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PRESIDENTIAL SUITES: YOUR UBER LUXE ADDRESS

*A luxury hotel experience elevates several notches
higher in a Presidential Suite*

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IMPERIAL SUITES AT SHIV NIWAS PALACE, UDAIPUR

The iconic Shiv Niwas Palace in Udaipur with its distinctive crescent shape and domes, offers three Imperial Suites. 'Imperial' here has a unique ring of authenticity as Shiv Niwas Palace was built in the early 1900s by Maharana Fateh Singh for visiting Royalty and nobility, not just of Mewar and Rajasthan but from all across the Princely States and the British Raj. Each of the Imperial Suites showcases the finest workmanship of the region of Mewar, be it silver furniture, glassy inlay on the walls, ivory inlay in wooden furniture or miniature paintings of the Mewar School. Imperial Suites have played host to Royalty from the United Kingdom, Europe and Nepal. The visit of Queen Elizabeth II and her entourage is still recalled with nostalgia here in the heritage-city. Jacqueline Kennedy, as the First Lady of the United States of America, was welcomed by the Royal Family of Mewar and their extended clans.

The Imperial Suite No. 17, spread over an awesome 2250 sq. ft, makes one go green! The green-coloured crystal chandeliers, glass inlay work and the elegant touch of green in the tapestry and accessories gives this Suite an incomparable touch of class. For those with stars in their eyes, let it be known that a dashing Roger Moore, as James Bond in Octopussy, was the guest here for months when the shooting of the film had commenced. In fact, in 1984 His late Highness Maharana Bhagwat Singh 'transformed' the-then Royal guesthouse into a palace-hotel for the benefit of Octopussy stars and crew-members. The spectacular views of Lake Pichola and its island-palaces adds to the magic of luxuriating in the Imperial Suite. The other two suites are The Imperial Suite No. 18 and No. 19 both spread over 800 sq. ft with one being distinguished for its 'silver and lotus' theme and the other more Victorian in its décor.

*Imperial Suites Tariff: Winter package till March 31, 2020: ₹84,500
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THE LEELA PALACE, DELHI

The preferred address for many heads of state, dignitaries, VIPs and influential business leaders, The Presidential Suite at the Leela Palace New Delhi is an epitome of luxury, spanning over 4,800 sq. ft., with a design and décor that personifies the palatial grandeur of the royal heritage of India. The Palatial Presidential Suite at the very heart of the capital's prestigious Diplomatic Enclave exemplifies magnificent architecture, grace and elegance and combines state-of-the-art functionality with traditional warmth to ensure guests the highest levels of Indian hospitality at a global standard. The eight-bay suite comes with world class amenities starting from complimentary airport transfers in luxurious BMW fleet, 24-hour butler service, a private gymnasium, two separate living rooms with a powder room, private study room, private dining room that seats 12 guests, 24-hour in-room dining, fully-functional butler's pantry, a separate bedroom with a spacious walk-in wardrobe and the sprawling bathroom, a Jacuzzi, a rain shower head and a couple spa suite that is truly unparalleled luxury. The décor is opulent like a palace complete with intricate woodwork, pure silver, gold leaf ceilings and semi-precious stones, art pieces, deep toned rich tapestry which is complimented with state-of-the-art functionalities and exclusive facilities. The Presidential Suite at The Leela Palace New Delhi has bullet proof glass keeping safety and security of guests as top priority.

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ITC WINDSOR, BENGALURU

The Presidential Suite at ITC Windsor is an exquisite confluence of contemporary functionality and the distinct warmth of old world hospitality that is as much reflected in the bouquet of presidential services as in the elegantly luxurious décor of the room. Spread over 1,740 sq. ft. and a distinct abode of aristocracy, this luxurious suite has a king size bedroom, living room with two distinct seating areas, bar, a library, a kitchenette, and a balcony connected to the dining room that overlooks the lush Lancelot Gardens. The Presidential Suite also boasts of an exclusive terrace which is perfect for hosting private dinner parties of up to 20 people.

Keeping in line with the hotel's inspiration of a British Raj Era manor house, the décor of the Suite is designed to emulate the grand residences of Raj Era dignitaries. Redefining the power of space in a classic Victorian elegant setting, the Presidential Suite offers a fine balance of tasteful period furniture, high ceiling, and state-of-the-art services. The Room offers various special services, some of them including personalized check-in/check-out, personal butler, access to an exclusive lounge, luxury hours at the Cabinet Lounge, in-room complimentary breakfast, complimentary usage of the Health Club (excluding massage) and 30 minutes free Internet usage in the Business Centre. In addition, the guests can access the Sleep menu and Pillow Menu, a Responsible Luxury initiative which is mindfully designed to create a holistic environment that enables a good night's sleep to discerning guests. The Presidential Suite has played host to ex-British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Chinese Premier H E Mr Wen Jia Bao, Sir Elton John as well as celebrities like Soha Ali Khan, Alka Yagnik, Sanjay Khan and Kanan Gill.

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THE OBEROI AMARVILĀS, AGRA

The Kohinoor Suite, named after the legendary diamond of Indian origin, Kohinoor is located in the center of the highest floor of the hotel and is approximately 2960 sq. ft in area. The suite consists of an entrance foyer, large living room, dining room, study and a spacious bedroom with attached bathroom, each offering breathtaking views of the Taj Mahal. The Suite has three private open-air terraces, each offering a distinct vista of the greatest monument to love. One terrace leads out from the living room, overlooking the splendid landscaped gardens and swimming pool of the hotel and is ideal for intimate candle-lit dinners or small gatherings of 8 people. The second terrace is attached to the bedroom - the placement of the emperor bed allows a stunning view of the Taj Mahal ensconced in its luxurious comfort. While the third terrace stretches around two sides of the bathroom. The bedroom also has a walk-in closet and dressing room.

There is a specially positioned brass telescope here that also allows you to see all the architectural detail of the monument. The bathroom of the Kohinoor Suite blends modern amenities with classic design elements and among the most awe-inspiring views in the world. The stand-alone bathtub is strategically positioned in front of a huge single-pane glass window from where you can gaze at the Taj Mahal even while enjoying a long, luxurious bath. The appeal of the glass-house design "outdoor" shower stall is further enhanced by the large "rain-showerhead" that provides temperature controlled water-on-tap. **M**

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