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FORTIFIED ELEGANCE

Where Royalty Meets History and Luxury Knows No Bounds.

India's forts are silent sentinels, standing tall across the landscape, each a guardian of centuries-old stories. These majestic structures once protected kingdoms, commanded loyalty, and witnessed the rise and fall of empires. In Rajasthan, **Mehrangarh Fort** in Jodhpur seems to touch the sky, while the ethereal **Amber Fort** in Jaipur enchants with its marble carvings and stunning views. From Maharashtra's coastal **Sindhudurg Fort** to the mighty **Gwalior Fort** in Madhya Pradesh, these architectural wonders tell the tales of India's rich cultural heritage. Each fort is a timeless reminder of the nation's glorious past, preserving history within their walls.

Beyond their stone walls and towering ramparts, some forts are living relics, still home to families who preserve ancient traditions. **Jaisalmer Fort**, for instance, houses nearly a quarter of the city's population within its golden walls. As you walk its labyrinthine lanes, locals share stories passed down through generations, making it a vibrant, living history. Similarly, **Chittorgarh** and **Orchha Forts** - partially inhabited-breathe life into their historical corridors, offering glimpses of resilience and continuity. These forts are not just architectural wonders, but active embodiments of India's enduring cultural heritage.



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Hotel Chanoud Garh, Jodhpur
A 300-year-old fort offering farm-to-table cuisine and authentic village life in Rajasthan.

Fort JadhavGADH, Pune
Maharashtra's only heritage fort hotel, rich in Maratha legacy with hilltop views.

Alila Fort Bishangarh, Jaipur
A 234-year-old sanctuary blending Mughal-Rajput style with Aravalli

Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels, Fort & Dunes, Khimsar
A 15th-century fort on Thar Desert's edge, offering royal Rajasthani heritage amid sand dunes.

Fort Tiracol Heritage Hotel, Goa
A peaceful North Goa retreat in a former Portuguese fortress with ocean views.

Ramathra Fort, Sapotara
A serene heaven with countryside vistas, fresh dining, and village therapies near Ranthambore.

Ahilya Fort Heritage Hotel, Madhya Pradesh
An elegant fort on the Narmada, reflecting the legacy of Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar.

A new chapter in India's fort legacy is unfolding through luxury hospitality. Once-abandoned fortresses have been transformed into havens of elegance and exclusivity, seamlessly blending rich heritage with modern wellness. These majestic fort hotels stand as symbols of how old-world grandeur can merge with contemporary luxury. Originally crafted for protection and resilience, they now offer serene escapes, inviting guests to experience royal life while immersed in a timeless, storied atmosphere. It's a harmonious fusion of regal splendour and modern indulgence.

As the sun dips below the ancient walls, India's fort hotels reveal their final enchantment-a sense of timelessness, whispering stories of empires past while wrapping you in the luxury of the present. Each stay is a doorway to the soul of India, blending history, hospitality, and heart. To rest in these fortresses is to be a part of something enduring, a reminder that in a world that never stops, there are still places that hold time itself. Here, the walls remember, the air is rich with tales, and every sunrise brings you closer to the magic of India's heritage.

NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

1. Deshadan’s Tarangi Beach Villas, Mararikulam

Where? Mararikulam, Kerala

Why? Deshadan’s Tarangi Beach Villas offers a distinctive blend of traditional Kerala architecture and modern amenities. The villas are designed with authentic clay tile roofing and open washrooms, allowing guests to enjoy rain showers in a natural setting. With only five villas, the property maintains an intimate atmosphere, with two villas featuring private pools for a more luxurious experience. The villas open into lush green gardens, and the beach is just a short walk away, providing guests with a peaceful retreat in a picturesque location.

What is Unique? Deshadan’s Tarangi Beach Villas is an ideal choice for travellers seeking a serene escape close to nature. Located near the beautiful Marari beach, the property offers spacious, air-conditioned villas with traditional Kerala-style designs. Guests can enjoy the calm atmosphere, relaxing in their villas or exploring the surrounding area, including local fishing experiences. The close proximity to the beach ensures easy access to the Arabian Sea, while the private pool villas offer an extra layer of luxury and privacy. With its intimate setting, authentic Kerala experience, and peaceful environment, this property is perfect for those looking for a blend of local culture and modern comfort.



2. ibis Styles, Mysuru

Where? Mysuru, Karnataka

What is Unique? ibis Styles Mysuru, located on KRS Road, just minutes from the city's iconic attractions, redefines hospitality with its blend of modern design and vibrant elements. The hotel's sleek interiors, inspired by the birds of Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, create a stylish yet welcoming atmosphere. With 130 well-designed rooms, it caters to a wide range of needs, ensuring a comfortable stay for every guest. The 30 suites offer kitchen space, private balconies, spacious living areas, and family-friendly options. A dedicated children’s play area further enhances the hotel’s appeal for families.

Why ? At ibis Styles Mysuru, diners are in for a memorable culinary experience. Verandah, the all-day dining restaurant, presents an innovative mix of traditional and modern dishes, catering to varied tastes. For a more casual vibe, the Flamingo Bar in the lobby is an ideal spot to unwind with a refreshing drink in a peaceful setting. KA 16, the rooftop restaurant, will offer scenic views along with an exceptional menu. The hotel also offers five fully equipped meeting rooms and a large banquet hall, making it a great venue for different types of events. Additionally, it provides comprehensive catering solutions for outdoor gatherings.



3. Mansao Curtorim, a CGH Earth Saha experience, Goa

Where? Goa

What is unique? Mansao Curtorim, a CGH Earth Saha experience, stands out as a beautifully restored 236-year-old Indo-Portuguese heritage mansion. Located in Curtorim, South Goa, it offers a rare glimpse into Goa’s architectural legacy with features like intricately patterned tiles, antique furnishings, and airy verandas that overlook lush gardens and paddy fields. Its tranquil setting invites birdwatching along the Zuari River, scenic cycling trails, and explorations of heritage landmarks like St. Alex Church. Culinary enthusiasts can indulge in authentic Goan flavours, from Chorizo Pilaf to fresh catch-of-the-day specialities, served in a choice of formal indoor or semi-covered outdoor dining spaces. With its serene ambience and creative allure, the villa is a haven for writers, artists, and families seeking inspiration or connection.

Why? Mansao Curtorim offers six spacious and elegantly designed bedrooms, perfect for families, couples, or solo travellers. Each room features modern comforts like private balconies or verandas while maintaining the charm of colonial architecture. Guests can enjoy a tropical garden, library lounge, and a welcoming dining area ideal for shared meals. Located just 30 minutes from Madgaon Railway Station and an hour from Dabolim Airport, the villa provides convenient access to South Goa’s pristine beaches, heritage sites, and peaceful village paths. Complemented by exceptional service and complimentary breakfast, it’s the perfect escape for those seeking a harmonious blend of heritage and relaxation.



4. Storii by ITC Hotels, Jaisalmer

Where: Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

What is Unique: Storii by ITC Hotels Jaisalmer stands out for its exceptional blend of modern luxury and the regal charm of Rajasthan. The hotel offers a unique experience by immersing guests in the cultural richness of Jaisalmer while providing all the comforts of a luxury retreat. Inspired by the traditional Rajasthani architectural style, the property harmoniously integrates with the culturally immersive experiences such as desert safaris, folk music performances, and local craft workshops. It’s a perfect fusion of desert adventure and royal opulence, providing guests with a memorable and authentic experience of Jaisalmer’s beauty and heritage.

Why: For a stay that enhances this extraordinary experience, Storii by ITC Hotels Jaisalmer provides the perfect combination of luxury, comfort, and cultural immersion. Guests choose Storii for its unique ability to offer a retreat that is both indulgent and authentic. The hotel is not just a place to stay; it is a destination in itself. With its thoughtfully designed rooms, stunning garden and fort views, and world-class amenities, Storii by ITC ensures that every guest feels pampered in a setting that celebrates Rajasthan’s royal heritage. From curated desert safaris to immersive cultural experiences like traditional music performances and craft workshops, Storii by ITC offers more than just luxury – it offers a true connection to the spirit of Jaisalmer. Whether you're seeking a peaceful desert retreat, a cultural journey, or a mix of both, Storii by ITC promises to make your stay in Jaisalmer unforgettable. Welcome to a world of elegance and desert charm!

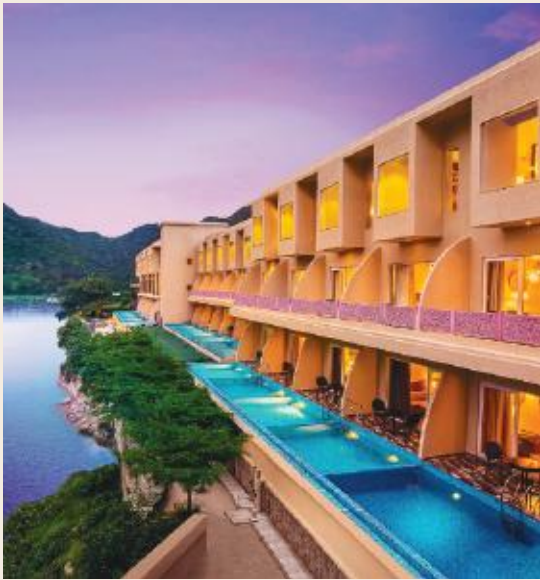


5. Raajsa, Kumbhalgarh-IHCL SeleQtions

Where? Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan

What’s Unique? Raajsa, Kumbhalgarh-IHCL SeleQtions is a stunning fort-style resort that captures the grandeur of Rajasthan's heritage. Its design features fortress-style gates, intricately carved archways, and regal courtyards adorned with fountains and manicured lawns. The dining experience at Raajsa, Kumbhalgarh - IHCL SeleQtions celebrates Rajasthan’s rich flavours with a diverse menu blending regional and international dishes, crafted from the freshest local ingredients. Pangat, the fully vegetarian terrace restaurant, is a culinary gem, specializing in Indian and Asian delicacies in a setting that reflects traditional Rajasthani architecture. Guests can enjoy a-la-carte and buffet options for all-day dining, while Aakhali, the sports lounge, provides a cozy spot for relaxed gatherings. The resort’s outdoor pool offers a refreshing escape, serving as a tranquil complement to Raajsa’s regal ambiance and scenic beauty.

Why? Offering a perfect balance of history, luxury, and modern convenience, Raajsa is an ideal retreat. Its 176 meticulously designed rooms combine Rajasthani aesthetics with contemporary amenities, ensuring an authentic yet comfortable stay. The resort’s proximity to the iconic Kumbhalgarh Fort makes it a strategic base for exploring the region’s cultural and historical treasures. Guests can unwind by the outdoor pool, enjoy panoramic views of the Aravalli hills, or indulge in exquisite dining experiences. . The expansive Darbar Hall, with its pillar-less design, offers a majestic venue for large-scale events, embodying the essence of timeless elegance while venues like Darikhana and Choupal provide flexible, modern settings enhanced with state-of-the-art amenities. Nestled at the foothills of the Aravalli range and overlooking the serene Lakhela Lake, the resort blends traditional charm with scenic beauty.



TAMARIND SUGGESTS

Ramada Encore, Udaipur



Located in Udaipur's bustling center, Ramada Encore by Wyndham offers a seamless blend of convenience, comfort and the rich cultural heritage of the city. Udaipur, known for its grand palaces, tranquil lakes, and historic charm, serves as the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable stay at this contemporary hotel.

Step into the spacious lobby, where a modern yet cozy design invites you into a relaxing retreat. Whether you're visiting for a leisurely escape or a swift business trip; the soft lighting, plush seating, and warm smiles from the staff make you feel belong.

Each room is thoughtfully crafted to provide a distinctive experience. Some feature stunning views of the majestic Aravalli Hills, while others present sweeping panoramas of Udaipur's vibrant cityscape. With a modern, open design, sleek furnishings, and soft, soothing tones, every space strikes the perfect balance between modern comfort and classic sophistication.

Dining at Ramada Encore offers a perfect blend of tradition and global influences. At Basil, all day dining restaurant, you'll experience an ode to the celebrated basil herb, both the revered native holy basil and the "great basil." The menu responds to the micro-seasonality of Indian produce, offering dishes that restore and comfort. Handpicked to present the best of both classic and reinvented creations, Basil seamlessly fuses natural flavors and regional staples, mixing contemporary flair with traditional roots—all served with friendly, accessible service.

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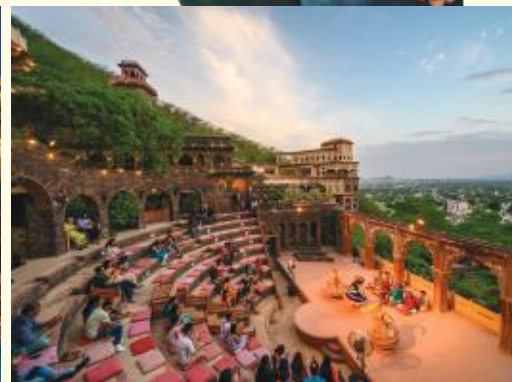
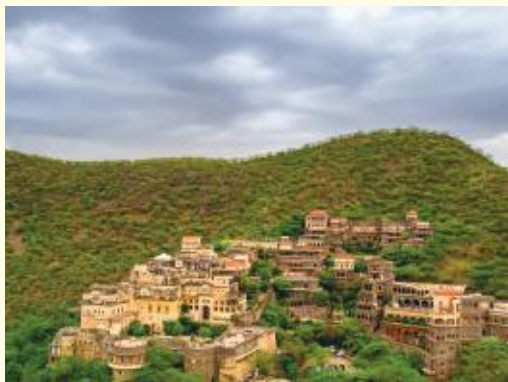
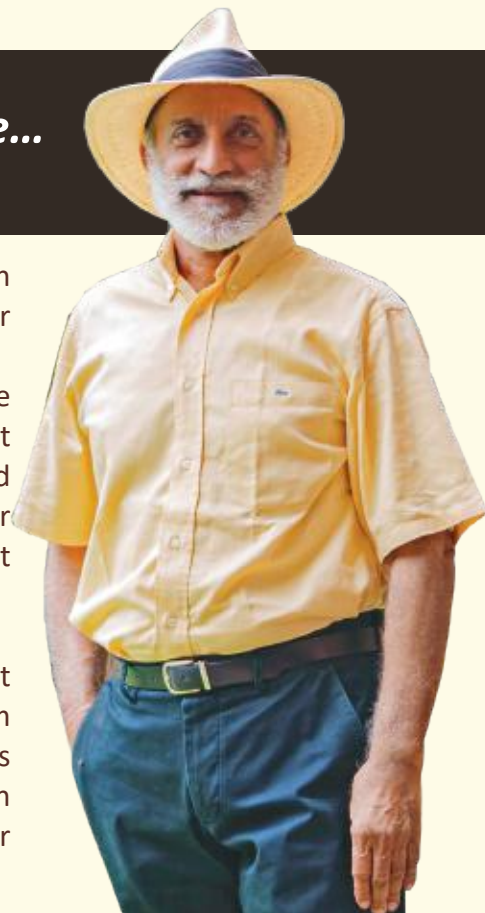
Clear your mind from the grind, 2025 is almost here...

-Mr Aman Nath, Co-Founder & Chairman, Neemrana Hotels

You've just wrapped up the whirlwind of Diwali festivities, the sweets have been devoured, and the sparkles of Diya's are fading as you settle back into the familiar grind of work. It's almost time to brace yourself for the next round of festivities.

Ah, yes—Christmas and New Year are just around the corner. And let's be honest, we all need an excuse to break free from the monotony of everyday life, right? The last three months of the year are always a whirlwind of festivals, celebrations, and vacation plans. We're all gearing up to squeeze in one last getaway before the year ends. So, why not make it the best one of the year with a week-long celebration at Neemrana's centuries-old Fort-Palaces in Rajasthan?

Forget the usual clubbing and predictable parties that leave you drained. It's that time of year when even Santa is celebrating at Neemrana, waiting for you to join him for a memorable gala evening under the vast, starlit sky. With our 'non-hotel' hotel's amphitheatre buzzing with Christmas carols and adding an Indian touch through cultural performances celebrating Santa's birth like never before, Christmas at our Fort-Palaces doesn't just feel like an evening—it feels like a festival.



And that's just the beginning! The celebrations don't end on Christmas Eve – they snowball into a full week of surprises. The countdown to the New Year will send your adrenaline soaring as you groove to live music in the heart of a Fort-Palace, surrounded by centuries of history. As the clock strikes midnight, you're not in a crowded bar with overpriced drinks. Instead, you're in a Fort-Palace in the countryside, surrounded by serene landscapes, sipping on a glass of wine knowing that you've left behind the chaos of the city. No crackers, no honking, no overcrowded streets—just peace, quiet, and the stars above.

We all know the old saying: What you do on the first day of the year, you'll do for the rest of it. So why not start the year with a clear head? Spend the first day of the new year waking up in a Neemrana Fort-Palace, basking in the beauty of Rajasthan, and soaking in the history and culture that surrounds you so you think ahead, sharp. Choose to make your first day of the year an experience to remember – one that will set the tone for the entire year ahead.

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