



WITH ITS ROYAL ROOTS, A TRIP TO JAIPUR IS ALL ABOUT THE GOOD LIFE AND NIRAAMAYA RETREATS' ROYAL HERITAGE HAVELI LETS YOU EXPERIENCE A SLICE OF THE SAME.

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The city of Jaipur always conjures up an image of heritage and regality. And the city itself has a 400 year old history with architecture to match. Naturally when I had a chance to visit the 150 plus year old Royal Heritage Haveli that has been restored and converted to a boutique resort, I was excited to see the result.

Once a former royal hunting lodge, Royal Heritage Haveli By Niraamaya Retreats is nestled in a serene environment amidst expansive lawns and courtyards blooming with flowers. I was given a traditional welcome at the hotel and led to a beautiful reception for a personalized check-in. The décor of the space caught my eye instantly, done up in hues of blue with a liberal use of hand block printed upholstery and vintage styled wooden furniture. Resort Manager Aman Kishor Jha was there to meet me and he also led me to my room. The property has only 19 rooms and interestingly all rooms are different in terms of their design and colour scheme.

There are four categories of rooms including one Heritage Classic Junior suite, the only twin-bed suite that is spread over 18 sq mt, ten Heritage Superior Suites spread over 30 sq mt, seven Heritage Premium Royal Suites that span 60 sq mt and one Royal Signature Suite that is spread over a whopping 75 sq mt. The all-suite property has plush interiors, beautiful hand-painted frescoes as well as Indian royal motifs liberally scattered across the rooms.

My room was a delight and felt straight out of a palace setting done in all shades of a favourite colour – mustard. A small living area with a sofa, an expensive bedroom space with a king sized bed, study area and dining space and a spacious bathroom ensured that there was no dearth of feeling roomy here. The décor in all shades of yellow was both pleasing as it was aesthetic.

While you are here, you must experience the fine dining experiences and the resort has three food and beverage options including a bar, a coffee shop and a

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