



(Clockwise from top) The Spa; the suite's living room and bedroom

have flute shaped lights and the peacock feather makes a consistent appearance. The serenity of *Buddha*, the peaceful evolved form of man lends his character to the spa where peace and serenity will transform the individual. The last avatar of *Kalki* is seen in the modern entrance courtyard.

ROOM FOR ALL

Spread over four levels, the hotel has 121 rooms and suites. The Standard Rooms are spacious at 312 sq. ft. and are designed in rich hues of gold, beige, black, white and maroon. The Premium Rooms have wonderful views of the picturesque Tirumala Hills or the calming waters of the pool.

Inkeeping with the wellness vibe of the place, I was happy to be greeted with a fruit basket in this room. The Suite Rooms are expansive at 924 sq. ft. and come with a separate sleeping, dining area, living area and a spacious terrace with views of the water bodies. The hospitality of the hotel staff is warm and they are always ready to help, which really adds to the positive ambience. Do make sure to make an online booking to get a slot to visit the Lord Venkateswara Temple atop the Tirumala Hill. While there, check out the Tiruchanoor Sri Padmavathi Devi Temple, dedicated to the wife of

Lord Sri Venkateswara and it is believed that you must visit this temple before visiting Tirumala. I was also enamoured by the Kapila Theertham, a Shiva temple with a mountain cave where water flows from the hills above. A stop at the 11th century Chandragiri Fort has the Raj Mahal Palace an archaeological museum that also has a sound and lights show.

In all a visit to Marasa Sarovar Premiere is not just spiritually enhancing but also a great way to escape from the city life. ■

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