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There are few things more captivating than a trip to the past, if only through architecture and design. Across India, several hotels offer this enchanting journey – properties steeped in history and adorned with antiques that tell a colourful tale of a bygone era while providing all the modern comforts. Here are eight such properties where your wildest dreams of becoming royalty will come true.

For centuries these hotels have stood the test of time. They have been witnesses to revolutions, harmony, tyrants, dictators, the ebb and flow of empires, and the transformation of societies. Each stone in their walls, each artifact they house, carries whispers of the past, echoing stories of intrigue, valor, romance, and legacy. Today they offer a unique fusion of tradition and modernity - a place where world-class luxury is combined with charm and grandeur of museums, letting you live out your dreams of royalty.

Step into the past and experience the grandeur of India's regal past and let history come alive around you.



TAJ FALAKNUMA PALACE, HYDERABAD



Built in 1894, this palace was the residence of the renowned Nizam of Hyderabad, known to have been the richest man in the world. It Features a private museum showcasing Venetian chandeliers, artifacts and rare manuscripts from the Nizam dynasty. A guided tour immerses guests in royal opulence. The palace was restored by the Turkish wife of the last Nizam, Her Highness Princess Esra. Each corner of this enchanting palace tells stories of the past. The host also, provides you with a historian to take on fascinating tour through the corridors of the of this captivating palace recounting the events of the Nizam and palace life.

THE IMPERIAL, NEW DELHI

Dating back to 1936, The Imperial was the vision of Lady Willingdon, primarily in pursuit of constructing a base for her comforts and to provide a place for her sojourns from then capital; Bombay and Kolkata. This became the most exclusive address in India and it said that Delhi was constructed around it. The Imperial is the epitome of timeless grace and luxury. Combines colonial charm with a museum-quality collection of lithographs, maps, and rare paintings reflecting India's journey through time. It is a one of a kind retreat that entwines stories of a bygone era with bespoke experiences. At the Imperial you can step into a collection like no other which boasts of 5,500 Indo-European artworks narrating India's rich heritage.



HOUSE OF MG, AHMEDABAD



A premier boutique heritage hotel in Ahmedabad The House of MG, is a UNESCO declared World Heritage property. One of the oldest buildings in the city, it wonderfully represents the architectural colonial heritage architecture. It Features an in-house museum devoted to Ahmedabad's textile heritage, showcasing traditional weaving techniques and designs. This stately property, built-in 1924 as a home for a wealthy textile magnate, has been aesthetically restored to retain its old-world charm. The hotel has a lovely style of colourful fabrics, antique furniture, and fittings, all sourced from local artisans highlighting the rich history of textiles that this region is famous for.

THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE, MUMBAI

The stately Taj Mahal Palace opened in 1903 and overlooks the majestic Gateway of India in Mumbai. An iconic hotel that features exhibits of archival photographs and artifacts documenting its storied past. This is where opulence meets tradition, promising an unforgettable experience. This legendary hotel has played host to kings, dignitaries and eminent personalities from across the globe. The Taj Mahal Palace was born out of Jamshedji N. Tata's dream. The imposing edifice of the hotel is an amalgam of styles that range from Moorish domes and Florentine renaissance, to oriental and Rajput. History in the life of The Taj Mahal Palace, World War I saw the hotel being converted into a 600-bed hospital. The

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NEW HOTEL OPENINGS

PARK INN & SUITES BY RADISSON THRISSUR EAST FORT



Where? Thirissur, Kerala

What is Unique? Park Inn & Suites by Radisson Thirissur East Fort stands out with its grand pillar-less banquet halls, providing an elegant setting for weddings and large events. The hotel's strategic location near cultural landmarks like the Vadakkunnathan Temple and Our Lady of Dolours Basilica Church offers guests easy access to Thirissur's rich heritage. Additionally, the hotel offers a swimming pool, enhancing the leisure experience for guests.

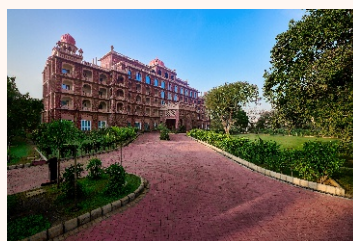
Why? Opt for Park Inn & Suites by Radisson Thirissur East Fort for its blend of comfort and convenience. The hotel features 66 elegantly designed rooms equipped with modern amenities, ensuring a pleasant stay. Guests can enjoy high-speed internet and smart LED TVs, catering to both business and leisure needs. The on-site multi-cuisine restaurant offers a diverse menu, providing delightful dining experiences throughout the day. For fitness enthusiasts, the fully functional gym is equipped with cardio and weight equipment, allowing guests to maintain their workout routines. The hotel's proximity to attractions like the Thrissur Pooram festival venue and Athirappilly Waterfalls makes it an excellent choice for travelers looking to explore local culture and natural beauty. Additionally, the hotel offers free parking, adding to the convenience for guests with vehicles.

SAROVAR PREMIERE AMRITSAR, AMRITSAR

Where? Amritsar, Punjab

What is unique? Amritsar, the spiritual heart of Punjab, is home to the iconic Golden Temple, a symbol of peace and harmony, and vibrant markets showcasing phulkari embroidery, brassware, and handwoven woollen shawls. Known for its legendary cuisine, the city delights food lovers with Amritsari kulcha, machii, and refreshing lassi. Adding to this cultural experience, Sarovar Premiere Amritsar offers modern luxury blended with the city's rich heritage. Nestled amidst lush greenery, the hotel features 70 well-appointed rooms and suites with contemporary amenities, ensuring a relaxing and refined stay. Guests can savor local delicacies at the hotel's dining outlets, including a rooftop restaurant offering panoramic views of the city. The property also features a curated artefacts shop, perfect for taking home a piece of Amritsar's artistic charm.

Why? Sarovar Premiere Amritsar ensures a memorable escape for both leisure and business travellers. The hotel's spacious rooms, diverse dining options, and thoughtful facilities make it the ideal choice for families, corporate guests, and wedding celebrations.



With elegant venues for grand weddings, social events, and corporate gatherings, every occasion is crafted to perfection. Conveniently located 10.2 km from Sri Guru Ram Das Jee International Airport, 600 m from Amritsar Junction, and 2.8 km from Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra Bus Stand, the hotel provides seamless access to the city's iconic landmarks. Experience the perfect fusion of heritage, hospitality, and modern comfort at Sarovar Premiere Amritsar.

JASRAJ PALACE YAVATMAL HOTEL, A MEMBER OF RADISSON INDIVIDUALS



Where? Yavatmal, Maharashtra

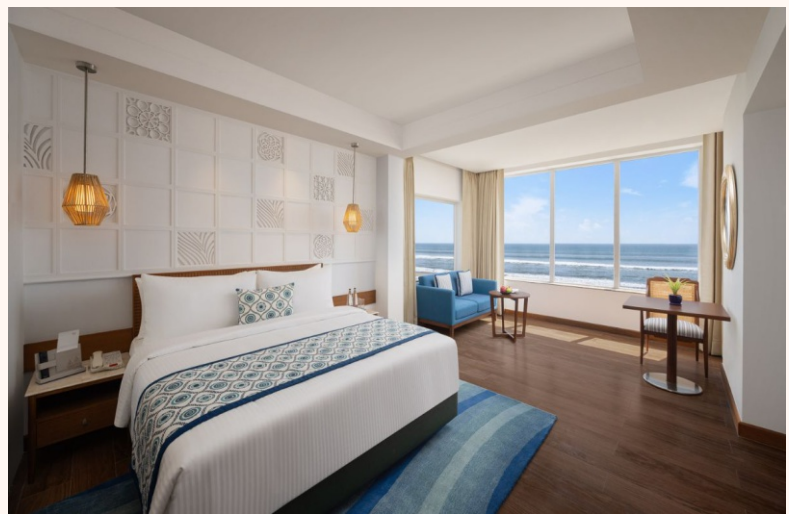
Why? Jasraj Palace Yavatmal Hotel, a member of Radisson Individuals, is the first and only Internationally branded hotel in the region. The hotel offers 69 rooms and suites combine modern design touches and convenient amenities. Each room is meticulously designed with attention to detail, French windows and contemporary furnishings offering a harmonious blend of comfort and style. Indulge in hotel's dining experiences; *The Whispering Palm*, a terrace restaurant, delights diners with seasonal specialties and mesmerizing views, while *The Golden Saffron* offers a global and regional feast throughout the day. Guests can unwind at *The Irish Bar*, where an inviting pub vibe meets masterfully crafted cocktails and premium spirits. Jasraj Palace also boasts versatile event spaces of total 3175 sqmt, including the *Lawn* for beautiful outdoor gatherings and grand indoor venues featuring stunning crystal chandeliers and sophisticated decor, perfect for any celebration. Guests can enjoy an outdoor pool, making it a comprehensive destination for relaxation and recreation.

What is Unique? Strategically located in Yavatmal, a two-hour drive from Nagpur, the hotel offers convenient access to Maharashtra's key business hubs and local attractions like Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary. Its well-appointed rooms and suites provide a blend of comfort and style, while its dining venues deliver unforgettable culinary experiences. For events, the hotel's four versatile venues, equipped with modern audio-visual technology and ample parking, cater to weddings, social gatherings, and business meetings of all scales. Whether you're here to explore Yavatmal's rich wildlife and historic sites or host a special occasion, Jasraj Palace stands out for its exceptional hospitality, premium amenities, and a seamless blend of tradition and modernity.

FORTUNE BEACHFRONT PURI

Where? Puri, Orrisa

What is unique? Fortune Beachfront Puri stands out as a premier sea-facing retreat in Odisha, offering panoramic ocean vistas from most of its 63 elegantly designed rooms and suites. Its strategic location offers seamless access to the revered Jagannath Temple and nearby cultural landmarks such as Konark Temple and Chilika Lake, enriching guests with both spiritual and cultural experiences. The hotel's prime location ensures easy connectivity to major transportation hubs and popular attractions, making it convenient for both leisure and business travelers. Additionally, its versatile event spaces, nestled within lush open lawns and overlooking the captivating sea, create an ideal backdrop for weddings, social gatherings, and corporate events.



Why? Choosing Fortune Beachfront Puri guarantees a perfect blend of relaxation and exploration. Guests can indulge in premium amenities including a tranquil outdoor swimming pool, a revitalizing spa offering signature treatments, and a comprehensive fitness center to stay active. The hotel boasts a diverse culinary landscape, featuring Zodiac's eclectic global and regional dishes, the forthcoming Sea & Spice restaurant specializing in vibrant seafood creations, and Fortune Deli's delightful assortment of light snacks and pastries. Exceptional hospitality and meticulously curated services foster a welcoming environment tailored to diverse preferences, ensuring a memorable stay. Whether seeking a peaceful beach retreat, a spiritual journey, or a venue for special occasions, Fortune Beachfront Puri provides an unparalleled experience with its dedication to comfort and excellence.

GINGER GOA CANDOLIM, GOA



Where? Goa

What is unique? Ginger Goa Candolim offers a perfect blend of Lean Luxe hospitality and vibrant Goan charm, just a short stroll from Candolim and Moterio beaches. Distinctive features include Qmin, a signature dining experience serving diverse cuisines, and a tranquil swimming pool for leisurely afternoons. Whether hosting corporate events in versatile venues like the expansive Synergy hall or indulging in local culinary delights, Ginger Goa Candolim ensures every moment is memorable.

Why? The hotel's strategic location places you close to iconic attractions such as Fort Aguada, Baga Beach, and the bustling Candolim Market, making it a prime choice for explorers. With 262 thoughtfully designed rooms, it caters to both relaxation and productivity through amenities like high-speed Wi-Fi, satellite TVs, and seamless 24/7 services. Business travellers benefit from modern meeting spaces and state-of-the-art AV facilities, while leisure guests enjoy a family-friendly Kids Zone and fitness center. With attentive service, proximity to vibrant beaches, and a focus on guest comfort, Ginger Goa Candolim provides an unparalleled base to experience Goa's culture and serenity.

THE BHAIRAVGARH PALACE, UDAIPUR

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Perched amidst Aravalli hills, Bhairavgarh Palace Udaipur offers a tranquil escape surrounded by nature's beauty. Guests comfort themselves in panoramic views of the valleys and mesmerizing sunset. The hotel is an ideal retreat for guests seeking calmness after an eventful day of exploration in the city of lakes.

Bhairavgarh Palace offers 69 thoughtfully designed rooms and suites, captivating views of the ancient Aravalli range, city landscapes and serene poolside. For an elevated experience, indulge in private plunge pool suites or the magnificent Bhairavgarh Suite with an infinity pool that harmonizes the valley's splendour. The accommodations range from cozy nooks for solo travellers to expansive family retreats, ensuring every guest finds their perfect space. Take in the surroundings of handpainted ceiling domes, views of the pool, garden and the valley while indulging at Sangri, all day dining restaurant. Enjoy leisurely breakfasts to divine late-night dinners. Beloved Indian and regional classics stand alongside south-east asian flavours and western favourites, crafted from



fresh-from-the-market ingredients and farm-to-table produce.

The resort is an enchanting venue for destination weddings. With multiple exquisite venues designed to host each of your wedding celebrations, the palace brings grandeur and elegance to every event. Imagine a vibrant Haldi ceremony by the poolside, filled with color and joy, followed by a beautiful Mehendi on the rooftop, where traditional jharokhas frame the stunning panoramic views of the Aravalli Hills.

At Bhairavgarh Palace, weddings are more than events; they are celebrations of love, tradition, and royal splendor. From regal themes to impeccable hospitality, the palace promises to make every moment magical, ensuring your wedding is not just fun but truly extraordinary.

Celebrate life's finest at The Bhairavgarh Palace, where every corner reflects the magnificence of Udaipur—the City of Lakes and Legacy.

We have crafted this piece by carefully extracting insights from Mr. Steve Borgia's remarkable body of work, speeches, and interviews. His visionary transformation of INDeco Swamimalai into a world-class museum accredited by the American Association of Museums, showcasing the Story of Kumbakonam, is truly inspiring.

[This article has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Borgia himself.]



PRESERVING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE

Mr. Steve Borgia
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They say innovation starts with imagination. Let me take you on a journey—a journey of redefining tourism through passion, persistence, and a vision that goes beyond the ordinary. I'm Steve Borgia, and this is my story.

At the heart of INDeco Leisure Hotels lies a commitment to preserving history and sharing it with the world. Nowhere is this more evident than at the INDeco Swamimalai museum. It is no ordinary collection of artifacts; it's a living chronicle of South India's vibrant history and culture. Every exhibit has a soul—from intricately carved sculptures to rare manuscripts and heirlooms that whisper tales of centuries gone by.

Let me tell you about the Mint Palace—a 17th-century heritage gem we rescued from the brink of oblivion. After a hard-fought legal battle, we took the bold step of dismantling the palace and transporting 232 tons of history 400 kilometers from Chennai to Swamimalai. It was a colossal effort, demanding 72,000 man-hours, 58 lorry trips, and an unrelenting spirit. Today, this masterpiece stands proud as the centerpiece of our museum, showcasing the artistry and ingenuity of its creators.

INDeco Hotels Swamimalai isn't just a hotel; it's a movement. Recognized as the 6th best idea to save the planet and India's first global eco-tourism awardee, we've transformed hospitality from mere shelter to unforgettable experiences. The museum at INDeco Swamimalai goes beyond static displays. It's an immersive experience designed to educate and inspire. Guests can marvel at

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So here's my message: tourism isn't just about travel; it's about transformation. And at INDeco, we're proud to lead the way—one artifact, one story, one journey at a time.

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