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Fact Sheet

Resort Address

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Location

This dreamy little hotel lies in a beautifully un-spoilt and pretty area of Eastern Rajasthan, south-east of Jaipur. The 350 year old Ramathra Fort was originally the 17th Century stronghold of the Jadoan Rajputs and today belongs to Thakur Brijendra Rajpal and his family who are descendents of the founder. It sits on a hillock, surrounded by farmland, wilderness, lakes and other hillocks. The views are spectacular and even during the driest months, the area remains green and the lake retains its water. According to legend, Lord Ram is said to have halted here, enchanted by the beauty and peace, en route south during his exile. Ramathra Fort also lies between two of India's great wildlife reserves, Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur and Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve in Sawai Madhopur. This area of The Daang plateau, which stretches east and south, is filled with gorges and rivulets and is home to several varieties of deer, blue bulls, wolves, jackals, hyenas, wild boar, leopard etc.

Whilst here, your hosts Ravi and Gitanjali Rajpal (should they be in residence) will be very much around to chat to and they will make your stay as wonderful as it possibly can be.

Accessibility

By air: To Jaipur, from Delhi, Bombay, Jodhpur, Ahmedabad, Udaipur, Calcutta, followed by a 4 hour road journey.

By train: To Gangapur City, from Delhi, Bombay, Bharatpur, Agra, Jaipur, Kota, Ratlam, Ahmedabad Sawai Madhopur, followed by a 1 ½ hour road journey.

By road: An easy drive from Jaipur, Ranthambore, Shahpura, Kota, Bundi, Bhainsrorgarh, Karauli, Alwar. Slightly longer drive from Gwalior, Pushkar, Shekavati.

Transfers: The resort is happy to arrange transfers (at extra cost) from either the airport or the railway station to / from the hotel.

Accommodation

Accommodation comprises of 6 rooms (twin and double) and 6 garden tents (twin & double). The six tents are scattered around the perimeter of the garden inside the ramparts. The tents are large and have fixed excellent bathrooms. They are decorated very prettily with geese block printed on the fabrics and with modern, comfortable furniture. Each tent has access to the ramparts behind it where daybeds are placed for guests' use. Again, staggering views are to be had from these rampart resting places! There is plenty of hot water supplied by geyser. Fans are provided for warmer nights and hot water bottles on cooler nights.

The 6 rooms (including 2 suites) are on the first and second floor of the main fort and have spectacular views out over the farmland and forest below. They have bathtubs with showers in the stunning bathrooms, double basins. The bedrooms are large and light and airy with a separate sitting area. The suites have a large sitting room, balcony with comfortable chairs, a cosy fireplace and an outdoor tub and shower looking out to the hills behind. The rooms are centrally air-conditioned, with overhead fans.

Heaters and hot water bottles are provided on particularly cold nights. Bottles of complimentary mineral water are provided in the bedrooms. Non smoking rooms and inter-connecting rooms are available. Hair dryers are provided in each room, along with tea / coffee making machines and bathrobes. There is no safe, TV or DVD player in the rooms. The tents are easily accessed by wheelchairs. The bedrooms are not.

Dining

There is one dining room in a cosy room adjoining the garden, where meals are eaten at very cold or very hot times of year. At other times, dining is al fresco, in the sunshine or a candlelit under the stars in the garden, under the tented, shady canopy on the terrace attached to the dining room on hot days and warm nights, or on the ramparts. Drinks before dinner are usually taken on the ramparts or in the garden, often with one or all of your hosts, should they be in residence. The cuisine comprises of simple continental and Indian food, much of it being delicious family recipes and local Rajasthani dishes. The hotel offers a buffet and table d'hote dining. Smoking is allowed outside the restaurant. Beer and wine and spirits are available. There is no room service available.

The daily room rate is on a full board basis.

Meal Times

Meal times are flexible according to time of arrival/departure.

Children

The resort accepts children of all ages. One child may be accommodated in their parent's bedroom up until the age of 10, for an extra charge. There are interconnecting rooms available

for families. Child care and baby-sitting services can be provided upon request.

Dress code	There is no official dress code and it's very relaxed. However, many find themselves changing out of their daytime clothes in the evenings.
Check-in / out time	This is fairly flexible. As per most hotels, it tends to be midday to midday but extended check-outs and early check-ins can be arranged should a room be available.
Electricity	220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.
Credit cards / currency	The hotel does not accept any credit cards. If paying in foreign currency, the hotel accepts US dollars, Sterling Pounds and Euros. Travellers cheques are also accepted. There is NO money changing facility
Mobile telephones	Mobile telephones work here on the Airtel and Vodaphone networks.
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 and humidity. The monsoon breaks in June and lasts until early 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. It is also very beautiful during monsoon July, August & September
Opening and closing	The hotel remains open 365 days per year. However, the tents often shut from April – September or during intensely hot months.
Minimum Stay	There is a compulsory minimum stay of 2 nights.
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 repellents in rooms for guests use for outdoor activities. Mosquito nets hang over each bed and coils are used outside in the evenings and repellents are in each room at night. 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 facilities	E-mail facilities are available at reception at no extra charge WI-FI (via dongle, slow but it works) TV sitting room and bar area

Owns 3 vehicles for local excursions and safaris
Large, heated Jacuzzi pool in the turret
Small massage centre with a double treatment room

Hotel services

Sightseeing excursions and onward travel arrangements can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception
Picnics can be arranged
Riding can be arranged
Camel rides can be arranged
Bicycles can be arranged

Possible excursions

Visit the local village, seeing rural life
Walks around the farmland seeing local temples
Walks in the gorges
Visits to Utgir Fort, across the Daang Plateau
Visits to the cave temples of Ghanteshvar and Kurka
Jeep safaris
Night safaris on the Daang Plateau
Boating on the surrounding lakes
Birdwatching walks
Visits to Ranthambore National Park
Visits to Karauli
Visits to nearby caves

Average length of stay

Two or three nights. There is so much to see and do in the 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.

Payment / cancellation

Pre-payment is compulsory if requiring a confirmed, advanced reservation. Non-refundable 50% deposits are required at the time of booking.

100% cancellation charges apply for cancellations which fall within the 10 days prior to check-in.

Reservations

By telephone +91 9983 347057, email reservations@ramathrafort.com / gitanjali@ramathrafort.com or via the website www.ramathrafort.com.

Packages

Special, package prices are available on the website.

Seasonal surcharges

There are seasonal supplements.

Ownership

The Rajpal family, many of whom are in residence most of the time.

Management

Mr Ravi and Mrs Gitanjali Rajpal,