



## **Fact Sheet**

**Resort Address** 

Bujera Fort Village Bujera, Via Nai, Tehsil Girwa, Udaipur 313031. Rajasthan, India

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Location

Situated on the edge of the small, rural village of Bujera, which time and tourism have, miraculously, passed by, Bujera Fort is just 15 minutes from Udaipur's City Palace. With a backdrop of the Aravali Hills, regarded as the oldest mountain range on earth, the views from the Fort are of the mysterious, hilltop Monsoon Palace together with distant views of Lake Pichola and the impossibly romantic Udaipur City Palace. Set in over two acres, this is a new but traditional style fort-palace hotel which comprises the main 'fort', along with two smaller 'houses'. Great care has been taken in the construction, ensuring that local materials were used wherever possible, together with reclaimed, salvaged doors and windows which give it an instantly 'aged' look, juxtaposed with stylish, understated contemporary interiors. The surrounding hills boast other private palaces and palace hotels and offer superb walking opportunities. Equally, the local village and farmland is fun to explore on foot, for a glimpse of rural, 'village' India. All in all, this is a gem of a hotel in a quiet corner of the outskirts of Udaipur with distant lake and palace views. Escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

Style

The fort has been furnished with lovingly collected antiques and objects from all over the world, but with the emphasis on comfort — you'll only find the best mattresses, pillows and bed linen here! The idea behind the fort is that it is a 'home' rather than a hotel so there is no formal bar nor reception and, as soon as one enters, one really does feel relaxed and entirely at home!

The Fort is built around a courtyard and cloister which consists of 86 intricate, hand carved columns of local Nimbara stone. Central to the courtyard is a deep, heated swimming pool, beautifully designed like a stepwell. Surrounding this is a lawned, flower-filled Mughal garden with secluded sitting areas and a fountain. Inside is a relaxed, informal library and a more formal Drawing Room which is more of a summer room but still has a working fireplace and a silver-covered baby grand piano! There is a large Pavilion for sitting and chatting, cocktail or cup of tea in hand. Above the cloister there is the upper cloister, again with sitting areas for those who like a bit more sun and, off the library, is the north terrace, where you can sit with a chilled glass of wine and, as the sun goes down. All in all, these peaceful, outdoor spaces allow ample room for guests to find their own spot where they can be private and undisturbed, as well as pottering around in their own time.

## **Accessibility**

**By air:** To Udaipur, from Delhi, Bombay, Jodhpur, Jaipur. Followed by a 45 mins car journey.

**By train:** To Udaipur, from Ajmer, Chittorgarh, Ahmedabad and Delhi. Followed by a 30mins car journey.

**By road:** An easy drive from Jawai, Narlai, Dungarpur, Ghanerao, Chittorgarh, Shahpura, Ranakpur, Kumbhalgarh. A longer drive from Jodhpur, Rohet, Chhatrasagar, Jaipur.

**Transfers:** Transfers can be arranged at an additional cost.

## Accommodation

Accommodation comprises 14 rooms, 2 of which are suites. There are 10 double rooms and 4 twin rooms. The rooms are split between the main Fort, Bujera Bungalow and Bujera House. All are lovely, large rooms done up in muted colours but with every creature comfort. All three houses have central air conditioning which keeps them gloriously cool in summer and snugly warm in winter.

The Fort comprises 2 large rooftop suites (double beds) with working fireplaces, private balconies a dressing room and, a special treat, two bathrooms. The large marble bathroom has a huge walk in shower and separate bathtub, whilst the second marble bathroom has a shower and dressing area – the ultimate 'his and hers!'

There are then five Cloister Rooms (3 double, 2 twin) opening onto the cloister and with large, private balconies and marble bathrooms, again with separate bath tubs and showers and windows looking out.

Bujera House is a totally independent, private unit, ideal for families or a group of friends. It comprises three chic

bedrooms (2 doubles and 1 twin), two of which have balconies with spectacular views, and all of which have ensuite bathrooms with separate tubs and showers. There is then a sitting room with a working fireplace, a service kitchen and a sit out which leads to a pretty dining pavilion and out into the private, grassy garden with plunge pool. This house can very easily be combined with the Fort to make a ten bedroom 'house' should it be required for a party of twenty or so.

Bujera Bungalow is a gem of a place, adjoining the fort but with its own entrance from the road. Set in a totally private walled garden with a plunge pool and deep verandah, again, it is ideal for renting in its entirety or for overflow from the fort if 14 rooms are needed. With its shady verandah, it is ideal for relaxing and dining and has a working fireplace. There are four bedrooms (2 double, 1 twin and 1 single) with ensuite shower rooms and a service kitchen.

All rooms are air-conditioned, have overhead fans, hairdryers, tea and coffee making facilities, bathrobes, and a safe. They do not have television nor DVD players. Hot water bottles and heating is provided in the winter months. All rooms are no smoking and there are 3 ground floor rooms with easy wheelchair access. There are no inter-connecting rooms.

The rate includes bed and breakfast and one bottle of complimentary mineral water, per person, per day.

There is a cosy, indoor Dining Room and a Dining Pavilion where meals are served when the weather permits. The Dining Pavilion is in the middle of the garden which is heated in winter and breezily cool in the warmer months. Indian and Continental cuisine is served on a table d'hote menu.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are included in the daily room rate.

Room service is not available.

There are no set meal times.

Child care and babysitting can be arranged. However extra beds are not encouraged.

There is no official dress code. However, many find themselves changing into something a little tidier for dinner.

**Dining** 

Meal Times

Children

**Dress code** 

Check-in / out time Check-in 1.200 noon & Check out is 11.00 hrs

**Electricity** 220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.

Credit cards / currency The resort accepts Visa, MasterCard and Amex. If paying

in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Sterling

Pounds and Euros.

**Mobile telephones** Mobile telephones work here.

When to go / Climate Rajasthan has some major climactic fluctuations. During

December, January and February, it can be cold in the mornings and evenings and warm clothes are necessary at these times. During the daytime it is lovely and warm and sunny. March and April are getting fairly hot and it begins to get humid in May and June and temperatures can rise to an intense and uncomfortable heat. The monsoon breaks in July and lasts until September. October and November are still warm but not cold or wet. The best time to visit is from October to early April. It is generally a

dry heat with very little humidity.

**Opening and closing** The hotel remains open throughout the year.

Pests Due to the dry heat of Rajasthan, mosquitoes are not a

major problem but they do tend to come out in the evenings and early mornings, throughout the year and particularly in the warmer months. The hotel provides mosquito coils and repellents in the rooms to combat this. It is not advisable to leave windows open that do not have mesh insect protection, when your lights are on as bugs

will tend to fly in.

**Hotel services** Sightseeing excursions and onward travel arrangements

can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception The hotel owns its own vehicles which can be hired for

local sightseeing and exploring

Picnics and guided walks can be arranged

Complimentary wi-fi / e-mail facilities throughout the fort

**Hotel Facilities** Heated swimming pool and 2 plunge pools

Gym

Shop (coming soon)
Business Centre

Spa Massage Centre (coming soon), with 3 western

treatments

Steam room

Library/sitting room
Cooking demonstrations

Possible excursions Visits to the stunning city of Udaipur with its lakeside

setting and glorious palaces.

Visits to Kumbhalgarh and Chittorgarh Forts
Visits to the Jain temples at Ranakpur

Visits to the temples at Nathdwara and Eklingi

Average length of stay

Two or three nights. There is so much to see and do in the Udaipur area that it is a good idea to allow enough time to explore the area and also enough time to switch off and just enjoy being there.

Should any property be rented in its entirety, there is a minimum stay of 1 week.

Payment / cancellation

Pre-payment is compulsory if requiring a confirmed, advanced reservation. Deposits are not required.

Cancellation charges apply for cancellations which fall within the <u>7 days</u> prior to check-in.

Reservations

The Fort has no minimum stay requirement.

The Bungalow and The House have a minimum stay of 7

nights.

Seasonal surcharges There are compulsory supplements in high season

(Christmas Period (23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan) & New Year's Eve.

**Government Taxes** Taxes apply on food and drink and on imported alcohol

**General Manager** Shakti Singh Rathore.

**Ownership** Mr Richard Hanlon and Ms Patricia McFarlane