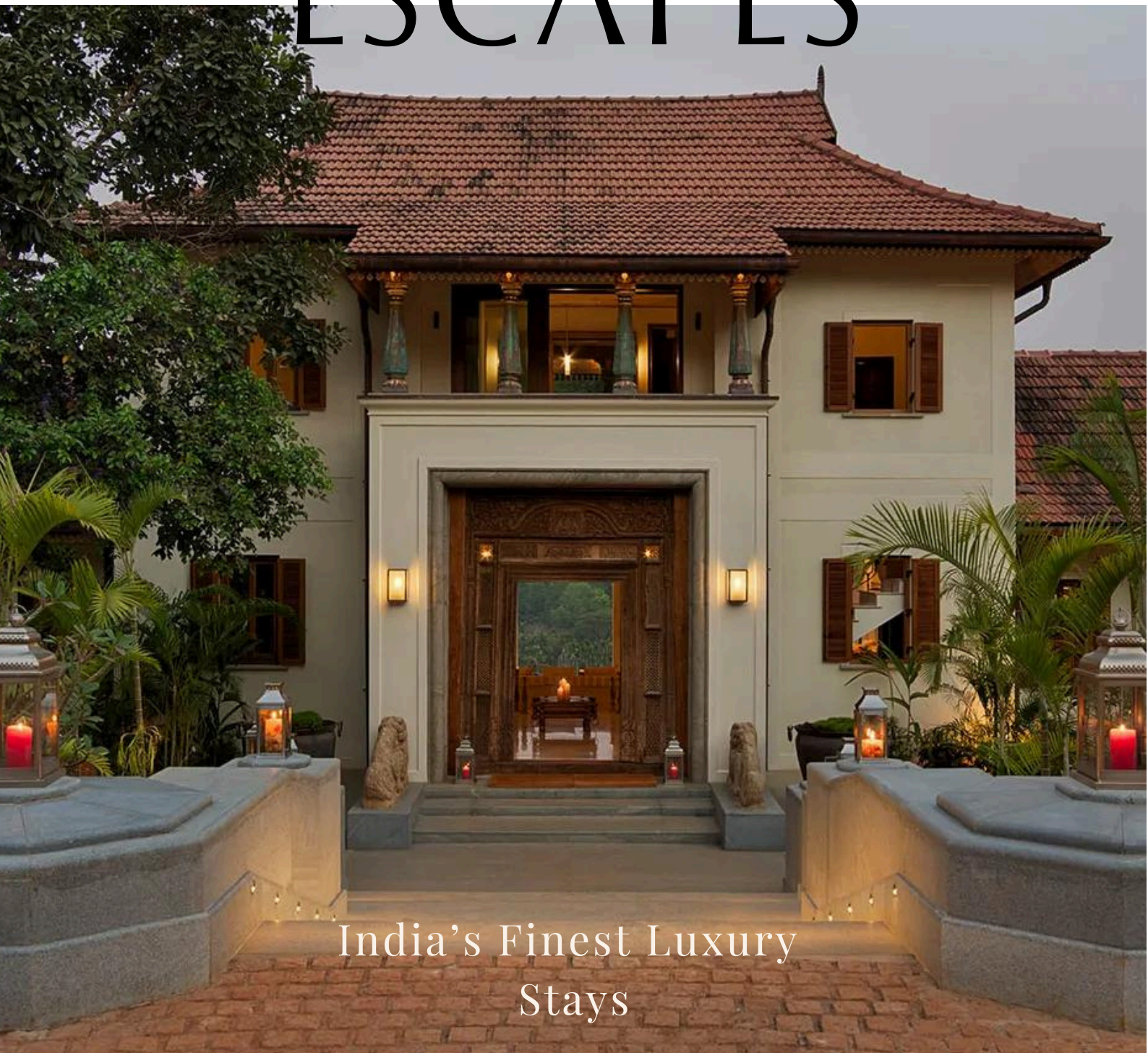


# OPULENT ESCAPES



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India, a land where centuries of history, culture, and craftsmanship come together, offers an unparalleled experience for discerning travelers. For those seeking more than just a vacation, AndThen Travels is proud to present a curated journey through India's most opulent palace hotels and exquisite boutique properties. Each stay is not just a place to rest but an invitation to step into a world of regal charm, where time-honored traditions blend with contemporary luxury.

Our carefully selected luxury hotels, ranging from former royal residences to intimate boutique escapes, capture the essence of India's rich heritage and hospitality. Imagine walking through palatial corridors adorned with intricate carvings, waking up to breathtaking views of ancient forts, or unwinding in a private villa surrounded by lush gardens. These properties offer an immersion into India's vibrant culture while maintaining the highest standard of comfort, privacy, and exclusivity. Whether you dream of strolling through the grandeur of Rajasthan's royal palaces, unwinding in a tranquil wellness retreat in Kerala, or indulging in a stylish boutique hotel in India's vibrant cities, these places guarantee that each moment becomes an unforgettable experience.







LEISURE

# BRUNTON BOATYARD

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Cochin, Kerala**

This restored period building sits well with its colonial era surroundings and counterparts - the great trading houses of British India when pepper from Kerala was considered as precious as gold. Like the cultures they celebrate and display, Brunton Boatyard is a five star hotel whose interiors reflect an eclectic but tasteful blend of English, Portuguese and Dutch influences as seen in its high ceilings, hanging fans and a plethora of artifacts and curios from a great mercantile age known for its pomp and glamour. The scent of colonial history is all around you as you take a tour of the historic Fort Cochin area where the hotel stands. Though little remains of the fort itself there are legacies of its proud history to be seen everywhere.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Pier dining | Sun set cruise | Jewish synagogue | Fort Cochin**





PALACE

# CHITTOOR KOTTARAM

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Cochin**

Resting on the banks of the quaint backwaters of Kerala, the heritage mansion is witness to over three centuries of history. Take a short boat-ride from mainland Kochi to arrive at a destination that has been home to ancient cultures. Soak in the understated grandeur of a structure with wooden roofs on which time slipped on, and magnificent architecture designed to transport you to a bygone era.

Today, Chittoor Kottaram stands testimony to the legacy of a long-lost kingdom. An ideal destination for couples looking for an intimate getaway. Right from the moment you arrive on a boat, you get transported to a timeless era. At the entrance, your personal entourage extends a traditional welcome. There are no other guests, the entire staff is dedicated to serve just you.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Backwater cruising | Private cultural performance | Fort Cochin | Jewish synagogue**





BOUTIQUE

# PALAIS DE MAHE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Pondicherry**

Surrounded by quaint streets and period elegance, Palais de Mahe resembles a French Mansion complete with high ceilings and arched doorways. The interiors have a distinct French character with balconies and verandahs. Dine on the terrace on a menu of re-imagined Indian dishes and fresh seafood from the incoming boats at the harbour nearby. There are umpteen ways to enjoy the charms of this period masterpiece. Palais De Mahe is situated at the intersection of two beckoning worlds. One gently murmurs the spirit of Colonial France with its clean streets, neatly plastered bungalows and flower-decked balconies while the other envelops you in its salt and spice-laden air coming off the Coromandel coast of India in great animating gusts.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Auroville | Baker street bakery | Paradise Beach | Cycle tours**





BOUTIQUE

# POSTCARD HIDEAWAY

**Region:** West coast

**Location:** Goa

Located in the pristine hills of Netravali forest, The Postcard Hideaway offers a peaceful retreat. Stay in the lap of nature, choosing from 20 rooms, each a cabin with a private sit-out. Indulge in some spa therapies, spend some time in the jacuzzi or practise yoga daily. The food here is Goan, wholesome and uses ingredients sourced from the resort's organic garden. Step out and explore the rich forest with a nature trail through the grounds, or a picnic trek to a waterfall. If you prefer getting your hands dirty, attend a class in which you buy the ingredients and learn how to cook Goan food. The hotel offers solitude and relaxation in the purest sense of the word, with unending views of the hills and surrounding Western Ghats.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Nature Trail | Dolphin Safari | Spice Farm | Goan Food tour**





BOUTIQUE

# WINDERMERE ESTATE

**Region:** South India

**Location:** Munnar

Everything at the Windermere Estate is geared towards a different time, a different pace – inspired by the magic of plantation life. The property is intimate, with just 18 lovingly handcrafted rooms arranged around the original Planter's Bungalow which still serves as the owner's residence. The air here is crisp and clean, the temperature pleasant and the views spectacular. The breeze carries the aroma of coffee, cardamom and tea. The exclusive restaurant serves thoughtfully personalized, locally sourced cuisine, and guests often gather in the gazebo for coffee and a snack or under the estate's famous boulder for a barbecue and bonfire. At the Windermere Estate, you can expect old-world minimalism over embellishment, and smiles that come straight from the heart.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Tea Trails and Tea Museum | Wildlife | Hikes and Treks**





LEISURE

# KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT

**Region: South India**

**Location: Kumarakom**

Kumarakom Lake Resort, acclaimed as the finest luxury heritage resort in India, nestles on the serene banks of the Lake Vembanad, the vast stretch of tranquil, emerald green backwaters, in one of India's popular holiday spots, Kerala. Sprawling across 25 acres of lush greenery and set in soul-stirring ambience, Kumarakom Lake Resort, the winner of the much acclaimed World Travel Award as India's Leading Resort for four years, exudes the charm of Kerala's true heritage while offering a complete range of New Age amenities for a luxuriously comfortable stay. Luxury-laden rooms, villas and suites; Ayurmana, the Ayurveda Spa, multi-cuisine and specialty restaurants; traditional Kerala teashop and countless other attractions in and around the resort offer you the simple luxuries of life, in the grandeur of the royalty of yore.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Lunch cruise through backwaters | Village walks | Sunset Cruise**





PALACE

# KAMALAPURA PALACE

**Region: South India**

**Location: Hampi**

The Evolve Back Kamalapura Palace, with its stone-paved boulevards, arched hallways and regal chambers, takes you back in time to the glorious days of the 14th-century Vijayanagara Empire. With stunning rugged forests and boulders forming its backdrop, this luxury resort in Hampi, tells you the story of what was once described as “the best-provided city in the world.”

Hampi, located in the heart of the Deccan Plateau in Karnataka, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site well known for the surviving remains of the last great Hindu kingdom in South India. A mythical landscape scattered with huge granite boulders balanced precariously on each other and held together by mythology and history. Bisected by the Tungabhadra and ancient irrigation canals that create a sliver of blue and green across the rugged terrain, this is a land imbued with the presence of gods, goddesses, and heroes.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Raya Trail | Tungabhadra trek | Virupaksha trail | Vittalapura walk**





LEISURE

# CHIKKANA HALLI ESTATE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Coorg**

The Evolve Back Chikkana Halli Estate coaxes you gently on a personal voyage of discovery into the very heart of Coorg – a land of coffee, spice and plantation life. Ensconced in the cocooned comforts of a lush 300-acre plantation paradise and perfumed with the subtly intoxicating aroma of coffee and spice, this luxury resort epitomizes the very best of Coorg.

Coorg is located on the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats in Karnataka. With year-round pleasant weather, lush coffee estates and thick forests, it is one of the most sought-after hill destinations in India.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Plantation walk | Bird Watching | Coffeeology | Elephant Camp**





BOUTIQUE

# KAHANI PARADISE

Region: South India  
Location: Gokarna

Just along the coast from Goa, and yet a whole world away, sits this exquisite beachfront hideaway with six antique-filled suites.

At the end of a winding earth track in Gokarna, where the Western Ghats dip into the Arabian Sea, and paddy-fields yield to lush palm forest, hides a very special boutique guesthouse. Opened in 2018, it's the lifetime project finally come to fruition of a British family whose quest for a new Goa – without the crowds or construction sites – led them to this 20-acre estate deep in the jungle, yet a short walk from Paradise Beach. Perched atop the hills and affording 360 degree views of the contrasts of sea and forest Kahani Paradise offers a world of quiet indulgence amidst nature

## Destination Experiences:

Om beach | Paradise beach | Kudle beach | Murudeshwar temple





LESIURE

# THE POSTCARD ON THE ARABIAN SEA

**Region:** South India  
**Location:** *Mangalore*

In a world where few places seem undiscovered, we found a stretch unlike any other. On the secluded coast of Maravanthe Beach, you'll find The Postcard Arabian Sea, and not a lot else. Nine luxury rooms, mere steps away from the sea, ensure that you enjoy uninterrupted views in absolute privacy no matter which room you're in. Fresh sea breeze and the sounds of swaying palm leaves come standard. Sweeping, unobstructive views of the Arabian Sea inform our restrained approach to designing the rooms. All rooms face the ocean, as you'd expect, with patios and seating areas from which to idle away and watch the setting sun. No need to go anywhere else.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Deep Sea Diving | Dolphin Watching | Nature Trail**





BOUTIQUE

# SVATMA

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Tanjore**

Shaped by powerful dynasties and the arts they patronised, Thanjavur (Tanjore) holds an important place in Tamil culture and heritage. Here, close to the awe-inspiring Brihadeeswara Temple is Svatma Thanjavur, a property that pays homage to the heritage and rich artistic traditions of the city. At the heart of the property is a painstakingly restored 150-year-old home that offers seven heritage rooms and suites. Along, with this is a millennial wing that offers 30 luxury rooms that are modern but with many local touches. The heritage rooms and suites are, of course, the ideal options for a stay here. With beautiful, pillared verandas, a lovely garden, a cafe, lounges and numerous pretty nooks and corners all filled with antique furniture, Thanjavur style paintings, and many other local touches, the heritage building is truly the beating heart of the property.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Brihadeeswara Temple | Gangaikonda Cholapuram | Cultural performance |  
Tanjore painting**





BOUTIQUE

# MALABAR HOUSE

**Region: South India**

**Location: Cochin**

The Malabar House is a documented part of Fort Cochin's historical fabric. Its history dates back to 1755, when Jan Herman Clausing, a Dutch, bought the property from Mathew Henrich Beyls. Subsequently owned by spice traders, tea traders & bankers, in 1997 it became Fort Cochin's first boutique heritage hotel. The Malabar House, more than a beautifully designed heritage hotel is an art hotel, home of a carefully curated collection, highlighting Kerala's composite culture as a passage between East and West. It seamlessly combines tradition & contemporary design. The feel is small, cosy and personal, a heaven amidst this vibrant harbour city. The rooms are comfortable and the service is flawless

## **Destination Experiences:**

Evening cruises in Cochin harbour | Jew Town | Synagogue and the Dutch palace |  
Browsing and shopping in South India's largest antique and spice market





PALACE

# BRIJRAMA PALACE

**Region: North India**

**Location: Varanasi**

An enduring marvel of Varanasi, this iconic palace stands as a proud testament to the city's rich cultural tapestry. Its architecture, a magnificent nod to the Maratha Dynasty, beckons you to step into a realm where history seamlessly melds with luxury.

Erected in 1812, this is a regal escape for those yearning for a holiday steeped in royal comfort and heritage. Leave the daily grind behind and immerse yourself in an experience crafted for spiritual rejuvenation. Perched above the sacred Ganges, BrijRama Palace is an oasis of serenity, just moments away from Varanasi's most cherished landmarks. As the second oldest palace in Varanasi, it is more than just a place to rest your head; it's a voyage through time.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Ganga Aarti | Akhada (traditional gym) tour | Heritage Walk | Textile tour | Sarnath**





PALACE

# USHA KIRAN PALACE

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Gwalior**

Enter through timeless arches to immerse yourself in a world of unparalleled luxury. Taj Usha Kiran Palace, Gwalior, an erstwhile royal palace crafted by the illustrious HH Maharaja Jayaji Rao Scindia, has been transformed into a haven of contemporary elegance that still honours a storied past. This 144-year-old heritage hotel in Gwalior is ensconced within a sprawling nine-acre estate adorned with lush landscapes, yet its sun-drenched rooms and expansive event spaces make it feel even more opulent. Imbued with Gwalior's regal legacy, Taj Usha Kiran Palace showcases lavish details like ancient stone carvings and intricate filigree work gracing its 50 spacious rooms and suites. Bask in the resplendent opulence of this distinguished palace hotel in Gwalior, where you will be immersed in the most refined customs of Maratha royal heritage

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Gwalior Fort, Patankar Bazar, Tomb of Tansen, Teli Ka Mandir**





PALACE

# TAJ NADESAR PALACE

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Varanasi**

Tucked into a rose-trellis-lined mango orchard, amidst verdant jasmine, Taj Nadesar Palace is an ode to Varanasi. A rare retreat in one of the world's busiest and holiest pilgrimage cities. Just five kilometres from the Ganges, the palace was built in 1782 and boasts motifs coloured by the hues of flowers traditionally offered at the river. Roaming peacocks and a scented breeze mark the grounds, alongside carriages driven by the local family which has served the palace for generations. The regal legacy of the Taj Nadesar Palace is evident, with some of the Maharaja's own furniture gracing the stately quarters of this heritage palace hotel in Varanasi. Discover one of India's holiest cities with a palace that represents unparalleled luxury.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Ganga Aarti | Akhada (traditional gym) tour | Heritage Walk | Textile tour**





PALACE

# FALKUNAMA PALACE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Hyderabad**

Elevated 609 metres above sea level, the Taj Falaknuma Palace in Hyderabad, once the regal abode of the Nizams, exudes the refinement of its historic era. Embark on your odyssey aboard a horse-drawn carriage, attended by the palace's butlers, poised to fulfil your every regal whim. Ascend the grand staircase, treading the same path as the illustrious Nizams, nobility, eminent heads of state, and captivating begums. Under the meticulous stewardship of Her Highness Princess Esra, the last Nizam's Turkish wife, each of the 60 rooms and suites within this luxury haven has been fastidiously revitalised. Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad, stands not only as the epitome of luxury in the city but as one of the world's truly exceptional hotels.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**The City of Pearls Walking Tour | The Kingdom of Diamonds Tour |  
Old Hyderabad Food tour | The Seats of Power Tour**





PALACE

# TAJ LAKE PALACE

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Udaipur**

Royalty meets fairy tale at the Taj Lake Palace Udaipur, seemingly poised to grace the waters of Lake Pichola. Here, every glance unveils breathtaking panoramas of the serene water expanse, rolling hills, and the splendid city of Udaipur. Jag Niwas, a masterpiece conceived between 1743-1746 by Maharana Jagat Singh II, the illustrious 62nd custodian of the House of Mewar, once served as a summer haven for the Mewar Royal family. In 1963, it was transformed into a heritage haven, reflecting the epitome of lavish living. Indulge in this Mughal-inspired luxury hotel in Udaipur, which offers 65 luxurious rooms and 18 grand suites that have been meticulously restored to their original glory. Set against an unmatched backdrop, this regal palace hotel in Udaipur hosts elegant dining experiences open only to our resident guests

## **Destination Experiences:**

**City Palace, Jagmandir | Bagore Ki Haveli | Monsoon Palace | Eklingji Temple |  
Solar Observatory | Shilpgram | Vintage Car Collection**





PALACE

# UMAID BHAWAN

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Jodhpur**

Gleaming in golden sandstone, the Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur sits high above the Blue City, amid 26 acres of gardens. This heritage palace hotel in Jodhpur awaits your arrival for a truly regal sojourn. Even today, it remains an active royal residence with family members residing in their own wing. Each room and suite at Umaid Bhawan Palace features modern comforts and luxurious furnishings for an unparalleled experience of authentic royalty. Like the Maharajas of the past, dine on recipes handed down generations of royal chefs or on the European favourites brought back from their travels. Stroll through courtyards, arcades and across the sweeping Baradari Lawns. Former aristocrats and famed celebrities have come together to celebrate the confluence of past and present at this stunning five-star hotel in Jodhpur.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Vintage Car Ride | Mehrangarh Fort | Mahamandir Temple | Village Salawas |  
Toorji's Stepwell | Palace Tour**





LEISURE

# TAJ MAHAL PALACE

**Region:** West Coast  
**Location:** Mumbai

As the leading harbour icon in India, The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai commands a regal view of the Gateway of India and the Arabian Sea. It epitomises the enduring commitment to excellence, heritage, and service that the Taj brand is renowned for globally. Since 1903, this luxury hotel in Mumbai has hosted illustrious guests, including royalty and dignitaries. It stands as the foremost destination for unparalleled hospitality in the heart of the city's history and culture. Within the hallowed halls of The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, a realm of opulence and tranquillity awaits. Immerse yourself in sumptuous chambers and lush gardens, complemented by an array of lounges and dining venues. Experience The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai – India's inaugural luxury hotel, where heritage meets modernity.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Elephanta caves | Market tour | Food tour | Colaba causeway | Dhobi Ghat**





BOUTIQUE

# AMANBAGH

**Region: North India**

**Location: Alwar**

Amanbagh is a stunning modern maharajah's palace of the palest pink sandstone two hours outside the fabled Indian city of Jaipur. Aman's landscape guru, American Bill Dalton deserves special praise for coaxing a lush oasis from this exquisite but parched corner of the Rajastani desert that served as a camp site for royal tiger hunts and was mentioned in the Hindu epic, the Mahabharata. The property rests in the open countryside, and each of its 40 suites and pavilions offer a private courtyard or terrace that open onto verdant garden surroundings. The palatial grandeur of the bygone Mughal era is represented with lofty ceilings within domed cupolas and regal vaulted entrances. Marble finishes, highlighted by intricate wooden screens, add an extra touch of luxury, and you will be enrobed in grandeur as you explore the expansive grounds.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Hawa Mahal | Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing | Jantar Mantar | Choki Dhani Village | Amber Palace | Hot air Ballon ride | Ethical elephant sanctuary | Sariska Tiger Reserve**





WILDLIFE

# AMAN-I-KHAS

**Region: North India**

**Location: Ranthambore**

Set in the Aravalli Hills, surrounded by scenic and tranquil settings, Aman-i-Khas is a luxury staying experience you were looking for in Ranthambore National Park. Offering accommodation in luxury tents and warm hospitality, the 5-star property ensures a Mughal-era type feel and comfort to its guests. The award-winning resort is perfect for a family holiday as well as honeymoon. Aman-i-Khas offers state-of-the-art facilities and amenities and ensures a flawless experience on your Ranthambore holiday. The 5-star property houses a spa and Ayurveda centre that provide a wide range of therapies. The dining experience at Aman-i-Khas is also special as the food is prepared with the produce grown in the resort's personal gardens. The stepwell style swimming pool leaves no stone unturned to provide the relaxation guests are craving for.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Chambal River Cruise | Wildlife safari | Forts**





WILDLIFE

# OBEROI VANYAVILAS

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Ranthambore**

Ranthambhore National Park was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1957 and in 1974 it gained the protection of the Government of India's Project Tiger conservation programme. Since then, the numbers of resident tigers have been increasing thanks to dedicated conservation efforts in the area. Ranthambhore National Park is also home to Ranthambhore Fort: a vast UNESCO World Heritage Site that overlooks the park and dates back one thousand years.

The Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort offers luxury tented accommodation inspired by the opulent caravans of the royal families, a fine restaurant serving authentic Rajasthani and international cuisine and spa experiences customized to suit your needs, all accompanied by hospitality that is genuine and sincere.

**Destination Experiences:**  
**Chambal River Cruise | Wildlife safari | Forts**





PALACE

# RAMBAGH PALACE

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Jaipur**

Built in 1835, Rambagh Palace, Jaipur gracefully retains its elaborate splendor. Adorned with hand-carved marble latticework, sandstone balustrades, and lush Mughal Gardens, it once served as a royal guesthouse and hunting lodge. From the Maharaja's residence to an authentic palace, this palace hotel in Jaipur upholds its ceremonial grandeur for all guests. Among its many renowned restaurants is Suvarna Mahal, housed in the 18th-century-styled palace ballroom, offering Royal Indian delicacies. Additionally, guests can enjoy iconic experiences at the Polo Bar and Rajput Room which offers multi-cuisine delicacies. Rambagh Palace, Jaipur has a stately elegance that has long made it a much cherished destination

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Hawa Mahal | Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing | Jantar Mantar |  
Amber Palace | Hot air Ballon ride | Ethical elephant sanctuary | Choki Dhani Village**





WILDLIFE

# THE POSTCARD GIR

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Gir**

Sixteen acres of mango orchards amid the raw, untamed, and unmistakably wild forest of Gir reveal the contrasts and pleasures of staying at The Postcard Gir. Raw yet luxurious, the fifteen rooms at The Postcard Gir are a modernist refuge in a surrounding that is as old as time itself. These rooms which offers adequate solitude and spectacular view of the surrounding nature, guests are treated to a raw yet opulent experience. The hotel organizes three safaris every-day, offering opportunities to see the famous Asiatic lions. Following their experiences in the woods, guests may enjoy a culinary journey showcasing the region's many influences, ranging from local Gujarati specialities to Persian-inspired meals, ensuring a memorable and engaging stay in nature's embrace.

**Destination Experiences:**

**The Gir Jungle Safari | Diu Day | Nature Trail Amidst the Forest |  
Siddhi Dhamal Dance**





LEISURE

# OBEROI AMARVILAS

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Agra**

Located just 600 metres from the Taj Mahal, the world's most exquisite testimony to undying love, it is easy to rekindle romance at The Oberoi Amarvilas. The best hotel in Agra is inspired by Mughal palace designs; with fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools and pavilions. The Oberoi Amarvilas is a luxury hotel in Agra that offers unrestricted views of Taj Mahal from all rooms and suites, complemented by warm, personalized hospitality.

Tastefully appointed accommodation, exquisite restaurants serving authentic Mughal and international cuisines, private dining beside the silhouette of the Taj Mahal and couple spa therapies with Taj Mahal views, at The Oberoi Amarvilas, your experience of Agra will be unforgettable.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Taj Mahal visit | Agra Fort | Private balcony dining | Renewal of vows**





PALACE

# SAWAI MAN MAHAL

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Jaipur**

Rich Rajputana heritage harmoniously converges with contemporary elegance. With 51 meticulously designed and spacious rooms, each opening onto private courtyards adorned with lush greenery, guests are transported to a realm of opulence and luxury. The palace's exterior is a testament to its reverence for the grandeur of the Amber Fort, proudly showcasing the iconic Golden Gate, an esteemed relic from Rambagh Palace's illustrious past, now gracing the lobby. The heritage hotel in Jaipur is a tribute to Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II, the palace's former resident, and Spain's first ambassador. At Sawai Man Mahal, guests are invited to explore a world where tradition seamlessly melds with modernity, where the past gracefully merges with the present to create an unforgettable experience

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Hawa Mahal | Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing | Jantar Mantar |  
Amber Palace | Hot air Ballon ride | Ethical elephant sanctuary | Choki Dhani Village**





WILDLIFE

# SUJAN JAWAI

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Jawai Bandh**

Amongst sand rivers, rugged scrubland and spellbinding 850-million-year-old granite rock formations where leopards roam wild and free is the pioneering SUJÁN JAWAI – a luxury tented camp set in its own private wilderness. Located between medieval Rajput kingdoms of Jodhpur and Udaipur, SUJÁN JAWAI is defined by the magical intermingling of wild and rural village life. While leopards are the predominant species in the area, antelope, hyena, crocodile and more than 250 species of birds can be observed in the resort's wilderness drives while temple trails and strolls with the local Rabari tribe are also popular activities for camp guests

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Wilderness Safaris | Rabari Walk | Temple Trail | Riding in the wild**





WILDLIFE

# SPICE VILLAGE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Thekkady**

If you need evidence that comfort is easily obtained without intruding on Nature, you don't need to look further than Spice Village's cottages. No fancy carpets. Just coir mats on bare stone floors. Modern bathrooms and interiors, but with a spartan elegance based on simple, natural materials and local woodcraft. No artificial air conditioned spaces here. Just cool, naturally lit rooms and airy private porches. So open a window, and your mind as well. And let your senses be enveloped by the sounds and scents wafting in on the forest air. The cottages are inspired by the indigenous dwellings of the local Mannan Tribe.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Periyar Tiger Reserve | Spice Plantation Visit | Nature walk | Paper making**





LEISURE

# TAJ FISHERMANS COVE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Chennai**

Nestled within the ancient walls of a Dutch fort, Taj Fisherman's Cove Resort & Spa is where bespoke hospitality meets an idyllic tropical coastal escape. This delightful 5-star hotel in Chennai graces the shores of the Bay of Bengal, with Chennai to the north and the UNESCO-designated site of Mahabalipuram to the south. You will discover resort cottages and villas dotted along the hillside, providing a constant caress of sea breezes and mesmerising views that encompass verdant tropical foliage and the extensive, sun-kissed beachfront. The beach resort also promises a tantalizing culinary adventure. Savour the catch of the day and regional delicacies at Seagull, indulge in sumptuous coastal fare at Bay View, or unwind with a signature cocktail at Upper Deck.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Periyar Tiger Reserve | Spice Plantation Visit | Nature walk | Paper making**





WILDLIFE

# KURUBA SAFARI LODGE

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Kabini**

Evolve Back's Spirit of the land philosophy finds its most intimate expression at Kabini. Bordered on two sides by the Kabini river, it showcases a vernacular dimension to luxury that's truly liberating.

The charming huts with expansive verandas, temperature-controlled private pools and marble bathtubs at the Evolve Back Kuruba Safari Lodge will make stepping out quite difficult. But the abundance of wildlife to spot at Kabini, bordering both Bandipur and Nagarhole National Park in Karnataka, will make it worth your while.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Vehicle Safari | Boat Safari | Coracle Ride | Bullock Cart Ride |  
Nature Walk | Jungle Tales**





PALACE

# RAAS DEVIGARH

**Region:** North India  
**Location:** Udaipur

Strategically placed atop a hill in the Aravalli Range, RAAS Devigarh's construction was completed in 1760 under the reign of Rajrana Sajja Singh II. The palace was originally built using locally-mined marble, a practice that was also followed during its restoration.

The palace fortress, as seen today, is testament to its brave and loyal benefactors. With the coming of the modern age, it has been transformed into one of the most spectacular luxury travel destinations in the region. The restoration of the hotel was undertaken by a team of 750 people over a period of almost 15 years. Finally, in 1999, Devigarh re-opened its doors, offering visitors a blend of new-world comforts and old-world charm.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**City Palace, Jagmandir | Bagore Ki Haveli | Monsoon Palace | Eklingji Temple |  
Solar Observatory | Shilpgram | Vintage Car Collection**





BOUTIQUE

# RAAS JODHPUR

**Region: North India**  
**Location: Jodhpur**

With a stunning entrance, flanked by a magnificent pool, the hotel comprises four original buildings with three additional contemporary structures. Inspired by the Walled City, the new buildings feature a modern approach to the use of space and light yet each is grounded in tradition. Intricate architectural carvings adorn the structure in the iconic style of 18th-century havelis. Jodhpur's red sandstone unites the old and the new with the contemporary designs adding an exciting and fresh dimension to the region's ancient carving industry. The views are breathtaking – particularly when lit up in the evening. Almost every room in the hotel enjoys the most spectacular panorama of Mehrangarh, one of the most magnificent forts in India.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Mehrangarh Fort | Mahamandir Temple | Village Salawas | Toorji's Stepwell |  
Desert Safari**





LESIURE

# LEELA KOVALAM

**Region: South India**  
**Location: Kovalam**

Nestled along the picturesque shores of Kovalam, this 50 year old distinguished heritage hotel, designed by the renowned architect Charles Correa, exudes timeless elegance. Its pristine white walls and striking red-tiled roofs seamlessly blend with the coastal landscape, creating an aura of refined sophistication. Set within a sprawling 67-acre estate with 188 keys, the resort boasts the iconic Kovalam Palace, once the cherished summer retreat of the Travancore royal family. Indulge in the convergence of architecture, panoramic vistas, exquisite cuisine, pristine nature, and boundless sea views, complemented by the rejuvenating essence of Ayurveda. Experience perfection where every element harmonises to create an extraordinary retreat.

**Destination Experiences:**

**Beach | Trivandrum city tour | Ayurveda | Kalari | Varkala visit**





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# OBEROI MUMBAI

**Region: West Coast**  
**Location: Mumbai**

At the furthest tip of the Marine Drive promenade in South Mumbai, The Oberoi, Mumbai stands tall at Nariman Point. One of Mumbai's premier properties, Oberoi has hosted visiting dignitaries like Bill Clinton and regularly caters to the city's biggest movers and shakers. After a large-scale renovation in 2010, The Oberoi currently features 214 rooms and 73 suites—we recommend you book a sea-facing room for stunning views of Marine Drive, the Arabian Sea and the city's bejewelled night-time skyline. This five-star hotel also houses three fine-dining restaurants—find world fare and excellent sushi at Fenix, true Italian at Vetro and contemporary Indian cuisine at Ziya from Michelin-starred chef Vineet Bhatia.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Elephanta caves | Market tour | Food tour | Colaba causeway | Dhobi Ghat**





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# MARARI BEACH RESORT

**Region:** West Coast  
**Location:** Mararikulam

This sea-side village experience is set on 30 acres with coconut groves, lily ponds, fruit trees and a large organic farm. The seaside resort, Marari beach in Mararikulam, is a tribute to the fisherfolk of this region who populate its spirit in obvious and subtle ways. The guest cottages echo their dwellings in style and character while the cuisine reflects the culinary subtleties of these people whose sensibilities and culture have been influenced by the charms and challenges of the oceans. The fisherfolk of Mararikulam and their gentle ways of life have been the inspiration for Marari beach. Everything, from the thatched cottages to the upkeep of the property, echoes the simplicity, beauty and harmony that underlie Malabar's coastal cultures. Nature and wellness are omnipresent at Marari and oversee all your experiences.

## **Destination Experiences:**

**Beach | Village walks | Butterfly Garden | Naturalist led walks**





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