

LOCAL DESTINATION

Culture Zone



How would you like to holiday at a beach destination, be close to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and stay in a luxurious and invigorating space? If that's got you thinking, then the InterContinental Chennai Mahabalipuram Resort is the place for you. **Bindu Gopal Rao** explores this quiet oasis by the Bay of Bengal that is a melange of culture, history and heritage...



Serene Locale

Located an hour south of Chennai, the ride in is on the scenic East Coast Road with a stunning view of the sea. The resort is nestled in a secluded landscaped hideaway, tucked in between groves of casuarinas and extends seamlessly into the ocean. Being located a mere 12km from Mahabalipuram, the decor of the resort is inspired by the local heritage. Since stone work is known in these parts, the charcoal grey granite facade of this building seems quite similar to the stone-work aesthetics of Mahabalipuram. Designed by Isabelle and Collins of Collins Vergnaud Pty Ltd, the style is contemporary and tradition has been reinterpreted in the wide open spaces at the resort. The beautiful space comes alive in the evening ritual of lighting