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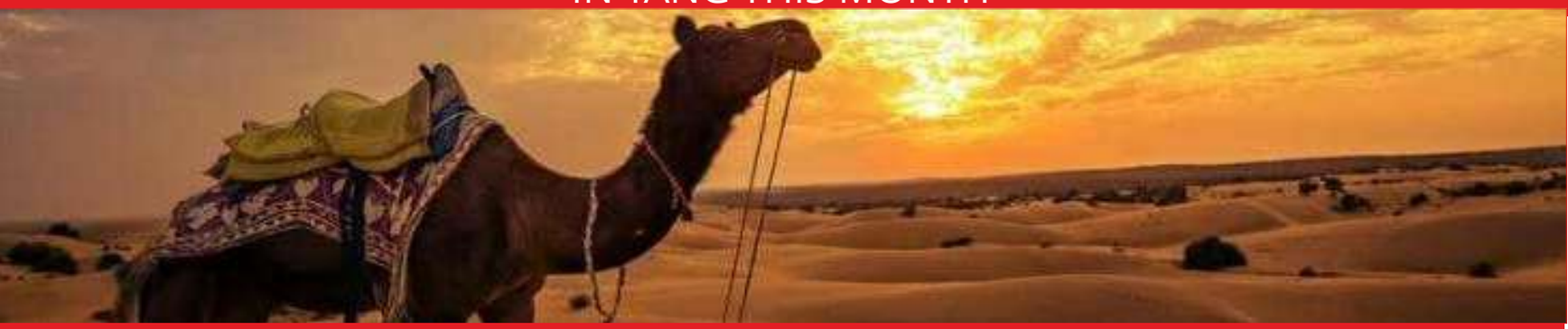
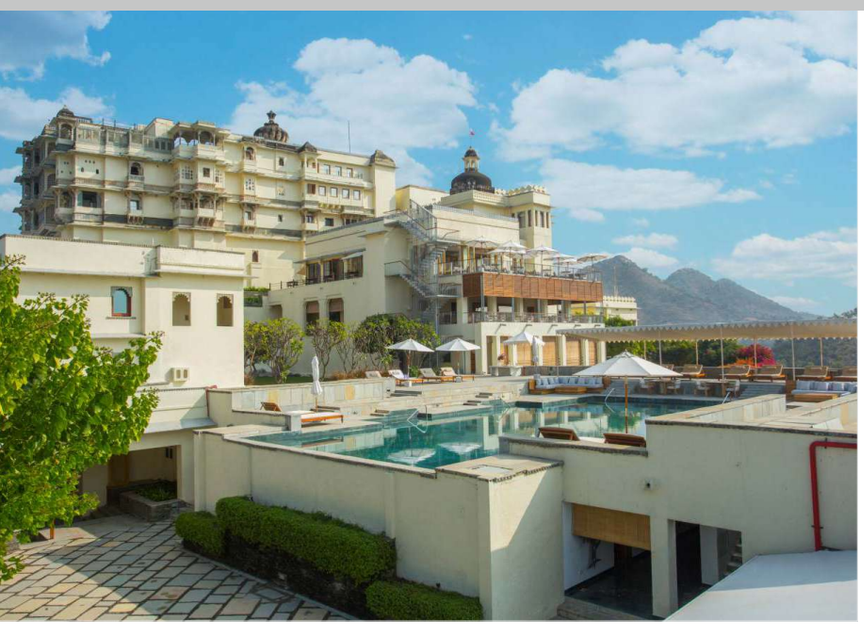
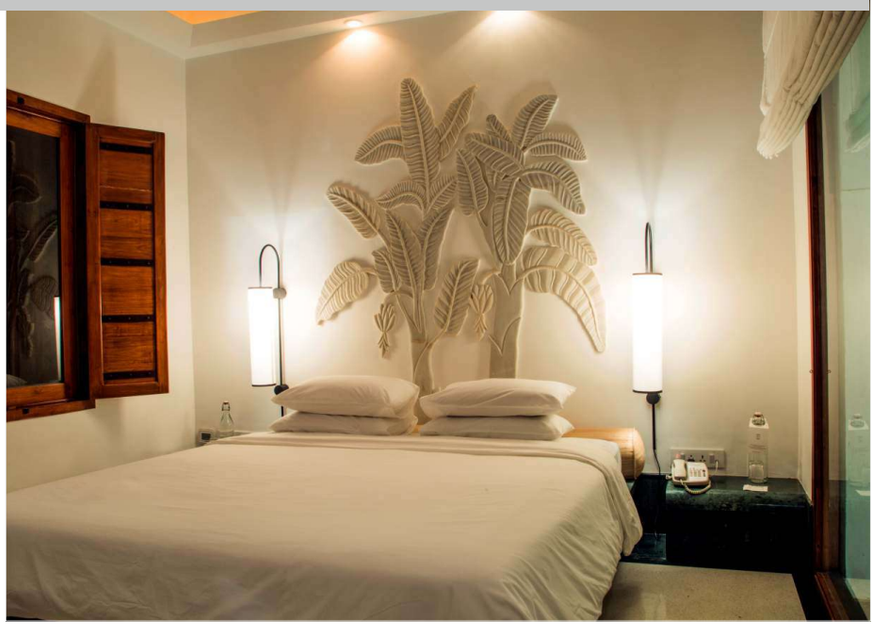
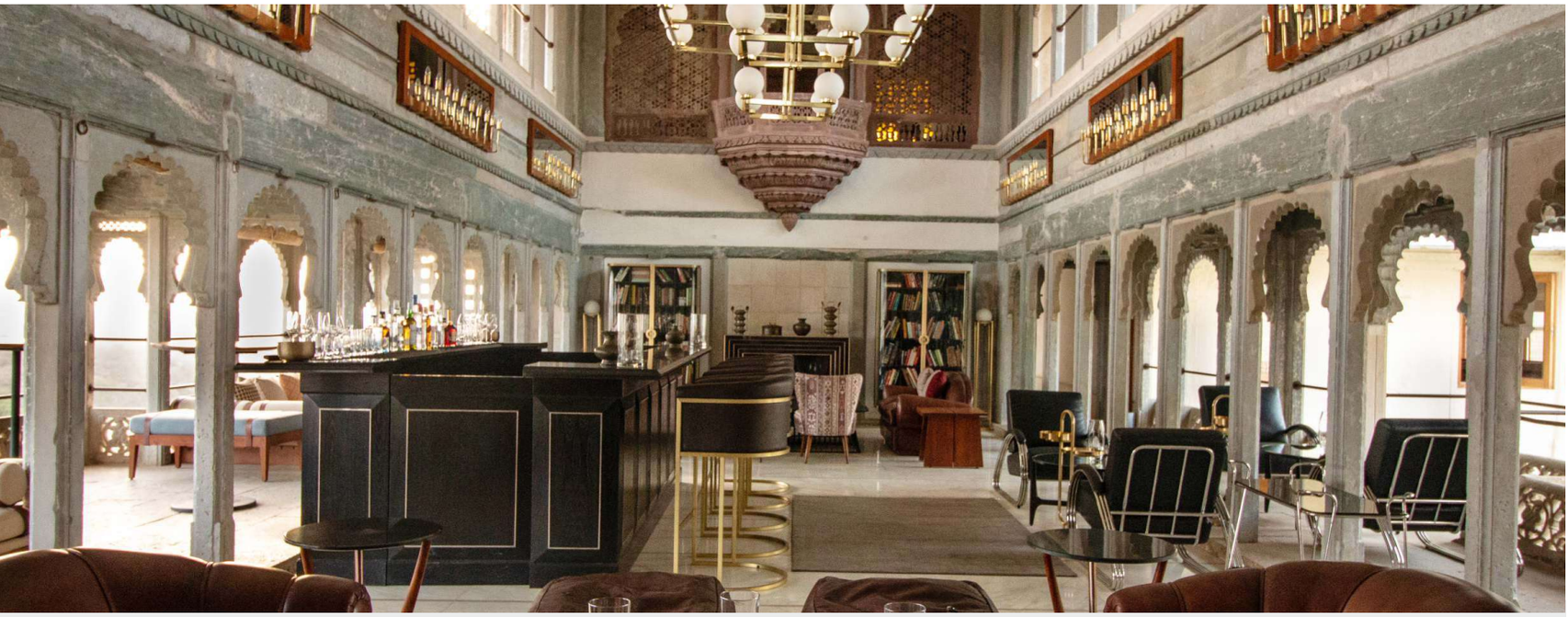


## Jewels of the Desert

### RAAS DEVIGARH UDAIPUR







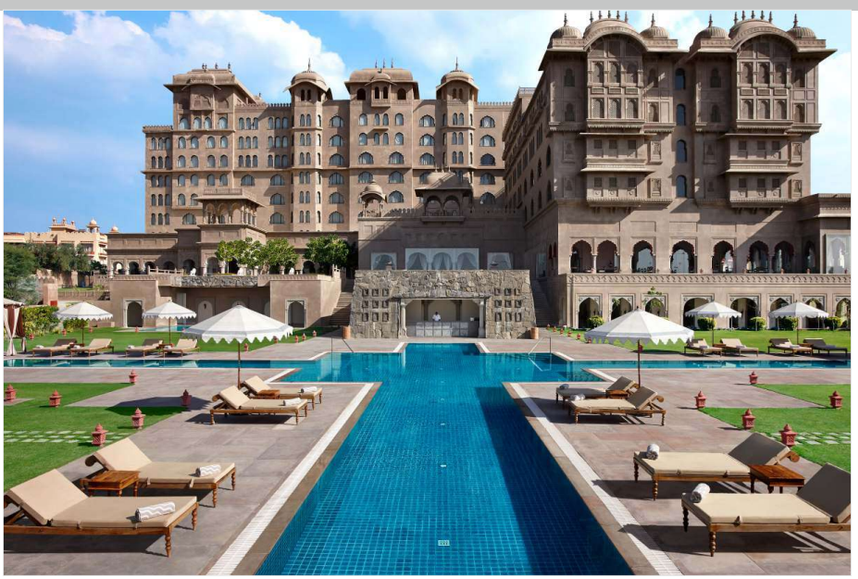
RAAS Devigarh is nestled in the Aravalli Hills, a quiet oasis 45-minutes away from Udaipur. The resort allows you to relax in peace and enjoy the swimming pool, hot tub, gardens, fitness centre, spa and delightful views. When you are ready to explore beyond the palace, you can move down a list of must-see places as daylong itineraries, to give you a taste of the range of amazing activities available. Enjoy exploring everyday life in the nearby village of Delwara and a range of walks from the hotel gates, visit the City Palace of Udaipur or pay pilgrimage at one of many fascinating temples.

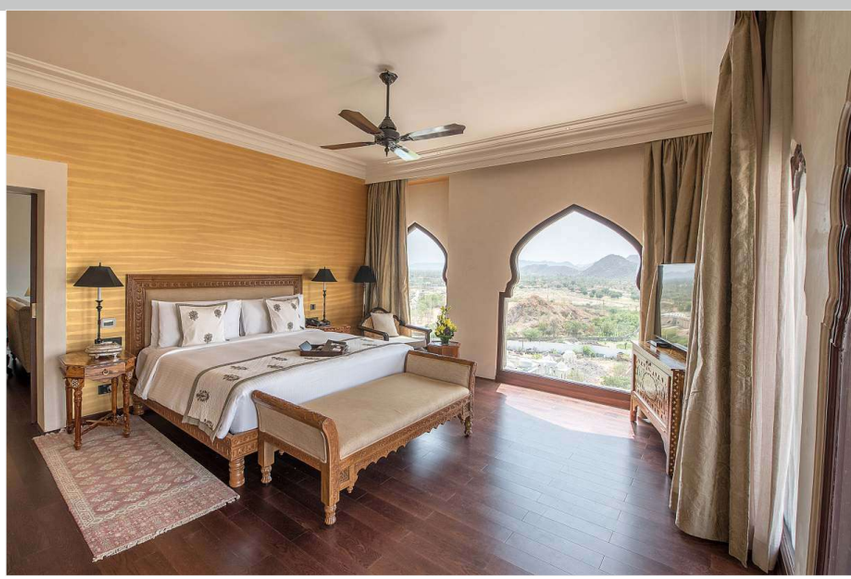
ACCOMMODATION:
RAAS Devigarh offers 39 unique suites, each unmatched by any other hotel experience in Udaipur. Seamlessly melding contemporary luxury with ancient beauty, each suite comes with free wi-fi, a minibar, tea and coffee making facilities, and a room service menu. The Garden Suites are the most modest but no less magical. For many repeat guests, they become a preference – beloved for their chic simplicity and lovely outdoor patios. The Palace and Arvalli Suites are often a must for first-time visitors. For the ultimate in both privacy and luxury, opt for The Devigarh Suite, complete with its own swimming pool.

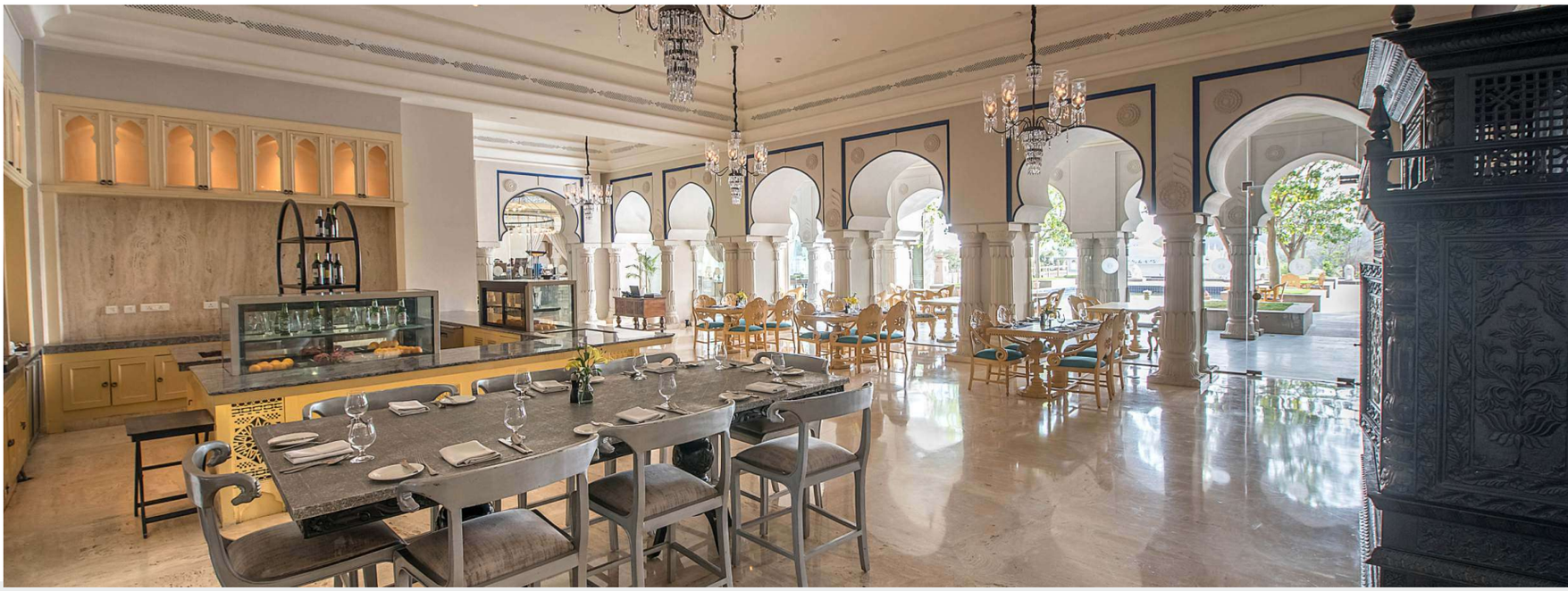
FOOD AND BEVERAGE:
The Kotha Bar is well-stocked for all occasions. Watch the sun disappear behind the hills and as you sip your refreshing cocktails. A confined courtyard that boats a spectacular view of the skyline, the Durbar Bar offers diners a unique ambiance that is complimented by the soft sounds of the gently cascading water fountains. Hawa Gokra was built with many windows, to keep it cool in the summer. This architectural element creates stunning views from the top of the palace. With furniture covered with silver and walls that mirror luxury, the Silver Lounge offers diners gorgeous opulence. Candles are set up across each table to create a mesmerising ambiance, and the quality of the food matches that of the setting. Janana Courtyard contains a modern fountain beside an ancient swing. Enjoy local delicacies from the world-class kitchen in this open-air setting that is steeped in the history of Devigarh palace. The Roof Top offers diners an enclosed veranda with a private Jharokha [balcony] to enjoy their meal in. Enjoy the best of the palace's cuisine under the stars, or sheltered from the sun under a canopy with cooling breezes. Sheesh Mahal preserves the palace's history in the hand-decorated mirrors that adorn the walls. Devigarh's kings once used this as a spot to entertain their queens and royal guests, now you can take their place.

RAAS WELLNESS
RAAS Devigarh offers a comprehensive and personalized approach to health. The curated programmes are overseen by expert consultants and offer everything from Yoga, Meditation, Ayurveda and Traditional Chinese Medicine to healthy food options, and treatments by natural, award-winning Ayurvedic brand Mauli.

## FAIRMONT JAIPUR







Fairmont Jaipur is an experience in privileged, elegant living. A luxury hotel that truly encapsulates the essence of the region's history and culture in its design and architecture, it is a grand contemporary escapade that celebrates the finer things in life. Gleaming under the watchful eyes of the Aravalli hills, glittering with history and culture of Rajasthan, the hotel is a sophisticated chateau that gracefully combines the glories of the past with modern day comforts.

ACCOMMODATION:
With 254 guest rooms, Fairmont Jaipur exudes classic heritage influences with four poster beds, camel bone inlaid furniture, walk-in bathrooms with distinct pink city stone bath tubs, Mughal styled low seating day beds and discreet arched windows that overlook the Aravalli hills. Understated yet opulent at the same time, the beauty of the rooms lies in the intimate details such as the parrot mascot of Fairmont Jaipur, which is perched right next to the bed in every room, adding to the royal chamber ambiance.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:
Taking cue from the culinary traditions of Mughals and the Rajputs, Fairmont Jaipur offers guests a range of dining experiences that are unique and memorable. Zoya, the all-day dining restaurant, boasts a world cuisine menu with a dedicated section of Rajasthani fare highlighting heritage dishes from the royal households. Zarin is the hotel's signature restaurant serving Royal Cuisines of India, where diners can embark on an unforgettable culinary journey, reminiscent of the regal Indian kitchens of yore. Serving an unrivalled selection of authentic, high quality teas, Fairmont Jaipur's lobby lounge Anjum offers a local twist to the long-standing Fairmont tradition of afternoon teas. At the regency style library bar, Aza, guests can sample an impressive selection of wines & malt whisky with old world oak display cabinets and bespoke cocktails. With a mix of high and lounge seating, Fairmont Jaipur's Cigar Diwan, is a classic smoking room, the perfect after dinner space. Home to some of the best Cubans in India, the Cigar Diwan with its heady aroma of refined tobacco mixes is a delight for those who appreciate the fine things in life.

RUHAB SPA:
Ruhab offers you utmost relaxation and a restorative feeling of wellbeing and inner balance. Reconnect with your inner self, with an amalgam of ancient healing wisdom and modern therapies gingerly merged, to create a balanced wellness experience. Whether you choose a massage, an energizing facial or scrub of your choice, you will emerge revived.

ACTIVITIES:
Leisure, adventure and sport are pivotal activities at Fairmont Jaipur which not only boasts a fully equipped gym and spa but also offers a multitude of experiences accompanied with host of excursions and unique services for guests. Ranging from hot air ballooning, mountaineering at the Aravalli hills, elephant rides, picnics and a stroll through the nearby village, a guided tour to the city's most popular attractions, the hotel has a vast list of itineraries planned. The traditional Rajasthani entertainment accompanied by story tellers literally transport guests to an era where kings and queens fell in love and reigned over kingdoms of gems and jewels. Guests can also explore the ancient art of falconry with hands-on lessons led by a trained falconer present at the hotel. Every evening the hotel winds down with a magnificent lighting ceremony signalling the end of the day and the beginning of nocturnal festivities.

# ALILA FORT BISHANGARH

Alila Fort Bishangarh is a heritage fortress lovingly restored and transformed into a luxury resort. The original fort is left intact, with much care given to ecological restoration and the reconstruction of new residential areas, to recreate the courtly flavour of Shahpura's royalty. Alila Fort Bishangarh is a unique example of the Jaipur Gharana architecture influenced by both the Mughals and the British. As befitting its royal heritage, Alila Fort Bishangarh has its own holdings, which includes the charming Bishangarh village and its havelis (mansions).

ACCOMMODATION:
This all-suite resort boasts 59 stately rooms and suites that are designed for quiet indulgence. Each suite is individually created to capture the stunning views. Its spacious interiors are elegantly furnished with large bay windows and day-beds, expansive bathrooms with footed bathtubs, luxury bedding and room amenities, comfortably accommodating a family of four. Room Amenities: 42' LCD TV, WiFi access, Day Bed, Minibar and In-room Safe.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:
Amarsar is a speciality restaurant inspired by the Silk Road Route. Much acclaimed as an excellent family restaurant in Jaipur, this all-day dining venue serves a unique Thala breakfast, international lunch and dinner menus featuring age-old traditional recipes inspired by the Silk Route, as well as the Alila To Eat in-room dining menu, catering to all palates and age groups. Nazaara features Shekhawat and Bishangarh food, very local and seasonal cuisine. The restaurant also specializes in Rajput hunter cuisine with live sandpit and fire pit cooking. Named after the Bishangarh village river, Madhuveni bar and restaurant is the perfect place to enjoy the best whisky blends, paired with smoked delights and cocktails with tapas. The bar has an elevated cigar lounge offering cigars and cognacs. The boutique poolside restaurant Haveli offers a taste of the Mediterranean using fresh, seasonal, local ingredients and pickings from the organic garden. It also offers a special daily changing dessert menu.

SPA ALILA
At Spa Alila, a idyllic spa in Jaipur, the goal is to help bring you back into balance naturally with treatments personalized to your needs. Through the heartfelt touch of experienced therapist, a naturally active products and maximum guest input, Spa Alila create a new dimension in nurturing and divine pampering rituals. Surrender to the blissful Spa Alila experience and you'll see and feel the benefits in your appearance, your spirit and your overall sense of wellbeing.

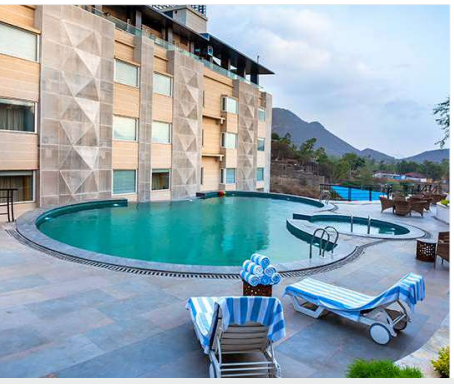
ACTIVITIES
Journey to You - The remote wilderness location of Alila Fort Bishangarh in the Aravalli hills is the perfect place for utter seclusion. Experience a day devoted to your well-being. Begin with private yoga at sunrise. Enjoying the sights of local daily life. Spiritual visit to the Hanuman temple to witness morning Aarti and meet the priests. Back at the Fort, a delicious, healthy breakfast awaits. Indulgence at Spa Alila, including a relaxing steam and bespoke therapeutic massage & many more.

Meet the Local Artisans - Rajasthan is considered the incomparable craft paradise of India. Bishangarh in particular is noted for the unique style and exquisite workmanship of its handmade jewellery and carpet weaving.

The Warrior Horse - Relive the royal days of the Shekhawati dynasty, riding like warriors of old on a fascinating trail to explore along the river bed and the old shelter of Bishangarh. The journey will take you to the 500-year-old Hanuman temple which is located right next to an old dam built by the villagers to collect water from the river Madhuveni, the oldest river in the area that once flowed along the periphery of Bishangarh village. Relish the fresh air of the Aravalli hills, tour the organic garden that belongs to the saint who takes care of the temple, and enjoy a light picnic at a very old abandoned shelter.

Rajasthani Rasosda Masterclass - Feel like a Rajasthani local as you prepare a home-cooked meal from scratch. Start the trip by learning about different local vegetables and popular Rajasthani table games. You'll end with a cooking session in your host's home, featuring tasty Rajasthani cuisine and a fun, lively atmosphere

# jüSTa SAJJANGARH RESORT & SPA



jüSTa Sajjangarh is a 5 Star luxury Resort and Spa set against the scenic backdrop of the Sajjangarh Biological Park. Located in the Udaipur suburb of Sajjan Garh right at the base of the hill you have to ascend to go to Monsoon Palace, JüSTa Sajjangarh is a 40-minute drive from Maharana Pratap Airport. The L-shaped property is built on a patch carved out of the rocky terrain that surrounds it. Art is everywhere at JüSTa Sajjangarh. Right from the sculpture on the driveway leading up to the lobby to the paintings that line the bright orange and blue walls of the hallways and the installations upcycled from car parts on the rooftop, they were all crafted by artisans from all over the world at Chitrashaala, an annual art fair that JüSTa hosts.

ACCOMMODATION:
Spread over six levels, including the ground floor and the rooftop, it has 63 rooms. You can pick from spacious suites and premier and deluxe rooms in twin and double bed setups. The suites feature a living room with a couch and a dining table with two televisions (because why not?) and just as many bathrooms, one with a bathtub and a glass wall that offers views of Monsoon Palace. The alcoves in the rooms, a great place to sit and enjoy a book and occasionally look up to admire the view of the surrounding area, are also a nice touch. The colourful and fun Rajasthan-themed upholstery by designer Deepika Govind also add a cheeriness to the overall look. The luxury rooms boast of extensive use of rich silks and luxurious 450 thread count cotton. Each room is designed to capture the view of Sajjangarh Palace & Aravalli Hills coupled with all modern luxuries of an international hotel.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:
The hotel is a unique food destination in Udaipur. Sabor, the restaurant on the ground floor has a long live kitchen where chefs can rustle up everything from Middle Eastern mezze platters to lal maas and delicious tagliatelle made from scratch. The restaurant also benefits from a dedicated pastry section where chefs produce delicious and whimsical treats such as activated charcoal croissants fresh every day. Adjoining the restaurant is a bar, one of three watering holes at the property. On the rooftop you are greeted with a wall covered in colourful graffiti where the hotel plans on holding open-mic nights. Behind it is a pub-style bar with sound-proof walls so the party can go in till late at night. Running adjacent to this space is a long bar where guests will be able to order drinks and finger food. At the far end is a gazebo that will be Udaipur's first fine-dining Teppanyaki restaurant.

EKAM SPA AND FITNESS:
Enjoy the luxurious Spa Massage crafted by blending the natural ingredients selection and inspired by traditional Asian therapies connected with modern beauty recipes. The Hotel understands the need to have a Fitness Center that satisfies the needs of various types of sports enthusiasts and athletes in an increasingly health conscious world. Take a dip and enjoy at the international size swimming pool.

# IN THE NEWS

**Dhamekh Stupa in Sarnath becomes venue for amazing light and sound show**

The tourism department has spent INR 7.99 crore on this project entire project which aims to attract more number of visitors, earn better revenue and also spread awareness about the heritage sites related to Buddha's life. Keertiman Srivastava, the regional tourism officer, told a leading newspaper that the light and sound show has been conceptualised to tell the story of Gautam Buddha's life and his teachings. Sarnath is the place where Buddha had delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Sarnath receives a lot of foreign tourists who explore the place during the day. However, the tourism department expects to increase tourist footfall in the evening too by introducing the light and sound show. Interestingly, Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan has given the voice over to the show.

**Mysuru to get India's first sandalwood museum**

It is not just Mysore Pak and Yoga that have made Mysuru famous, but the wide array of sandalwood products that this city sells has also put it on the world map. Mysuru is already famous for its sandalwood oils, soaps, incense sticks, artefacts etc. Now, for the patrons of sandalwood products, Karnataka Chief Minister, Yediyurappa will soon inaugurate India's first Sandalwood Museum in Mysuru. The museum has been conceptualised to spread awareness about the history and cultivation of sandalwood products as well as behold their awe-inspiring variety in the display. According to the reports, the museum will be inaugurated after November 25. News also has it that the sandalwood museum may also be shifted to the luxurious Mysuru Palace.

### Goa declared India's most vegan-friendly state

As surprising as it may read, Goa, in spite of all its seafood attractions has been given the tag of India's most vegan-friendly state by PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). This adds another feather to the cap of the place that is popular as India's topmost beach destination as well. Goa CM Pramod Sawant has also been felicitated by PETA for the achievement. In a statement, PETA has stated that every person who goes vegan spares almost 200 animals a year. While Goa has stayed the great love of most vacationers in the country, its top ranking as a vegan-friendly destination has come as surprising. It has been majorly lauded by foodies for its meat specialities, especially the variety of seafood that is on offer here.

### North gate of Atal Tunnel turns out to be a magnet for tourists

It is that time of the year again, when tourists leave the comfort of their homes to spend time in the beautiful mountains and valleys, Lahaul being the latest addition to it. Lately, the north portal of the Atal Tunnel in Rohtang has been attracting numerous tourists, more so, after the snowfall in the region. Travellers intending to visit Manali for a vacation have been crossing the newly-inaugurated Atal Tunnel, and reach the snow-covered Lahaul Valley. Reportedly, several tourists have been enjoying snow from Koksar to Gondhala. Skiing has also resumed at different places in the Lahaul Valley. Reportedly, maximum tourists thronging the valley hail from nearby states like Punjab, Haryana and Delhi.

### Srinagar: Efforts underway to make 2021 Tulip show a grand affair

The famous tulip garden in Srinagar is gearing up to surprise its visitors during the upcoming tulip show in 2021. As per the plan, 1.5 million Tulip bulbs of 62 varieties will be planted during the said show in the tulip garden. The same was recently announced by the Floriculture department. Reportedly, 5.3 lakh Tulip bulbs will be imported out of the total number. Further, the garden will also be planted with 20000 Daffodils and 60000 Hyacinths. The information has been revealed by Floriculture Director Farooq Ahmad Rather during a meeting that was chaired by commissioner/Secretary Floriculture, Gardens & Parks, (FG&P) Department, Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad.

### Uttarakhand gets India's longest motorable suspension bridge over Tehri Lake

The longest motorable suspension bridge in India is now open for the public in Uttarakhand. Located over the Tehri Lake, the 725 m long Dobra-Chanti suspension bridge has taken 14 years to reach its completion at the cost of INR 2.95 crores. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat shared a tweet to announce the inauguration ceremony on November 8, which was also attended by cabinet ministers Subodh Uniyal, Dhan Singh Rawat and others. The Dobra-Chanti suspension bridge will be the connecting link between Tehri Garhwal district headquarters and Pratap Nagar. It will also reduce travel time between Tehri and Pratap Nagar from 5 hours to only 1.5 hours.