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2017 brought with it new beginnings, new hope and lots of new resolutions. As the year continues to unfold, we promise you memories filled with fun – the kind that we love creating!

Only at Club Mahindra can you check-in for your holiday before your holiday with our all new Mobile App. A preferred platform for communication, the app enables members to gain information about all our resorts, view various holiday activities, place service requests for pre-listed activities, create and share memories through a virtual album, all this in addition to making bookings easier.

Over the years, we have expanded our footprint in an effort to deliver splendid resorts to serve you. This year too, we look forward to continuing our relationship, not only in our existing properties, but also in the recently launched Parkroyal Serviced Suites, Kuala Lumpur; Pratap Niwas Palace, Jodhpur; and Boulevard 9–Luxury Resort and Spa, Nadiad. The regal opulence of the Blue City, picturesque locales of the heritage town in Gujarat and rocket-high scrapers of the Malaysian capital await your arrival!

As spring makes way for summer, it is the perfect time to indulge in a quick getaway. You can plan well in advance just like our member Ms. Smriti Ramesh, who shares her fascinating encounter of visiting over 6 Club Mahindra resorts. *"Every place was unique in its own way – the scenic Mussoorie & Naukuchiatal, the majestic Kumbalgarh fort, Udaipur's palaces, the cozy log huts in Binsar, the private pool at Poovar, and the floating cottages of Ashtamudi... all of them were truly unforgettable. We look forward to visiting many more Club Mahindra resorts in the coming years."*

Only at Club Mahindra is family time the secret ingredient in every meal. Be it local or international cuisines, you will definitely savor every flavour. While the Aromi di Italia in Cheraï offers an Italian twist to the menu, Finz in Puducherry is an open air seafood restaurant set against the backdrop of a beach, and Barbeque Bay in Madikeri is where you can enjoy char-grilled kebabs, curries and more.

As always, we cherish our growing association with you and value your feedback. Continue writing in with your experiences as we get ready to revel in all that 2017 has to offer.

Sincere Regards,  
Kavinder Singh

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## Testimonials

### REJUVENATING RETREAT

In June last year, our family of five — my spouse Vimal, my son Mohit, our grandchildren Aditya and Ananyaa, and I — spent a very relaxing and exciting holiday at the Club Mahindra Munnar (Lakeview), Club Mahindra Mount Serene Munnar and Club Mahindra Cherai Beach resorts.

We reached Lakeview, Munnar by taxi on a cloudy pre-monsoon afternoon from Kochi after flying in from Delhi. The clouds, mist and intermittent waterfalls along the hills were a far cry from the scorching June heat of Delhi. As we took the final turn for Lakeview (this was our first visit), we were all spellbound by the sheer beauty of the resort... the tea plantations with the hills and the lake in the background.

We were welcomed in the trademark Club Mahindra style with *tilaks* and soft drinks, after which we were shown to our rooms in the main building overlooking the majestic hills and the lake.

At Lakeview there is plenty to do for both adults and children alike. There are many places of interest to visit like the tea factory, plantations and spice gardens. Activities like hiking and biking to the lake and boating plus *kathakali* dance performances in the evening kept us entertained. For the children, there are outdoor activities like rock climbing, as well as indoor activities in the popular and busy Fun Zone. We then shifted to Mount Serene, which is about two kilometres uphill from Lakeview. Mount Serene is the newer resort and therefore also the most up-to-date offering from the Club Mahindra stable. However, it is surrounded by dense forest, which for some could become scary at night.

After a hectic but fun-filled five nights at Lakeview and Serene, we went to Club Mahindra Cherai Beach



resort — a four to five hour drive from Munnar and about 25 kilometres south of Kochi airport. It boasts of twin attractions of the sea and backwaters. Whilst the sea is to the front, the backwaters make up the rear of the sprawling resort, with cottages amidst the swaying palms and coconuts. Added charms here are the swimming pool and boating in the backwaters. The proper beach, however, is about 10 kilometres from the resort where the sea partially exits into what forms the backwaters.

The uniqueness of a Mahindra holiday, is that it really is a 'Home away from home', and one is treated like a Maharaja. At all the three resorts, the chefs and all F&B staff took special care in catering to the whims and fancies of both adults and children alike. Perhaps this love, affection and care are what make Club Mahindra holidays so special and something to look forward to. At Cherai, one must not miss the just-opened Italian restaurant, which is the *piece de resistance* of the resort, not to mention the spas. All in all, Club Mahindra holidays are always very enjoyable.

- S. N. Mathur





## CAPTIVATING KANDAGHAT

My husband Dr. Kapish Gupta — 44 years, my son Ritwik — 17 years and I visited Kandaghat on June 22, 2016. It was our third visit there, but every time we visit, it seems new — so refreshing and relaxing that it feels like heaven. Lush green gardens, fully manicured lawns, unbeatable staff cooperation and a serene and calm location — I always fall short of words to describe its beauty. Club Mahindra Kandaghat is the best resort ever.

Although we had to wait for a while during check-in, it was worth the wait. The food is awesome, and the Fun Zone, golf, zip lining and other activities kept us enthralled and refreshed. I want to visit again and again.

- Mrs. Gupta

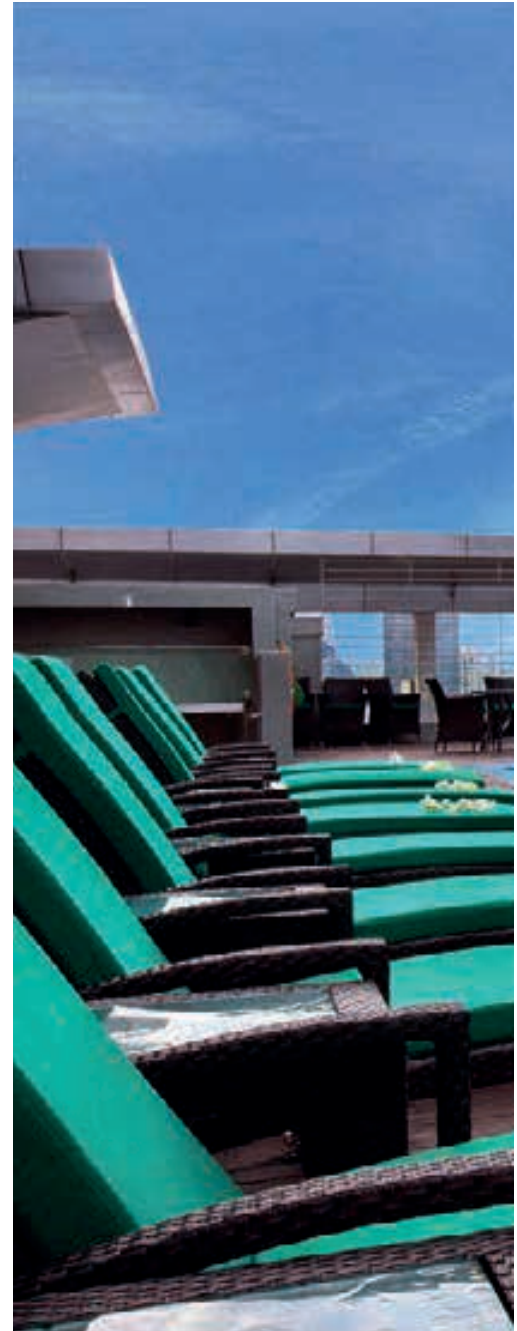


## Write in...

We welcome letters/feedback from our members about their holiday experiences. We would also love to feature your holiday feedback and vacation pictures in our communication. Send us the shots that you think best capture the essence of your holidays and, more importantly, close ups of you enjoying your holiday destination. Do continue to send us your holiday photographs — who knows, yours could appear in our next brochure or advertisement! If we use your feedback and vacation pictures, we will send you a copy. All photos should be in high resolution JPEG format and should be sent by e-mail. Photo captions will be a big help too!

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New Resorts



## Towering Attractions

**Kuala Lumpur** — the capital of Malaysia — lures with its mix of food, shopping and sightseeing. Visit the city that is a blend of the old and the new and you will leave promising to return, says **Shraddha Jahagirdar-Saxena**



The busy, bustling Malaysian city draws tourists like a magnet – its iconic towers a popular draw for all who spend time there. Its skyline is dotted not just with modern structures but is a beautiful blend of the old and the new as minarets, Mughal style domes and skyscrapers seem to rub shoulders with each other, well almost. Standing tall in a prime location and an additional feather in Club Mahindra's impressive roster of international affiliations, Parkroyal Serviced Suites are a quintessential option for those who like residing in spaces that provide ultimate comfort.

I visited Kuala Lumpur (the name means muddy

confluence) for the first time a few years ago, but its memories remain alive and vibrant, not just in my photo-albums but in my mind as well. It was one of the first foreign cities that I had air dashed to as a journalist and, like your first love, who can ever forget your first professional outing! And when I had left Mumbai, I had been told by veteran travellers that no matter how short my stay in the city – and the country – I would recall it warmly, days, months and years later. Today, with the passage of years, I definitely agree.

It is an extremely warm and friendly nation, with a beautiful mix of its indigenous culture and Western influences. I remember doing the completely touristy things



Amongst the skyscrapers, shopping malls and glamour of the city lies Parkroyal Serviced Suites. Standing tall in the heart of the Golden Triangle and adjacent to the famous Bukit Bintang and Jalan Alor, this is where elegance and sophistication come together to give you a tranquil but home-like retreat. In addition to modern amenities like a well-fitted kitchenette, home entertainment systems and complimentary Wi-Fi services, the lounge area is a great place to relax in with a gaming zone and library. The children's play area will ensure that Parkroyal's little guests too have a fantastic stay, and the rooftop swimming pool offers a panoramic view of the Malaysian city. A convenient location, friendly staff and state-of-the-art amenities ensure that your stay at Parkroyal Serviced Suites will be one you will always cherish.



## FOOD FARE

**Streetside hawkers' offerings** capture the local flavours and serve them in tasty plates. Foodies are in for a fiesta. Rice and noodle dishes are the staple and are characterised by several seafood ingredients. **Open air markets and food courts** have their own specialities that can be tried out.

**International cuisine** is best served at the starred hotels. Firm favourites with locals and visitors are the following mouth-watering dishes.

Take your pick from: **Nasi Lemak**, considered the national dish of Malaysia. The fragrant rice dish cooked in coconut milk and pandan leaf. It is served with a hot spicy sauce (sambal) and is enhanced by garnishes.

**Ikan bakar**, grilled fish, cooked in a spicy marinade. Its exterior is crispy, while the flesh remains soft and moist.

**Roti kanai**, which is available at any mamak stall. Light, crispy and slightly sweet, it can be eaten on its own, but gains another dimension when dipped in dal, sambal or mutton curry.

**Hokkien mee**, noodles coated with soy sauce and imbued with charcoal-fire wok hei.

**Banana leaf rice**, a platter that will fill your stomach. Sides are tastefully placed on the banana leaf, then comes the rice with a generous portion of curry. Rasam and papadam complete the meal.



and catching some offbeat attractions in the land that I fondly remember as being 'Truly Asia'.

Top of my list were naturally the most popular attractions of Kuala Lumpur, so first and foremost, soon after dumping my bags in the hotel, I headed out towards the iconic Petronas Towers that loom large over the city's skyline. I followed the eager-beaver crowd into the buildings and was soon looking down on the roads from my vantage point on the bridge that joined the buildings. Thankfully, I did not suffer from vertigo and could spend several moments there, enjoying the view and the breeze. The buildings house many shops and art galleries and you can spend hours browsing through them. Just for the record, after this visit during the day, I did return to the same spot to see the towers in all their majesty at night.

While in the city, do not miss a trip to the Merdeka Square (Independence Square). One of the tallest flagpoles in the world is located at the southern end of the square. Also worth seeing is the Cop's Fountain here that was reportedly built as a memorial to Steve Harper, a popular police inspector.

For those interested in religion and a slice of history, the Jamek Mosque is a surefire place to visit. It is the first large mosque to have been built in Kuala Lumpur. Its design has been described as Moorish, Mughal or Indo-Saracenic. The pink and white banding of its minarets has been referred to as 'bandage'.

You can also shop till you drop in the Malaysian capital. With its plethora of malls to roadside stalls, Kuala Lumpur is a shopaholic's dream. If you are a hardcore shopper you can indulge in some bargain shopping in backstreet stalls and browse through the many outlets in the city's significant malls.

As I finished my two days in the city, I realised that I had spent hours on foot, exploring its different attractions. Not only did I manage to capture its feel and flavour, up close and real, but doing the routine as much as I could, I avoided the traffic that characterized KL's roads as much as they did any modern metropolis. And, flying out to Sarawak for a tryst with nature, I promised to return at some point to the city over which the towers stand watch, proudly! ●

# Extraordinary Escapes

The picturesque scapes of Mashobra and serene scapes of Hatgad make for quintessential year-round holiday destinations

Text by Shaista Vaishnav



## CLUB MAHINDRA MASHOBRA

A charming little town in the Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, Mashobra is notable for housing one of the two Presidential Retreats in India. Cool throughout the year, with temperatures going down to 1°C in winter, you'll need layers even in summer.

Drive from Chandigarh, Kalka or Delhi; take the train to Chandigarh or Kalka stations, or the toy train from Shimla; or fly via Chandigarh to get to Mashobra.

At Mashobra, choose to stay at the quaint Club Mahindra resort. Tucked away amidst majestic mountains and picturesque valleys, you will wake up to breathtaking views from your suite. Go rappelling, river rafting, trekking and more. And for those not fond of sweating it out, just pamper yourself at our Svaastha Spa.

Mashobra has a host of places to explore. Play a leisurely game of golf with your buddies at the Naldehra Golf Course, or enjoy nature's pure and pristine beauty in Fagu. Revel in the attractions of Shimla or simply go trekking amongst the beautiful pines, oaks, cedars and maples in the Forest Sanctuary, where you may even glimpse the occasional musk deer. Beautiful spots here allow you to have a picnic and make memorable moments with your family amidst

nature's beauty. Other nearby attractions include Kufri, Chail and Tatta Paani.

After a long day outdoors, return to a feast of Mashobra's delicious local cuisine — a mix of Punjabi and Tibetan food. The meat dishes like kullu trout, grilled fish and chicken anardaana, seasoned with aromatic spices like cinnamon, chilies, cloves, cardamom and coriander will light up your senses. While vegetarians can relish guchhi mattar, sepua vadi and kadu ka khatta. Don't miss the dham, the special festive meal of the state, which includes rice, green lentil broth and red kidney beans cooked in yoghurt. Or indulge in boor kikari, a dark lentil and sweet rice meal that is truly lip smacking. While sidu, a popular dish of the state is made with wheat and slathered with butter. Simply delicious.

Mashobra has an aura of historic charm and scenic wonder. The beautiful churches and temples here will mesmerise you. While the adventure enthusiasts will enjoy wildlife safaris and a host of thrilling sports. Truly, a getaway to remember!

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### CLUB MAHINDRA HATGAD

Just six kilometres from Saputara lies a hill station that enjoys cool and pleasant weather throughout the year. You can drive to Hatgad via Nashik, Surat, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Vadodara; take a train to Nashik, Surat or Valsad stations or fly via Mumbai, Surat or Daman airport.

Once there, Club Mahindra Hatgad will take your breath away with its perfect combination of luxury and scenic beauty. This resort is ideal for guests looking for a relaxing change from the monotony of daily life.

Exciting outdoor activities beckon in Hatgad including trekking, boating and going on long picnics. If adventure isn't your thing, go shopping for tribal wares or celebrate Dang Darbar, a popular local festival. Relish local treats and explore the natural wonders of this quaint hill station.

Nature buffs and history lovers will enjoy visiting the famous Hatgad Fort situated on the border of Maharashtra and Gujarat. The ancient citadel, built by Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji during his reign, offers stunning views of the Sahyadris.

Also nestled in the heart of the hill station is the Saputara Lake that attracts hordes of visitors year-round. Encompassed by undulating hills and lush greenery, it offers a distant yet panoramic view of the majestic Sahyadris.

Enjoy a picnic lunch with the family alongside the Gira Waterfalls or have some fun shouting out endearments at the famous Echo Point. As evening approaches, behold the spectacular sunset over the low-lying tribal villages and sprawling green forests of Dang at the Sunset Point.

Art and culture enthusiasts will be enthralled at Artist's Village — the cultural and traditional centre of the region and the ideal place to learn about its culture. Buy rare Warli paintings and tribal artefacts here.

When you return to your comfortable room at Club Mahindra Hatgad — with its panoramic view of the hills, lavish interiors and modern amenities — you will be very comfortable here. Revive yourself at the spa, or sit down to the best of Maharashtrian and Gujarati

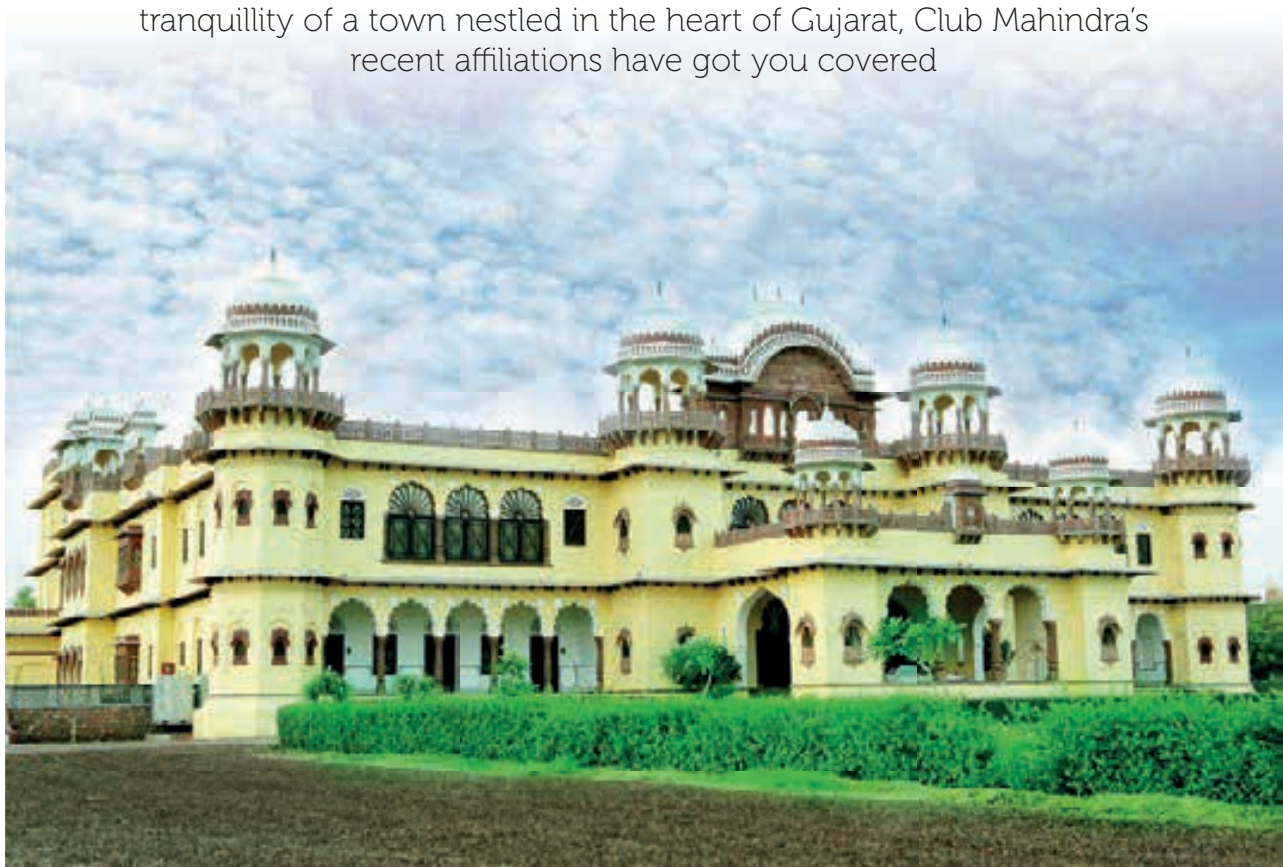


cuisine at the restaurant — like dhokla, khandvi, kadhi khichadi, dal dhokli, misal pav, chicken tambda rassa and bharla vanga, to name a few. With such culinary offerings this will be one gastronomical holiday. ●

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# Delightful Journeys

Whether you want to live like royalty in Rajasthan or enjoy the tranquility of a town nestled in the heart of Gujarat, Club Mahindra's recent affiliations have got you covered



## PRATAP NIWAS PALACE, A CLUB MAHINDRA AFFILIATE RESORT

You will be transported back in time, when you stay at this palace hotel. From the architecture that surrounds you and art that adorns its walls, to the food and overall feel of the resort, the Pratap Niwas Palace — A Club Mahindra affiliate resort — will ensure you feel like royalty. Nestled amidst Jodhpur's attractions like the Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and Mandore Gardens, the resort gets its name from the erstwhile Maharana Pratap Singh of Mewar.

Also known as the Sun City or Blue City, Jodhpur holds within its confines many magnificent palaces, monuments and temples. At this hotel, old world charm meets modern amenities to provide a unique and royal experience. As you make your way into the grand hotel, the first thing that will catch your eye is Pratap Niwas Palace's spellbinding architecture. A melange of Mughal and Mewar styles, the stone carvings, jharokhas and cupolas are picture-perfect backdrops for the dozens of selfies you are sure to take here.

Known for its scrumptious delicacies, the city of Jodhpur is a foodie's paradise. Representing the city's rich food trail are favourites like pyaaz ki kachori, mirchi bada, besan ki

chakki, sev tamatar ki sabzi and, of course, dal bati churma. The all-day-dining restaurant at the Pratap Niwas Palace offers local and gourmet cuisine and has an AI Fresco bar where you can dive into the delicious food with a drink in hand. For those with a sweet tooth the mawa ki kachori — (a deep fried, cardamom-spiced kachori smashed in sugar syrup), the matka kulfi, makhani badaa, ghevar, doodh jalebi (the sweetness of jalebi enhanced by it being dipped in milk) and besan burfi are all must-haves.

While in Jodhpur — not too far away from the dunes of the Thar Desert — you surely must embark on a camel safari and enjoy the slightly bumpy but thrilling ride. The village safari on the other hand offers insight into the lives of the local people and the other landmarks you shouldn't miss include the Government Museum, Chamunda Devi Temple and Jai Pol. These experiences put together are sure to make this holiday one that you will always remember!

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**BOULEVARD9 — LUXURY RESORT & SPA, A CLUB MAHINDRA AFFILIATE RESORT**

Nadiad has nine villages/towns located near its nine exit roads. It also has nine step wells and nine lakes around and in the city. Known as Sakshar Bhumi or the land of the educated, Nadiad has over the years been the home of many laureates and great literatures of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Standing proudly in the city is the Boulevard9 — Luxury Resort & Spa, a Club Mahindra affiliate resort — located in close proximity to the Ahmedabad and Vadodara airports, Nadiad and Anand railway stations and it is only two kilometres away from the city centre.

Famous for its pilgrimage centres, Nadiad gives you access to the temple complex of Palitana — reportedly the world's only mountain with over 900 temples dating back to the 11th to 20th century. For the adventurous, a hike to the Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary is sure to get your adrenaline pumping. It is home to a variety of flora and fauna. But while sloth bears, jackals, blue bulls, wild boars and four horned antelopes can all be spotted here, the area is dominated by the majestic leopards.

After a day spent exploring the wonderful city you can find a home away from home at the Boulevard9 — Luxury Resort & Spa, a Club Mahindra affiliate resort. Equipped with a spa, fitness centre and swimming pool and a plethora of other amenities the resort offers, like the ballroom and well-manicured lawns, even a quick weekend here will leave you refreshed, rejuvenated and ready to go back to the daily routines that await you back home. The rooms within this enclosure are all set with an LCD TV, a mini-bar, a digital

safety locker, and, a tea and coffee-maker.

Dining, at the Boulevard9 — Luxury Resort & Spa, a Club Mahindra affiliate resort, comes with a host of options too. From a fine-dining multi-cuisine eatery to a sports cafe and an open-air grill this hotel has it all. The spa has a menu complete with Ayurveda and Yogic inspired treatments while the fitness centre — spread over 3000 square feet — provides packages complete with professional and expert diet and physiotherapy analysis.

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# Nature's Masterpiece

If you like travelling to pure and untouched destinations, just the way nature intended them to be, a stay at **Club Mahindra's Binsar Resort** should be next on your list

Text by Shaista Vaishnav

**P**icture yourself in a comfortable, reclining chair with a steaming cup of coffee. Settle down, get comfortable and proceed to enjoy the most spectacular show performed by the most talented artist of all – nature.

Binsar, the summer capital of the Chand Kings of Kumaon, is one of the most scenic spots in the Himalayas, offering splendid views of the Nanda Devi, Shivling and Panchchuli ranges to name a few.

Cool and pleasant all year round, you can get there from Delhi, Kathgodam, Nainital or Corbett by road. The closest airport is Delhi and closest railway station is Kathgodam. And if a romantic stay in a cozy log hut was ever on your bucket list, then an exclusive experience at Club Mahindra's Binsar resort is the perfect choice for you.

## AN ODE TO THE OUTDOORS

Binsar is home to many rare species of flora and fauna, and is a trekker's paradise. Spend a day in the wild at the Binsar

Wildlife Sanctuary, trekking through misty mountain trails, amidst towering oaks and rhododendrons, orchards, silver streams and green meadows. Or make the pilgrimage to the temple complex of Jageshwar nestled in a beautiful valley, surrounded by deodar trees.

Enjoy breathtaking views on the way to the beautiful Mallika Devi and Gananath temple. Or marvel at the beautiful Gurdwara Meetha Reetha Sahib that's located at the confluence of the Lodhiya and Ratiya rivers.

Culture enthusiasts can dive deep into the heritage of the region and learn more about their traditions on the way to Gangolihat. Later, head to Lohaghat, a scenic hill station made popular by its historical and mythological background.

Don't forget to visit the gorgeous little hamlet of Chaukori, famous for its tea gardens. Just a little higher lies the beautiful Sun Temple built in the ninth century.

Fall under the spell of the majestic Himalayas at Patal Bhuvaneshwar or on the Bageshwar Bajjnath Kausani tour. And while you're there, explore the 6000-year-old underground cave





complex, popularly believed to be the abode of crores of gods and goddesses. Bageshwar Baijnath Kausani has 65 temples, dedicated to different deities situated inside its cave.

#### ONE WITH NATURE

A stay at Club Mahindra Binsar Valley or Binsar Villa Resorts isn't just a holiday, but an escape into the wilderness. While the former offers apartments, the resort has 22 log huts; all of which are well equipped with satellite TVs, kitchenettes, refrigerators and microwaves for maximum convenience. Here, you'll wake up to the song of birds and the scent of wild flowers and spend the day amidst greenery and wildlife.

Apart from exploring the outdoors, you can try your hand at puppet making or glass painting, while foodies can enjoy scrumptious barbecues, tuck into some delicious butter chicken or a tasty north Indian *kali dal* with wholesome parathas. Don't miss out on a bowlful of two-minute Maggi noodles prepared by the locals. Richly satisfying, the blend of tomato, green peas, capsicum, butter and cheese, makes this 'pahadi Maggi' addictively delicious.

From discovering new walking trails to stumbling upon breathtaking sunset points every evening, this intimate little hill resort will bring you closer to nature than you've ever been. Whether you're marvelling at the majestic mountains, trekking, or singing under the stars around a cozy bonfire, Binsar makes for a truly memorable Himalayan vacation. ●

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Spotlight



## Idyllic Stays

A breathtaking view of the mountains, tiger spotting in the wild, royal palaces and more are on offer at Club Mahindra's **Derby Green, Ooty**; Club Mahindra's **Corbett, Uttarakhand**; and Club Mahindra's **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan** resorts

### Club Mahindra Derby Green, Ooty

Udhagamandalam or Ootacamund, known as Ooty, is also called the Queen of hill stations, and is nestled in the Nilgiris, at an altitude of 2240 metres. Within its heart is the Club Mahindra Derby Green, Ooty.

You can drive to Ooty from Chennai, Coimbatore, Mysuru, Calicut or Kochi. Up the winding ghats that lead you to the fascinating hill station, you will find yourself flirting with clouds that nudge the mountainscape.

Many scenic spots will keep you occupied during your stay, all easily accessible from Club Mahindra Derby Green – either on foot or by car. The Ooty Lake, for one, is known to be the pride of the Blue Hills.

Yet another huge draw is Doddabetta, which literally translates to 'Big Mountain'. The highest peak in the Nilgiris,

located at 2634 metres, it is the meeting point of the Western and Eastern Ghats, providing an unimaginable view of the mountains.

Club Mahindra Derby Green offers several amenities including a health club, Svaastha Spa, an activity centre, round-the-clock room service and more. The multi-cuisine eatery will woo your taste-buds, seducing you into refilling your plates several times. So, book your room, check in and settle down for some unlimited leisure and relaxation.

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### Club Mahindra Corbett, Uttarakhand

Known for its fabled tigers, Corbett draws tourists by the hordes. Brimming with exciting opportunities, you can spend hours tracking a tiger, or hop on to an elephant and explore the wild, Mowgli style. Established in 1936 and reportedly India's first national park, Corbett Tiger Reserve takes its name from renowned British hunter Jim Corbett, author of *The Man-Eaters of Kumaon*.

The best time to spot a tiger is between April and June, when the forests are relatively denuded and the animals emerge in the heat of summer seeking to quench their thirst. The region also has a vast variety of flora and fauna. So, feast your eyes on nature's best in front of you – take your camera and shoot your heart out!

To ensure that your stay is comfortable, book a room at Club Mahindra Corbett. The resort boasts all the modern-day amenities and two well-stocked restaurants offer a plethora of culinary offerings to satiate even the most fussy of all palates. Don't forget to try the baadi, a favourite amongst locals – a mouthwatering combination of arhar, moong and channa dals, tempered to the right degree of tantalising perfection.

While attractions like the Corbett Waterfall, Corbett Museum, or the Tapkeshwar Temple may beckon invitingly, the property has its own charm that will compel you to stay indoors – the activity centre with family games and performances is a surefire draw. Whether you step out or stay in, you will find that your holiday is a memorable one.

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### Club Mahindra Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Rajasthan boasts ample tales of heritage and valour. Jaisalmer, is one of its crowning glories and one of India's most popular tourist destinations. Its vast spreads of golden sands, iconic palaces and majestic forts make this city special. Even a brief visit to 'The Golden City' will take you back to the time when havelis came alive with the chatter of their royal residents.

Present-day Jaisalmer has retained a great deal of its heritage even as it has stepped into the new millennium. Experience state-of-the-art facilities while you relive the magic and mystique of the past when you stay at Club Mahindra Jaisalmer. The resort, located in the Thar Desert, gives visitors easy access to different attractions – historical havelis, roadside eateries, magnificent forts, colourful artefacts and most importantly, the warmth of the Rajasthani people.

Make time to visit the Jaisalmer Fort – which stands proudly amongst the largest forts in the world. Its statuesque architecture and most significantly, its 99 turrets, give it a magical impression at night. And for those who love to go back to the past, the Patwon-Ki-Haveli in the main city, built by famous trader Guman Chand and his sons, can tell many tales.

The resort is conveniently located from the shopping, business and commercial centres of Jaisalmer. Characterised by all the amenities that are an integral part of Club Mahindra, this northern property celebrates life with true zest and vigour. Don't forget the camel rides; not to mention sampling original Rajasthani food – dal baati churma and laal maas. You will leave, feeling like Oliver Twist, wanting more! ●

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# Delectable Palates

A dash of something savoury and a hint of something sweet, **Dr Chef Soundararajan's** recipes show us how to strike a balance with some dahi ke kebab, foxtail Millet chicken biryani and lavender chocolate and dates torte



## DAHI KE KEBAB

Grilled and lightly brushed with oil, these kebabs made with paneer and hung curd make for a healthy and easy quick snack.

### INGREDIENTS:

Hung curd, 200 gms; Grated paneer, 50 gms; Fried onions, 25 gms; Bread crumbs, 50 gms; Chopped cashew nuts, 1 tbsp; Sultanas, 1 tbsp; Finely chopped coriander leaves, 2 tbsp;

Finely chopped green chilli, 1 tsp; Finely chopped ginger, 1/2 tsp; Garam masala powder, 1 tsp; a pinch of salt; Oil, a little for grilling.

### METHOD:

1. Place the hung curd in a bowl.
2. To the hung curd, add the grated paneer, fried onions, bread crumbs, chopped cashew nuts, sultanas, coriander leaves, green

chillis, ginger, masala powder and salt.

3. Mix the above ingredients well and make them into small orbs of about 40 gms each.
4. Flatten them out into tikkis.
5. Brush the pan with the refined oil and grill the flat kebabs on both the sides.
6. Serve piping hot and fresh, with mint chutney.



## FOXTAIL MILLET CHICKEN BIRYANI

A mouth-watering and scrumptious dish, the succulent chicken infused with a plethora of spices is a visual and delicious treat.

### INGREDIENTS:

Whole garam masala, 5 gms; Onions, 75 gms; Green chillies, 15 gms; Coriander leaves, 10 gms; Tomatoes, 50 gms; Ginger-garlic paste, 1 tbsp; Curd, 50 ml; Chicken, 150 gms; Chilli powder, 15 gms; Coriander powder, 10 gms; Turmeric powder, 5 gms; Mint leaves, 10 gms; Foxtail millet, 100 gms; Oil or ghee, 75 ml.

### METHOD:

1. Boil the foxtail millet to 75 per cent and set aside.
2. In a pot, add the oil or ghee followed by the whole garam masala and onions. Fry till golden brown, and add ginger garlic paste.
3. Sauté for a few minutes and then add the tomatoes.
4. Add all the dry powdered masala.
5. Add the curry and cut chicken. Cook with all the masala.
6. Add coriander, mint leaves and salt.
7. Once the chicken is 80-85 per cent cooked, slowly mix the boiled foxtail millet and continue to cook for 10-12 minutes on slow flame.
8. Then keep it in dum (steaming, over coals or the stove) for about 20 minutes.
9. Serve hot, garnished with chopped coriander leaves.

## LAVENDER CHOCOLATE AND DATES TORTE

An indulgent dense cake made with chocolate, dates and cashew nuts, it is infused with flavourful lavender, which adds to the aroma and the taste of the torte.

### INGREDIENTS:

Dried dates, 100 gms; Cashew nuts, 100 gms; Milk chocolate, 200 gms; Egg white, ½; Lavender essence, few drops; Sugar, 1 tsp.

### METHOD:

1. Chop the dried dates,

cashew nuts and milk chocolate to a brunoise.

2. Beat the egg white with sugar and bring it to a foam consistency.
3. Mix all the chopped ingredients with the beaten egg white, and add the lavender essence.
4. Pour it into the greased mould or baking tray.
5. Bake for 15-20 minutes at 160°C.
6. Serve warm, with your choice of garnish.



# A Fresh Start

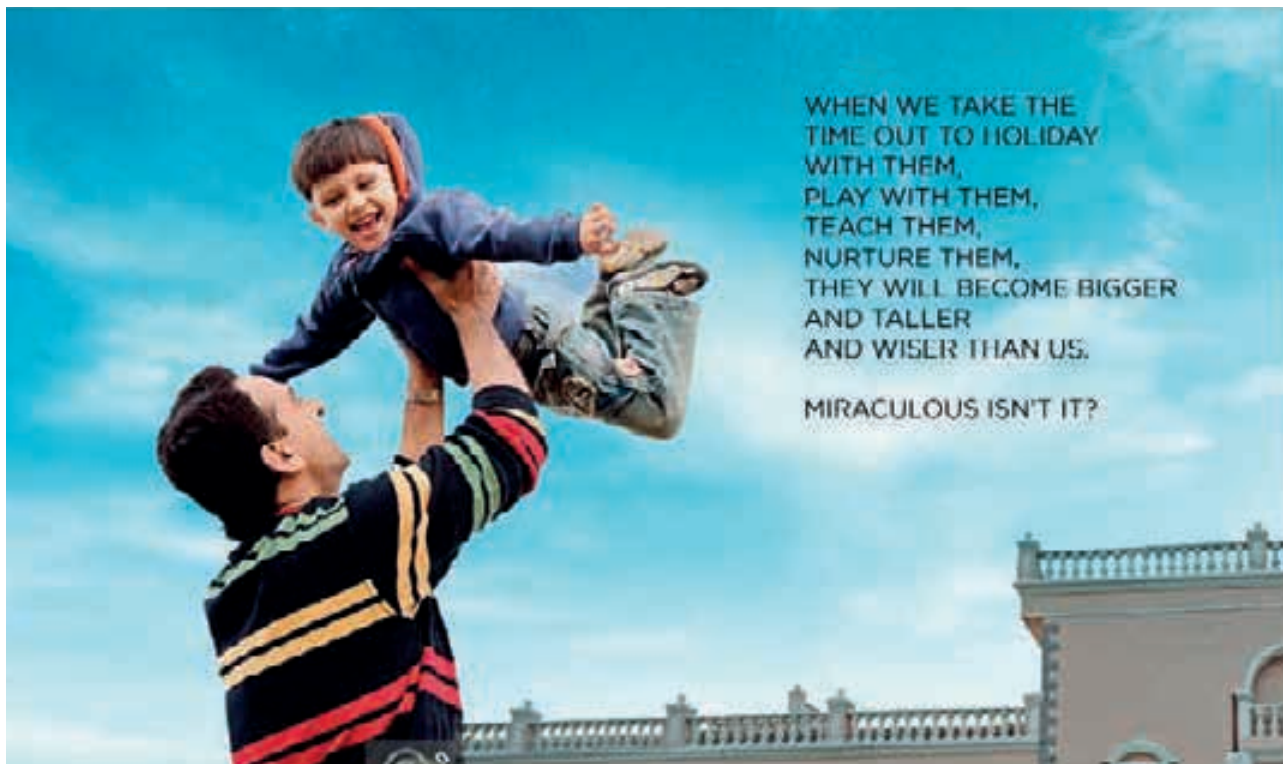
To mark their 20th anniversary and celebrate two decades of remarkable service and a growing family of happy members, Club Mahindra recently launched a new brand campaign. Part of this venture is a heart-warming TV commercial which highlights the role of Club Mahindra as a holiday partner that creates joyful vacations and offers quintessential experiences for the entire family.

Be it at a beach, a hill station or in quaint unexplored towns, holidays at one of Club Mahindra's 46 domestic and international resorts are sojourns that range from exciting and adventurous to relaxing and rejuvenating. This new television commercial shows its viewers how Club Mahindra continues to work towards building relationships, and the TVC has tried to capture the never-before-seen side of the old and young.

To view the TVC, visit: <https://youtu.be/hHCSqeVdQoM>



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# Bon Voyage!

Be it by road, rail or air, while travelling with your children, ensure that you are prepared for a safe and comfortable journey

## ROAD READINESS

**Safety rules:** Before you set off, ensure that your car has been checked thoroughly and that everyone buckles up their seat belts; this will keep you and your kids' safe at all times. Keep a spare car key in your purse or wallet, just in case the kids get locked in.

**Take regular breaks:** These may add a few minutes to your travel time, but trying to push a little further without stopping, especially with a baby or a small child on board, is not advisable.

**Entertainment options:** Keep your kids engaged through the journey. Carry an assortment of toys, books, iPads, iPods, to distract them from the long distance you need to traverse.

**First aid kit:** A first aid kit containing basic medicines, ointments, hand sanitisers and band-aids is a must.

**Palate pleasers:** Even though you may plan to stop at restaurants for food, it is always advisable to pack some snacks while you are hitting the road. Kids are bound to ask for things to munch on when they feel hungry or even bored.

## PLANE TIPS

**Before you book:** Check what facilities the airline offers you. Each airline has different amenities for infants and small children.

**Pack sensibly:** Keep a carry-on bag with things that your kid would need. Colourful books with large images help keep kids distracted. Tablets or smartphones loaded with nursery rhymes are total saviours! Don't forget the headphones though. And lastly, fresh and handy snacks.

**Before you fly:** Arrive early at the airport. With queues at boarding and security, one hour is not a lot. Allow yourself

extra time to peacefully get through it all and relax after it too. Ask to be pre-boarded. This should allow extra time to get settled and get things put away.

**Take-off and landing:** During take-off and landing, make sure to have kids sip on a bottle, chew gum or suck a sweet. Make sure the baby is either nursing or drinking from a bottle. Explain to them what is happening, and if they are too small to see out the window, play a game where they have to tell you when you are finally in the air or when you have finally touched ground.

**In flight:** If your baby is crying uncontrollably, either his nose is blocked or he has colic or his ears seem to hurt from air pressure changes during take-off and landing. Carry the right medication and encourage him to suck on a sipper. This helps soothe the pressure.

## TRAIN TALK

**Arrive early:** Families who are travelling with kids should arrive early at the station in order to reach the correct platform at the correct time and find the right seats.

**Brand them:** If you are travelling to or from a busy railway station write your mobile number and your name and pin it up on your child's clothing or put it in their bag.

**Window rules:** Children usually enjoy sitting at the window and looking out at the beauty of nature, but if they are seated by the window they could get hurt. Ideally two responsible adults should be seated on either side of the kid.

**Supervise your child:** Running around in a moving train may make them fall and cause undue damage. Do not let your kids go to the washrooms alone.

**Sweet dreams:** For your child's nap time it is advisable to carry a comforter or a small blanket. ●



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# Expanding Horizons

If your resolutions for the New Year include travelling, **Club Mahindra's** many domestic and international destinations will help you tick that off the list. From snow and high altitudes to sand and exciting sports, they have something in store for your every mood

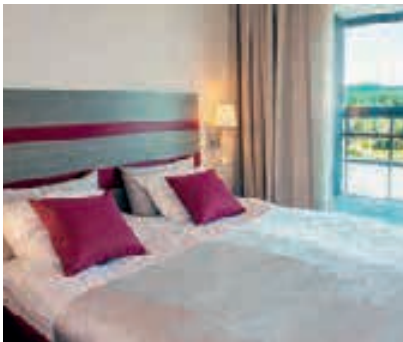
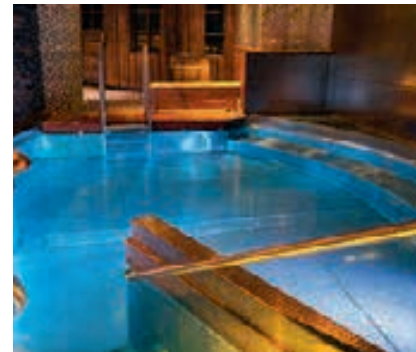


### Holiday Club Saariselkä

Embrace the Finnish summer with activities like fishing, gold panning, mountain biking, canoeing, white water rafting, trips to the Arctic Ocean, and more. Though a treasure trove for the adventurous, this holiday club has something for all.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Ivalo, 26 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Rovaniemi, 260 kms.



### Holiday Club Katinkulta

An all-year-round destination, this holiday resort comprising a spa hotel and apartments is perfect for the leisure traveller in you. Its Nuas golf course extends over the picturesque lakes and hills of Vuokatti – a forested range in Finland.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Kajaani, 43 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Kajaani, 36 kms.



### Holiday Club Saimaa

Whether you dream of gliding around gracefully in an Ice Arena, going horseback riding, or enjoying a fast-paced game of bowling, Holiday Club Saimaa is your go-to destination for them all!

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Lappeenranta, 35 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Imatra, 7 kms.

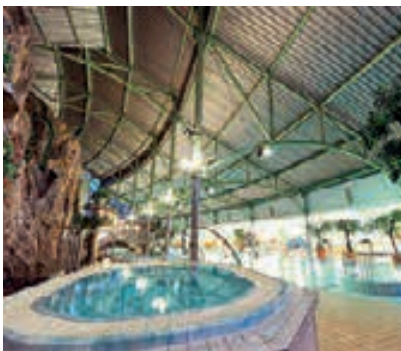
### Holiday Club

#### Tampereen Kylpylä

A refurbished old mill, the main building of the Holiday Club Tampereen Kylpylä was, in 2002, fabricated to be a hotel. Spacious, it houses 98 apartments in – and 11 row-house apartments – close to the main building.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Tampere, 18 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Tampere, 3 kms.



### Holiday Club

#### Kuusamon Tropiikki

Well-connected and located in close proximity to Oulanka National Park, Kuusamo town centre, the ski slopes of Ruka and the Karhunkierros hiking route – this versatile hotel and holiday house resort offers year-round recreational services for everyone.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Kuusamo, 5 kms.

### Club Mahindra Naukuchiatal

Sprawled across 3.5 acres and facing the Naukuchiatal Lake and Himalayas, the resort offers a heavenly holiday amongst misty mountains and lush greenery.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Pantnagar, 57 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Kathgodam, 30 kms.



### Club Mahindra Gir

This resort stands tall, away from the hustle-bustle of city life and along the outskirts of the Gir Wildlife Sanctuary. Take the jeep safari and get a chance to witness the Asiatic Lion, deer, jackals, leopards, birds and more in their natural habitat.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Diu, 105 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Veraval, 45 kms.



### Club Mahindra Udaipur

The Lake City holds within its confines Club Mahindra Udaipur – where you can find an exemplary melange of old-world charm and traditional Rajput hospitality, with modern comforts and amenities.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Udaipur, 32 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Udaipur, 8.5 kms.

### Club Mahindra Emerald Palms

Vivacious and vibrant, Goa is a city that never sleeps and has something for each member of the family. Located a few minutes away from the beach, this sprawling Portuguese villa offers a holistic experience of the state.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Dabolim-Goa, 30 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Madgaon, 10 kms.





### Club Mahindra Kanha

Nestled in the dense forests of Madhya Pradesh in an area that is home to the Royal Bengal Tiger, Club Mahindra Kanha is where you can enjoy modern amenities and be one with nature.

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Jabalpur, 143 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Jabalpur, 129 kms.



### Club Mahindra Poovar

Once known as Pokkumooapuram, Poovar is today one of the last villages of Kerala. Take a serene backwater ride, enjoy some fresh coconut water and just sit back and let nature help you relax!

✈ **Nearest Airport:** Trivandrum, 33 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** Neyenthekara, 15 kms.

### Club Mahindra Baiguney

Keep your camera charged and ready when you holiday at this resort along the banks of the river Rangeet. Surrounded by stunning mountain ranges, here you can explore the great outdoors of Baiguney or choose to discover Pelling or Darjeeling – a short two-hour drive away.

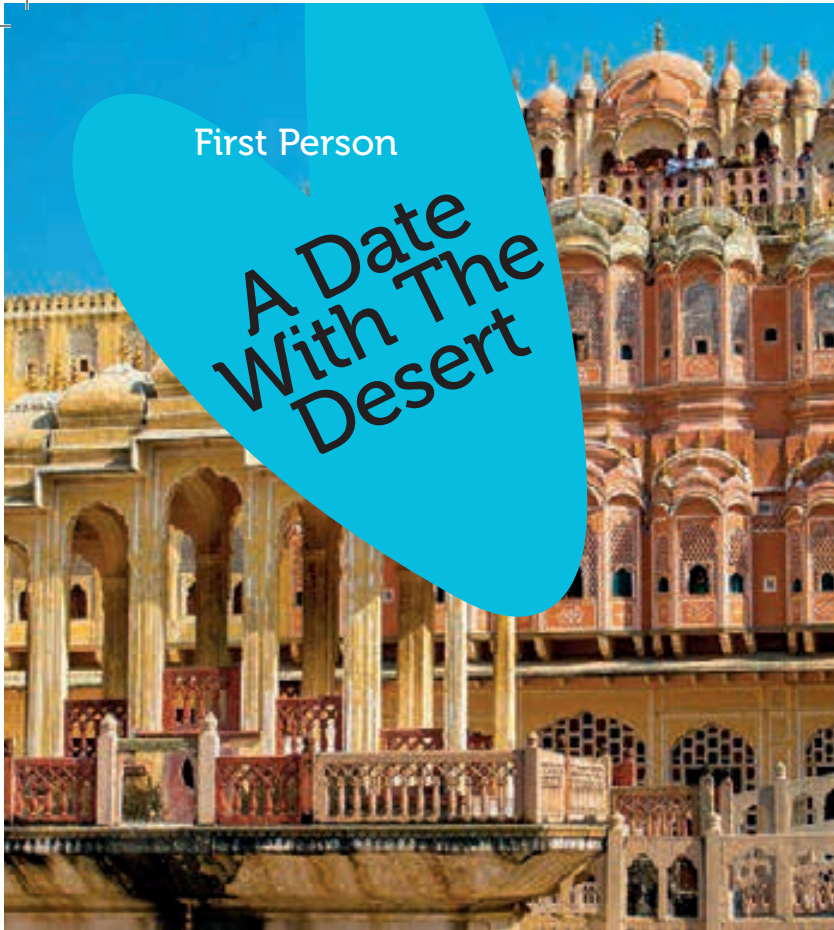
✈ **Nearest Airport:** Bagdogra, 95 kms.

🚆 **Nearest Railway Station:** New Jalpaiguri, 106 kms.



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## A Date With The Desert



Colourful artefacts, historical monuments and fantastic food — **Shraddha Jahagirdar-Saxena** rewinds to a summer break in the Pink City

**T**he regal state of Rajasthan has always fired my imagination and so, when I got an opportunity to visit the capital of the royal state, I grabbed it with both my hands. I remember being in college when my best buddy and I planned a summer holiday to the city. The two of us spent hours deciding what to do and worked out a small, but interesting itinerary for our four-day stay in Jaipur.

In the last year of our teens, we were flush with the heady excitement of going for our first no-parent holiday. And our families needed a little convincing to let us go on our own — but presenting them with a detailed almost travel-agent-like itinerary did the trick. So, here is how our holiday panned out:

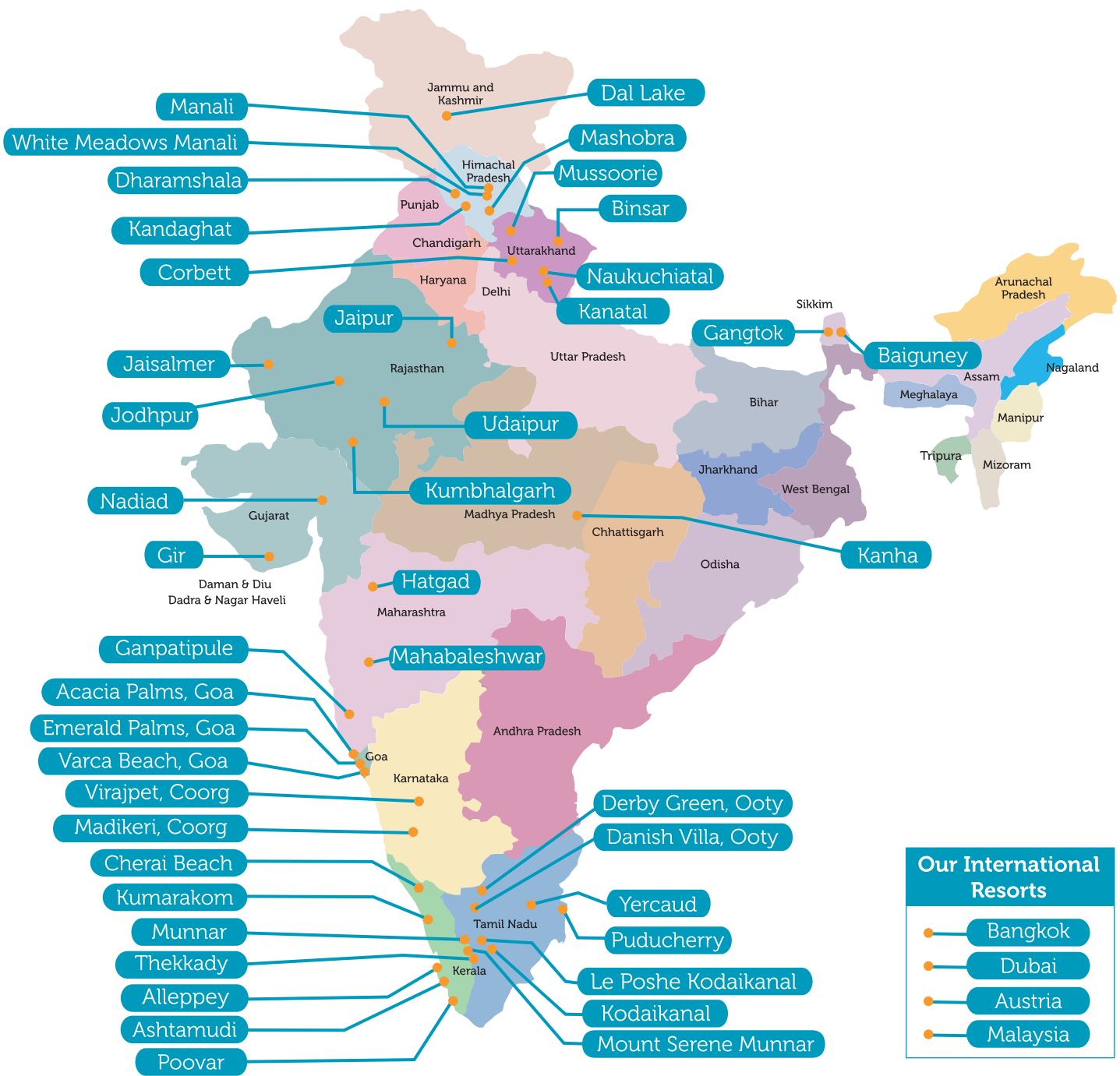
**Sites seen:** We landed in Jaipur and walked out into its enveloping heat. We quickly took a cab to our appointed abode and — dumping our bags, grabbed our hats, sunglasses, bottles of water and stepped out. We had, for the duration of our stay, indulgently hired a small taxi and that helped us pack in a lot in our four days there. The Jantar Mantar was our first halt — and the astronomical observatory did not disappoint. I was particularly fascinated by the sundials that reportedly tell the time to an accuracy of seconds. Other local attractions that made us dive into the

history of the city were the Jaipur fort, the Hawa Mahal and the Albert Hall Museum. And at the Birla Mandir, we revelled in the sanctity and serenity of the white monument. And one evening, just before the sun set, we drove out to the desert to glimpse its vast expanse.

**Pleasing the palate:** Jaipur is undoubtedly a foodie's paradise. Dig into the local fare and you won't be disappointed. Dal baati churma, lal maas, kachoris and ghevar made their way into our stomachs in different meals — and some more than once! And the narrow lanes of the Pink City were filled with street-food vendors who conjured up fare ranging from gol gappas to kebabs, lassi to faloodas. Thank god, our trip was filled with walking so that we burned up the calories that we imbibed so whole-heartedly.

**Pick of knick-knacks:** We had devoted one afternoon to shopping — and we dived into the local markets to emerge with colourful memorabilia of our trip. I picked up a batik painting for my mother, colourful bangles for my cousins, mojaris and tie-and-dye salwar suits for myself. And, lest I forget, the cushion covers for our hall.

It was a trip well-spent, thoroughly enjoyed and one that proved that we could finally spread our wings and fly! ●



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