of the region. Plush rooms overlook the pious cities of Rishikesh and Haridwar, with the meandering Holy Ganges flowing down below. Stunning views of the Himalayan mountain range sets the ideal backdrop for Meditation and Yoga. The villa comes with its individual Chef and Butler to provide a personalised curated Menu. Yoga and meditation programs or International Spa therapies are specifically curated for you.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE HISTORY OF CRANGANOR.....

A fascination tale of the connection of Cochin Jews with this once bustling port city by our own Tammie Anjali Tolani



They say it was a little Jewish girl singing hymns who greeted St Thomas on his arrival at Shingly. The proof of this hangs on a thin fraying thread involving the appearance of an old testament, a few singing bards, and lilting, cajoling, Hebrew-Malayalam songs sung by young girls and boys. In any case the Jews have been regular visitors to Shingly since the time of Solomon.

Some records say the first Jews sailed to South India on the ships of King Solomon; others say they came during the Babylonian exile; others that they fled to Malabar after the destruction of the Second Temple; and others refer to a fourth-century migration from Majorca.

Most of these stories revolve around the existence of a Jewish community in the ancient trade centre of Cranganore (which the Jews called Shingly), north of Cochin.

There are records of several other movements of Jews into Kerala till the beginning of early 16th century which led to the Jews classifying themselves by colour, from the earliest Jews being Black, to the 16th century influxes being designated as White Jews or the "Paradesis".

It is the Black Jews that fascinate me, the people that lived across the river from us at Chendamangalam

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Mr. Parveen Chander Kumar*



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