



Night view of the hotel

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Peaceful surroundings, myriad activities and epicurean delicacies – the recently launched Mana resort in Ranakpur has it all. Vandana Rana goes exploring



Room interiors

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Sprawled in the majestic Aravallis between Jodhpur and the lake city of Udaipur, this unconventional property is just an hour's drive from Udaipur. The boutique hotel boasts of a unique approach and style that set its individuality apart.

Recently set up in Ranakpur, the Mana resort takes you away from the hustle and bustle of the city and makes for a perfect destination for your weekend getaway. When you step into the premises of the resort, the unique architecture speaks to you about the thought and conceptualisation behind it, while the serene atmosphere complements the refreshing experience.

The exterior of the hotel has a distinguished look and feel as the designers have chosen the materials very carefully. It is the blend of Indian craftsmanship and raw materials brought from China. Glass has been used often to add an elegant touch; it also allows ample natural light to enter

and infuse the space with brightness. Usage of metallic and hybrid materials has been ensured after meticulous planning. Steel sections, gypsum boards and vinyl sheets have been used only to accentuate the countenance of the buildings.

Traditional Rajasthani construction techniques are used to highlight the interiors of Mana. The stone *jaali*, a century-old style of Rajasthani designing, finds its fitful place. Besides the design, the creators have kept the ecological factor in mind. Therefore environment-friendly vinyl sheets have been used to replicate the *jaali* rather than traditional materials.

The boutique hotel takes inspiration from the popular Rajasthani technique of construction and minimal roller-compacted concrete work has been used in constructing the vertical columns, beams and masonry.

Aesthetics were a pertinent factor in designing Mana and it is evident from the façade of the resort. The seasonal river inside the premises of the resort maintains

the visual appeal of the entire place.

To make your stay comfortable and at ease, Mana has villas, suites and other options. In case you are searching for a destination for your annual meeting or conference, the resort has options like a conference centre and business centre.

For those who like to relax and unwind on vacations, the 40-room resort has an in-house spa for them. Rejuvenate yourself with calming massages on offer here. And, to add a sense of adventure, the sports area is perfect. Couples can also spend some romantic time near the pool area or just take a swim to release stress.

The resort has a multi-cuisine restaurant that offers delicacies from pan-India and gives you an unforgettable dining experience. Barh Court at the Mana is perfect to spend time over cocktails. It has live cooking counters where you can see your kebabs and barbeques in the making. And when you need some time alone, private dining can be arranged. ☺