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HERITAGE AND SPECIAL SMALL PROPERTIES

These are some of our favourite hotels. Between 4 and 20 rooms in size, generally owner managed and very personalised with a high standard of service and fresh local food. Their attraction lies in a unique – sometimes eccentric! - style and architecture, often an interesting history but most specially in the pride and individuality of the owners who provide you with their own special insights of their homeland.

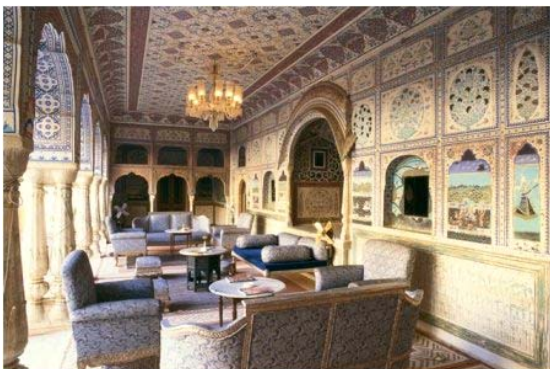
Tikli Bottom, Gurgaon

(outskirts of Delhi)



A delightful Lutyens' style bungalow with 4 rooms and all mod-cons in peaceful, almost idyllic surroundings. Ideal antidote to the rush and traffic of Delhi. The owners Annie & Martin Howard treat guests as members of a house party. Excellent for country walks and bird watching.

Samode Palace



18th century palace of the Samode nobles of Jaipur state decorated with the most beautiful frescoes. A grand hotel but with tremendously warm hospitality. 1 hour from Jaipur city. Provides a first-hand glimpse into the courtly world of Rajput nobility.



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Deogarh



The country Palace of one of the 16 great nobles of Udaipur. Considered by some as the most beautiful heritage hotel in Rajasthan especially with its delightful frescoes. Located between Jaipur and Udaipur.

Shahpura Bagh



A superbly converted country retreat redolent of Old World charm and hospitality. Excellent place to slow down, breathe fresh air and relax. The food and service are excellent.

SIANA GARDENS



Not strictly a heritage hotel, this remote home of the Thakur (Baron) of Siana provides a wonderful base to visit a fascinating corner of Rajasthan with colourful nomad villages and lots of wildlife – including leopard. Excellent riding is provided as well and the quality of hospitality and information is outstanding. Real highlight for people who like getting off the beaten track.



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DEVRA, UDAIPUR



Owned by a local family, Devra exemplifies the virtues of this type of accommodation – individual style, great food and a location 20 minutes from Udaipur city in restful scenic countryside but with excellent views of the City Palace at one end and the Monsoon Palace at the other.

ROHETGARH



The sprawling mansion with views over a lake and a swimming pool in the courtyard. It is a terrific base to explore the local villages, go looking for blackbuck antelope and ride some excellent horses – but not for tyros. Only 45 minutes from Jodhpur.

Udaibilas Palace



and re-charge batteries.

A wonderful rambling 19th century palace that retains all its old charm. The owners have resisted 'renovation' and have instead opted for restoration. The result is a genuine heritage property with much of its original wallpaper, paintwork and decorations intact. An easy drive from Udaipur or Ahmedabad, this palace on the shores of a lake with its infinity pool is a perfect place to relax, walk, birdwatch



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RANJIT'S SVAASA, AMRITSAR



Seven generations of the family have lived in this charming 250 year old house beautifully furnished with Victorian antiques. The new wing is quite wonderful with spanking new bathrooms. Food, smiling service and a terrific spa complete the picture. An unexpected delight in the bustling city. A wonderful place to stay to see the Golden Temple and visit the Wagah border for the evening ceremony.