



TAJ FALAKNUMA PALACE  
HYDERABAD



Passed on for generations like a precious jewel, Falaknuma Palace or 'Mirror of the Sky' was the residence of Nizam Mehboob Ali Khan. After ten years of sensitive restoration, the Taj has infused new life into this sixty room private palace to offer visitors a glimpse of the imperial lifestyle of the Nizams who governed the legendary city of Hyderabad. What was once the sole preserve of visiting royalty-King Edward VIII and the last Russian Tsar, Nicholas II; will soon be yours to discover.

The palace offers a choice of 60 unique rooms and suites with 2 restaurants, an outdoor pool and the Jiva Spa, spread across 32 acres of land.

THE RESTORATION:



*From replicating the chatoyant tapestries made of metallic copper yarn to refurbishing the Venetian chandeliers, each detail has been carefully restored under the personal supervision of Her Highness Princess Esra*

## ROOMS AND SUITES

### Luxury Rooms

There are 4 well appointed rooms. Which are spacious and well planned. The rooms are fitted with all contemporary comforts for the discerning traveller.

### Palace Rooms

These 41 rooms facing the central courtyard and the city are Rich in textures and colors, the Palace Rooms exude a sense of charm and luxury.

### Historical Suites

There are 3 Historical Suites which present a warm and welcoming ambience with wooden floors, exquisite artwork and fabrics along with antique furniture.

### Royal Suites

These 8 Royal Suites with beautiful architecture and opulent décor are part of the Zenana section of the palace. Each of these rooms has been restored keeping in mind the original look and feel from times gone by.

### Grand Royal Suites

These 3 suites have spectacular views and are beautifully detailed with traditional flourishes. One of the grand royal suites named the “Begum Suite” situated in the Zenana Wing retains its original character and architecture.

### Grand Presidential Suite

The stately duplex suite with a private pool and an exclusive access to Jiva Spa overlooks immaculately manicured gardens. It is beautifully detailed and complete with every imaginable convenience from state of the art amenities to a personal butler.

## RESTAURANTS & DINING

Sample a selection of royal Hyderabadi specialities, or savour the finest Italian cuisine. Dine beneath the stars or indulge in a sumptuous breakfast. A colonial experience unfolds at the verandah with high tea, while the Gol Bungalow is ideal for cocktails. The Palace has an Indian restaurant serving traditional Hyderabadi cuisine with a contemporary touch. Our All Day Dining restaurant serves classical Italian and Mediterranean cuisine with essential favours of the east.



*Gol Bungalow*

## Jade Room

The Jade room’s history precedes its reputation for having played host to the world’s most sought after dignitaries and for being one of the most magnificent venues at the palace. Royal receptions were held for dignitaries such as Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII. The room has been used for showcasing the timeless collection of precious gems and art from around the world. The Victorian style hand painted ceilings, Belgian cut glass chandeliers coupled with the breath taking views of the 400 year old city make the jade room an ideal venue for the Nizam’s most beloved ritual – Afternoon Tea. Here you can select from our exquisite selection of Palace Afternoon Tea options.



*Jade Room*

## UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCES

### Jade Terrace

The terrace is a spectacular venue for hosting private dinners as it offers breathtaking views of the city far below.

### Shahi Dastarkhan

Soldiers with mashals in their hands align the entrance to the romantic setting of the Chowki dinner (traditional low level seating.) In the distance, a troupe performs a symphony of Suf Qawalis. A six course traditional gourmet meal is served by the royal butlers followed by a tasting of favored hookahs.

*Theme can be arranged for groups.*

## Shikaar Ka Khaana

Throughout the centuries, the Nizams of Hyderabad were famed for their sumptuous feasts and their passion for food. Hunting had always been the foremost passion of the sixth Nizam.

These themes can be arranged in any of the gardens at the Palace.

## MEETING ROOMS AND BANQUET FACILITIES

Whether it is within the opulence of the banquet halls or out on the landscaped gardens, the scorpion – shaped palace makes for a sublime setting – perfect for an enchanting wedding, memorable reception or conference.

### Board Room

This room is adjacent to the Palace Library which is renowned for its invaluable collection of rare edition books. The board room has a wide array of precious artifacts and wood works which were imported from France. This room has been restored to a completely ambient hall for conducting business meetings and conferences with state of the art facilities. Adjacent to the board room is the breakaway room for unwinding between sessions.

### Durbar Hall

Complete with beautiful chandeliers, Parquet flooring and intricate wood work, the Durbar Hall is a venue for grand banquets.



*Durbar Hall*



*Marble Foyer*

### The 101 Dining Hall

The Dining Hall has the world's longest dining table, made in seven pieces which can seat 101 people at a time. Adding to its beauty are five enchanting Belgian Chandeliers adorning the ceiling. The dining hall has a collection of art restored to its original glory. An ideal place for sit down lunches and dinners for a distinguished gathering.



*101 Dining Hall*

## Rajasthani Garden

The beautiful traditions of Rajasthan come alive at these gardens at the palace. The garden showcases Rajputana architecture in the three magnificently constructed Jharokhas overlooking the city. An immaculately sculptured fountain further enhances the beauty of the garden. An ideal venue for hosting evening parties, receptions and cocktails, it accommodates about 100 guests.

## UNWINDING AT THE PALACE

### Palace Library

One of the grandest rooms in the Palace with a ceiling of ornate teak and rosewood coffers with superbly carved panels. With over 5900 books, it has a collection of very rare books.



*Palace Library*

### Hookah Room

With walls covered entirely with patterned embossed leather paneling and a rich mahogany finished timber paneled ceiling, this room showcases a original hookah from the Nizam's personal collection.

### Billiards Room

As the name suggests the room holds a billiards table which was specially made to order for the Nizam from Burroughes & Watts, London. The room has marvellous embossed camel leather chairs & upholstered sofas around the table with two handmade cabinets. Close by is the Card & Chess Room with leather etched walls. An ideal venue for exclusive cocktail receptions, the room exudes a charm of an era gone by.



*Billiards Room*

### Palace Historic Walk

Enjoy a leisurely walk through the Palace and admire the unique artifacts on display.

### Jiva Spa

Experience royal treatments and signature therapies at the luxurious Jiva Spa. The three exclusive treatment rooms at the Spa overlook cascading gardens and offer an ambience of tranquility and solitude.



*Jiva Spa*

## DESTINATION HYDERABAD

Situated on the banks of the Musi river, the 400 year old city of Hyderabad, which is now a burgeoning IT hub, was once governed by and home to the legendary Nizams of India. Steeped in its past of refined courtly life played out in elaborate palaces, it is a memorable place to visit. Explore the city's streets, grand monuments and architecture, and uncover its fascinating history.

### Charminar

Built in 1591 by Sultan Mohammad Quli Qutub Shah in the centre of the old city, Charminar is a magnificent landmark that draws thousands of tourists from across the world. The impressive monument, which is built upon four arches, gets



*Charminar*

its name from the slender minarets that rise above the granite edifice. The structure houses 45 prayer rooms and a mosque. And a bustling bazaar of myriad hues, sounds and sights surrounds it.

### Qutub Shahi Tombs

Planned and built by the Qutub Shahi rulers, this is a truly fascinating and unique site where an entire dynasty has been buried. One of the oldest historical monuments in Hyderabad, the Qutub Shahi Tombs combine Persian, Afghan and Indian architectural styles.

### Chowmahalla Palace

Built between 1857 and 1869 by the Nizams, Chowmahalla Palace eventually became the official residence of the Nizam. Comprising four palaces in Mughal and European styles, Chowmahalla Palace was also where all ceremonial functions



*Chowmahalla Palace*

including the accession of the Nizams and receptions for the Governor General were held.

### Golconda Fort

The origins of the famous Golconda fort can be traced back to the Yadava dynasty of Deogiri. Originally a mud fort, Golconda was rebuilt over 62 years, when it was passed to the Qutub Shahi rulers, who held it from 1518 to 1687. The fort is renowned for its acoustics, beautiful palaces, ingenious water supply system and the famous Fateh Rahben Topee, one of the cannons used in the last siege of Golconda by Aurangzeb, a Mughal ruler, to whom the fort ultimately fell.



*Golconda Fort*

### Mecca Masjid

The oldest and largest mosque in Hyderabad city, Mecca Masjid took 77 years to be completed. Built by approximately 8,000 workers, this marvellous structure with intricate detailing is over 300 years old. Close to 10,000 people can offer prayers here at one time.

### Salarjung Museum

Was built by Nawab Mir Yousuf Ali Khan Salar Jung III in 1951, and displays the private collection of Nawab Salarjung. The main attraction is the Veiled Rebecca Statue and the chiming clocks.

### Ramoji Film City

The world's largest integrated film studio complex, Ramoji Film City spreads across 2,000 acres and produces hundreds of films every year. 500 set locations, a multitude of gardens and more than 50 studio floors make this destination truly fascinating and unlike any other.

### Shopping Boulevards

Laad Bazaar, which is also known as Choodi Bazaar, is an old market, popular for lacquer (or laac) bangles, semi-precious stones, pearls, saris, brocade fabrics, traditional Khara dupattas and perfumes. While the old bazaars are where you'll find traditional handicrafts, Kalamkari art pieces and saris; the city's large shopping malls offer a truly international shopping experience.

### CONNECTIVITY

Taj Falaknuma Palace is a 20 minute drive from the airport, a 45 minute drive from the new city and around 10 minutes from Charminar. Hyderabad has an international airport at Shamshabad which has various international flights and is connected to all major cities of India such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata, Cochin, Goa, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Pune, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Jammu, Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur and Raipur etc...

### *Some of the suggested itinerary routings are:*

- Delhi–Agra–Jaipur–Hyderabad
- Delhi–Jaipur–Agra–Khajuraho–Varanasi–Hyderabad
- Delhi–Jaipur–Jodhpur–Udaipur–Mumbai–Hyderabad
- Hyderabad–Mumbai–Aurangabad
- Mumbai–Goa–Hyderabad
- Delhi – Madhya Pradesh (TajSafari Lodges) – Nagpur – Hyderabad
- Chennai – Pondicherry– Tanjore– Madurai– Munnar – Kumarakom – Cochin – Hyderabad
- Hyderabad–Kolkata–Bhutan
- Mumbai – Aurangabad – Mumbai – Hyderabad – Bhubaneswar – Puri – Kolkata

Taj Falaknuma Palace is a rare and befitting addition to the Taj's extraordinary collection of palace hotels, which include the Taj Lake Palace, Umaid Bhawan Palace and Rambagh Palace in Rajasthan, and the iconic The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai dating back to 1903.

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