

INCLINATION OF FOREIGN & NATIVE TOURIST TOWARDS HERITAGE CULTURE OF BIKANER

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ABSTRACT

The Indian state of Rajasthan is famous for historic havelis, forts and palaces. Among them the princely state of Bikaner is the popular destinations for tourists. The beautiful properties and palaces stand as an outstanding example of princely patronage at the heights of the British Raj. The places which were changed into hotels like Lallgarh palace, Laxmi Niwas and Bhanwar Niwas of Bikaner plays a important role as the home of a museum and archive that preserves work of art culture and heritage of the Rathore Dynasty of Bikaner.

For visitors of Bikaner the State and design of the palace make a strong impression, capturing a sense of the greatness of the princely state.

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HERITAGE CULTURE OF BIKANER

Heritage & Culture of Bikaner is famous for its various tourist attractions which are reminiscent of the rich heritage Bikaner is frequented by tourists all round the year & to accommodate the various kinds of tourists visiting the city, Hotels in Bikaner are the last word for comfort and elegance. These heritage hotels are perfect to witness the magnificent past and spend few days in literary.

THE HERITAGE HOTELS OF BIKANER

LALLGARH PALACE

Lallgarh palace was built by Maharaja Ganga Singh Ji is a unique & beautiful example of Indo-Sarcenic style. Fine Jali-Jharokha, open courtyards, Zenana Mahal gives a feel of combination of Hindu-Mugal style of architecture whereas billiard room, indoor swimming pool &

bathrooms gives an impressions of European style .

It has four wings according to four directions-

1. Laxmi Niwas the South wings was built in 1902
2. Sadul Niwas the West wings was built in 1912.
3. Shiv vilas the East wings was built in 1926.
4. Karni Niwas the North wing built in 1924.

The Lallgarh palace: Which is known as the House of the Maharajas of Bikaner-

1. Lallgarh Palace was built during 1896-1902 and inaugurated in 1902.
2. It was built under the 21st king of Bikaner, maharajadhiraj Ganga Singh Ji Bhadur.
3. Main architect of Lallgarh was Sir Samuel Swinton jacob.
4. The Palace was converted into Hotel in 1974.

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5. Tourist attractions: as tourists are living in modern world therefore they are inclined towards the cultural heritage of these palaces. Some special attractions are :
- Art & Patronage Naqqashi-Manoti (Gold Work).
 - Unique ornately carved details on sandstone -clad walls.
 - Appreciations by Lord Mount batten 1948. Facility and fall of heritage by old swimming pool, dining hall and bar.
 - Stars are given by "The Trip advisor". (International tourism company).

LAXMI NIWAS

Laxmi Niwas was actively used for entertaining Indian and Foreign dignitaries by Maharaja Ganga Singh and his fellow princes. It was also used to host social function and parties.

"All the rooms are light and airy, luxuriously furnished and adorned by what must be one of the largest collections of sporting pictures and bronzes in India."

A hotel was started by the trust as far back as 1974 in the sadul Niwas, & Kani Niwas wings of Lalgarh Palace albest in an amature fashion to begin with.

HOTEL BHANWAR NIWAS

Hotel Bhanwar Niwas is located at Rampuria Street. One can visit the Junagarh Fort (Approx. 2km) and Karni Mata Temple (Approx. 2km) from the hotel. Distance from Jodhpur Airport: 314 km (approx.) Distance from Bikaner Junction Railway Station: 2 km (approx.)

The fort is made during the Mughal Empire and has a beautiful architectural design. The other nearby interesting places that one can visit from the hotel includes Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary, Sadul Singh Museum and Jain Temple.

Bhanwar Niwas is a living testimony to the splendid architecture of Rajasthan. This heritage hotel is a perfect blend of Indian and European style. A proof of the workmanship of the artisans of Bikaner, the palace was completed in 1927. It was built for Bhanwarlalji Rampuria, heir to a textile and real estate fortune of the region. One of the most stunning havelis of Bikaner, it belongs to the Rampuria family. The décor has 1920s feel and elegance, which has now been clubbed with contemporary comforts.

HOTEL FEATURES

Hotel Bhanwar Niwas is equipped with a number of basic amenities to provide its guests the highest level of comfort. The basic features ensured to the patrons are 24-hour room service, front desk facility, air conditioning, non-smoking rooms, round the clock security, travel desk, parking and internet. The spectacular dining hall that serves mouth watering vegetarian dishes is also a scoring point of this hotel.

ROOMS

The hotel offers deluxe room and standard room for its guests. The interior of the hotel is highly inspired from the traditional style of home decoration. It has beautiful paintings and wall posters that adds a special charm to its rooms and reflects the taste of those traditional times. All the rooms are equipped with the basic facilities like air conditioning, colour television, and telephone.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, EXPECTATION AND REQUIREMENTS OF TOURISTS IN RAJASTHAN

These are manmade features and are found in almost all parts of the country. Such resources are associated with historical, religious or cultural events.

A rich historical and cultural heritage has developed during long course of history of India. These include statues, shrines, tombs, minarets, forts, palaces, ancient monuments as well as recent buildings and are famous for their architectural designs and structural beauty.

Tourists coming to Rajasthan have lots of expectations on the basis of royalty and feedback. First and for most thing that each and every tourist require proper sort of attention and facilities up to the mark. All the tourists need a enriched flavor of culture and tradition amit cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

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