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Fact Sheet

Resort Address

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Location

This wonderful, 120 year old garden estate was formerly the summer home of the rulers of Shahpura and comprises 2 residences. It is now a charming garden hotel run the family descendants who provide a fascinating insight into high society life of bygone days. One residence, which formerly housed state guests such as British Regents and Maharajas, has been completely restored and houses 6 gorgeous, spacious, light, airy rooms. The main residence is where the family stay and is where guests gather for meals and drinks and chats with the family. Set in 30 acres of garden and pasture and surrounded by lakes, it is a very special and ultimately peaceful little oasis, situated midway between Jaipur and Udaipur. With its idyllic and unspoilt rural setting, this is a place to come for at least a couple of nights as it provides a restful break in an otherwise hectic, city-based itinerary with some wonderful walking and birdwatching opportunities. It is also perfectly situated for guests coming from Ranthambore, Ramathra or Narlai or Jodhpur as it is bang in the middle of the state.

The Hotel

The low rise, whitewashed buildings look very pretty in their setting of gardens and pastures. The grassy lawns outside the main residence make a lovely spot for tea time and gentle conversation. Inside is a stunning, colonial style sitting and dining room where guests gather in the evenings and on cold nights before and for dinner. There is also an airy enclosed loggia which is a very nice place to sit away from the sun but but with lots of light. The huge pool has a wonderful terrace surrounding it where guests also gather for drinks pre and post dinner and where light snacks and breakfast can also be served, along with private dinners.

Accessibility

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

By train: To Jaipur, From Delhi, Bombay, Jodhpur, Sawai Madhopur, followed by a 4 hour road journey.

By road: A 4 hour drive from Jaipur, Udaipur, Pushkar, Deogarh, Narlai, Nimaj, Bundi, Kota, Chittor, Ramathra, Ranthambore. A longer drive from Jodhpur and 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 9 rooms. There are 5 suites and 4 standard rooms. 1 suite is in the main house where the family stays. It is situated on the top floor and has a glorious, huge terrace with views over the gardens. It's furnished with chairs and day beds and privacy is plentiful. The views over the estate are lovely. The fabulous, huge rooms in the restored residence have large windows and doors opening out onto the garden. High ceilings and uncluttered but very well and stylishly furnished bedrooms add to the feeling of space, together with huge, state of the art bathrooms. 2 rooms are also housed in a separate, very private building in the very pretty, walled vegetable garden. These are marginally smaller but are perfect for a family or two couples travelling together who'd like a little more privacy. The style and décor of Shahpura Bagh is very much a mixture of Rajasthani meets colonial, with a quiet, understated yet elegant air. The emphasis here is on light and openness.

All rooms are centrally air-conditioned, with overhead fans, and attached bathrooms with bath and shower. On account of the buildings not being purpose built, all rooms vary in shape, size and design. There are rooms on the low floors and there is good wheelchair access. Hot water bottles and heaters are provided on particularly cold nights. Hot water is plentiful and provided by solar heating with electrical backup. Two bottles of complimentary mineral water per person per day are provided. Non smoking rooms are available. Hair dryers, tea and coffee making facilities, safe, television, IT, DVD and WI-FI are available and DVD in each room. Bathrobes are also provided

Dining

There is one dining room in the main building where meals are eaten on very cold or very times of year. At other times, dining is al fresco, in the sunshine or candlelit under the stars, on the dining terrace which opens out from the dining room. The cuisine comprises simple Continental, and Indian recipes and is organic whenever possible, as many of the vegetables come from their own vegetable garden. The hotel offers a buffet and table d'hote dining. Room service is also readily available. Special private dinners can also be arranged. Smoking is allowed. Indian wine, limited French wine, beer and spirits are available.

Breakfast is included in the daily room rate.

Room Service – Available 24 hours

Meal Times	<p>Breakfast 08.00am to 10.30am</p> <p>Lunch 13.00 pm to 15.00pm</p> <p>Dinner 19.00pm to 22.00pm</p>
Children	The resort accepts children of all ages. Children may be accommodated in their parent's bedroom for an extra charge. There is a child care service available.
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	Midday. Extended check-out is subject to negotiation/availability.
Electricity	220 volts. The standard two round pin adaptors work.
Credit cards / currency	The resort accepts Visa and Mastercard. If paying in foreign currency, the resort accepts US dollars, Sterling Pounds and Euros. Travellers cheques are also accepted.
Mobile telephones	Mobile telephones work here on the local network.
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.
Opening and closing	The hotel remains open 365 days per 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 nets on the windows, and Ayurvedic air fresheners in the rooms to combat this. Portable and fixed electronic insect killers are also placed in strategic locations around the property. It is not advisable to leave windows open that do not have mesh insect protection, when your lights on as bugs will tend to fly in.
Hotel facilities	<p>Swimming pool (unheated)</p> <p>E-mail facilities</p> <p>Airy sitting room for guests' use, in the main house with library and television</p> <p>Internet and WI-FI facilities available in designated areas</p>

Bicycles are provided for guests' use
Owns 4 jeeps for local excursions
Table tennis
Local massages and yoga can be arranged
Library

Hotel services

Sightseeing excursions and onward travel arrangements can be arranged on site by contacting the hotel reception
Weddings and parties can be arranged
Picnics and barbecues can be provided
Cycling around the lakes
Star gazing
Fishing and boating on the surrounding lakes can be arranged
Walking tours and birdwatching walks around the lakes
Cooking classes
Charity and social work – the family are hugely involved

Possible excursions

Explore Shahpura and see the traditional local artists at work
Visit Shahpura town with its many monuments and exceptional shopping opportunities
Visit the stunning local temple and step well.
Special candle lit al- fresco dinners can be organized at Dhikhola Fort - a picturesque 17 century fort.
Have a guided tour of the old palace with a family member who lived there not so long ago!
Enjoy a rural jeep safari in the surrounding countryside and a trip to the host's 100 acre farm adjacent to a 5 km artificial lake which abounds with bird life.

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 – take a break at this lovely oasis, from a hectic, city based itinerary.

Payment / cancellation

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

Cancellation charges apply for cancellations which fall within the 14 days prior to check-in.

Reservations

By telephone +91 982 8122012/3, email res@shahpurabagh.com or via the website www.shahpurabagh.com.
There is no minimum stay requirement.

Packages

Special, package prices are available on the website.

Seasonal surcharges

There is a supplement for anyone staying at Shahpura Bagh on 31 December each year. This does include considerable added benefits, however.

Government Taxes

Taxes apply on food and drink and on imported alcohol

Ownership

The Shahpura Family who are in residence.

Management

General Managers Shatrujeet & Maya, Jai Singh Rathore
(The owning family resides here full part time)