



RANVAS AT NAGAUR





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Within the magnificent Ahhichatragarh Fort, also known as Nagaur Fort, lies the 18th century residences of the sixteen ranis of Maharaja Bakhat Singh of Jodhpur. Part of an ambitious 20 year plan to restore the Fort, they've been meticulously revived to offer elegant and inviting accommodation. Now one of the most well preserved queenly residences in India, Ranvas is a heritage property in the purest sense, giving its guests the chance to experience a living legacy and a regal residence from which to explore Ahhichatragarh.

During the 18th century, Bakhat Singh, the ruling maharaja of the time, sought to create a refuge from the external troubles of warfare and politics. The result was a pleasure palace which, still today, awakens the senses through its art and aesthetics - from the sound of fountains and peacocks to the sight of vivid fresco paintings and perfectly constructed geometric gardens.

Each of the ten refurbished havelis has been named after one of the ranis and has two or three bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and a private courtyard. The suites on the first floor open on to a private terrace. At present Ranvas comprises 27 rooms in total, a swimming pool and two charming restaurants.



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anvas is magical - a regal retreat as it was originally intended, sitting in stark contrast to its desert surroundings







*M*aharaja Bakhat Singh focused his creative sensibilities on making his palace a centre of luxurious splendour









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agaur represents the most successful combination of exterior and interior palace decorative styles in Rajasthan

WORLD SUFI SPIRIT FESTIVAL

The prestigious and historic sites of Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur and Ahhichatragarh Fort in Nagaur open their doors each year to an extraordinary and sacred musical experience. Lit by the sparkling incandescence of a thousand candles, magnificent, hereditary spiritual arts take you on a journey, showcasing the origins of inspiring and meaningful traditions from all around the world.

In dance, music and song, treasures of the Indian culture from Rajasthan to Kerala, nomadic poetry of the Silk Route from Kazakhstan to Afghanistan and Sufi rituals from Turkey and Egypt reveal themselves. The World Sufi Spirit Festival is an unforgettable experience in a truly magical setting.







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e are spirits in a material world. Join the World Sufi Spirit Festival and experience the magic” - Sting

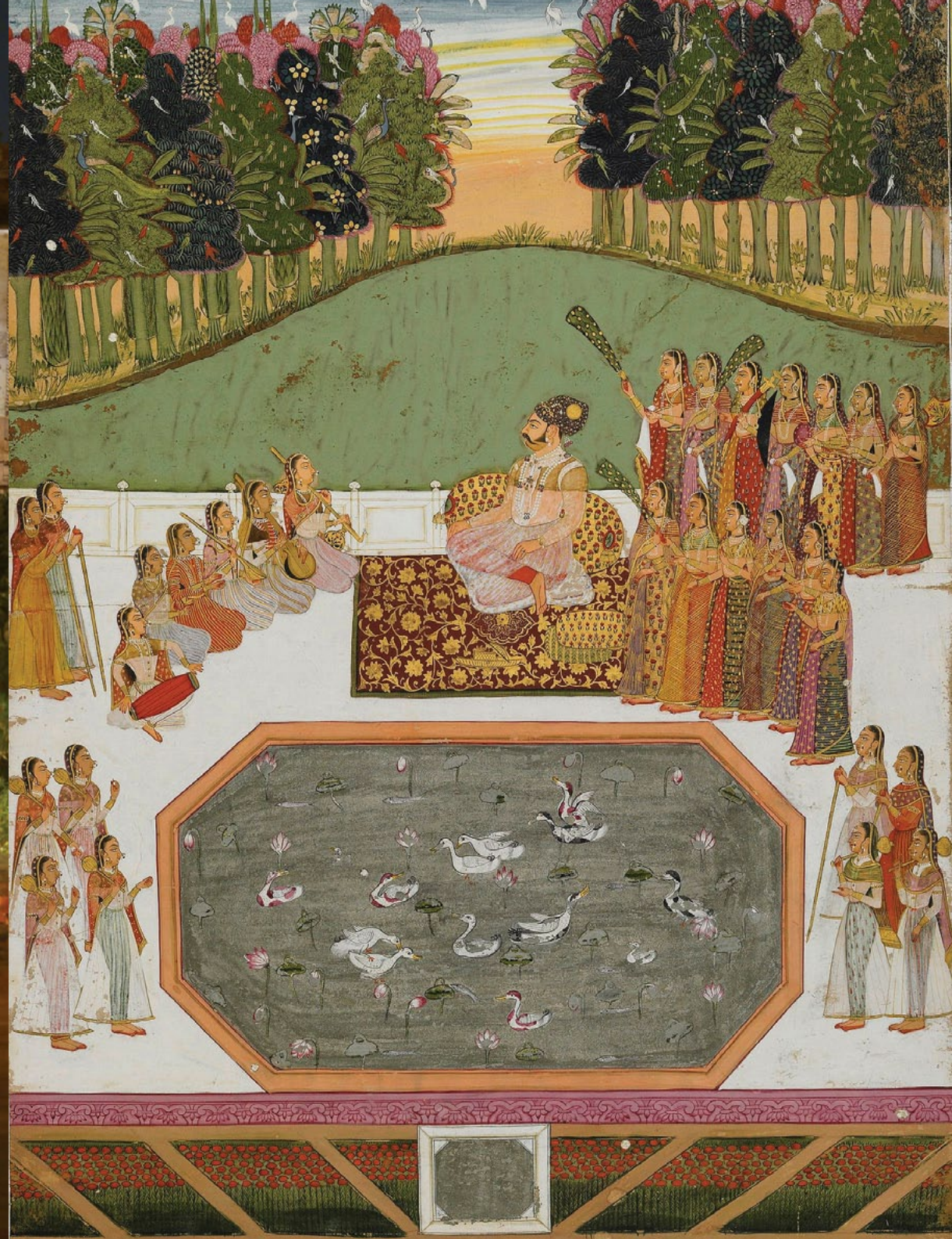


AHHICHATRAGARH FORT NAGOUR

Ahichatragarh Fort, meaning 'Fort of the Hooded Cobra', dates back to 4AD and has evolved through the passage of time as a fort and palace complex. One of the finest and most extensive examples of Rajput-Mughal architecture in the Marwar region, the Fort features a series of painted palaces, mosques, temples, intricate *baoris* (reservoirs), water systems, open terraces and Mughal pleasure gardens.

Having passed through several dynasties to the Mughals, Ahichatragarh came to the maharajas of Jodhpur in the 17th century, with whom it remains today. It has taken 20 years and the dedicated vision of His Highness Maharaja Gaj Singh II of Marwar – Jodhpur along with the Mehrangarh Museum Trust, the Getty Foundation USA and the Helen Hamlyn Trust to meticulously renovate and restore Ahichatragarh.

It is the recipient of a UNESCO award for pioneering new conservation standards by combining modern scientific techniques while upholding traditional building methods.



STAYING AT RANVAS

ACCOMODATION

There are 27 rooms spread through 10 havelis. Each haveli has two or three bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and a private courtyard.

DINING

Enjoy Mughal Sufi cuisine inspired by the ranis' kitchens and an à la carte menu served at the indoor restaurant. The many pillared outdoor Bardari is the all day dining pavilion and serves both Indian and world cuisine. The indoor restaurant also functions as a conference room.

LEISURE

Relax by the swimming pool or in the lounge. Guided tours of the museum, palaces and halls in the Ahhichitaragarh Fort reveal a fascinating history and art heritage, having been expertly restored. Visit nearby temples, walk on the ramparts or stroll around the gardens. Excursions to Nagaur town and the surrounding desert by camel, horse-back or car include sampling crafts at the local bazaar.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The annual Nagaur Cattle Fair in January/February is a photographer's delight. Each year, the Sufi Spirit Music Festival is a magnificent fusion of cultural heritage and spiritual fervour. Weddings, anniversaries, milestones and other events can be specially arranged in the magical spaces at Ranvas.

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GETTING TO RANVAS

LOCATION & TRANSPORT

Ranvas lies within Nagaur Fort in the town of Nagaur in central Rajasthan.

It is well connected by road and railway networks. Flights into Jodhpur operate daily from Delhi and Mumbai.

DISTANCES BY ROAD

Jaipur – Nagaur 201km (5 hour drive)

Jaisalmer – Nagaur 316km (5.5 hour drive)

Bikaner – Nagaur 92km (2 hour drive)

Jodhpur – Nagaur 101km (2 hour drive)

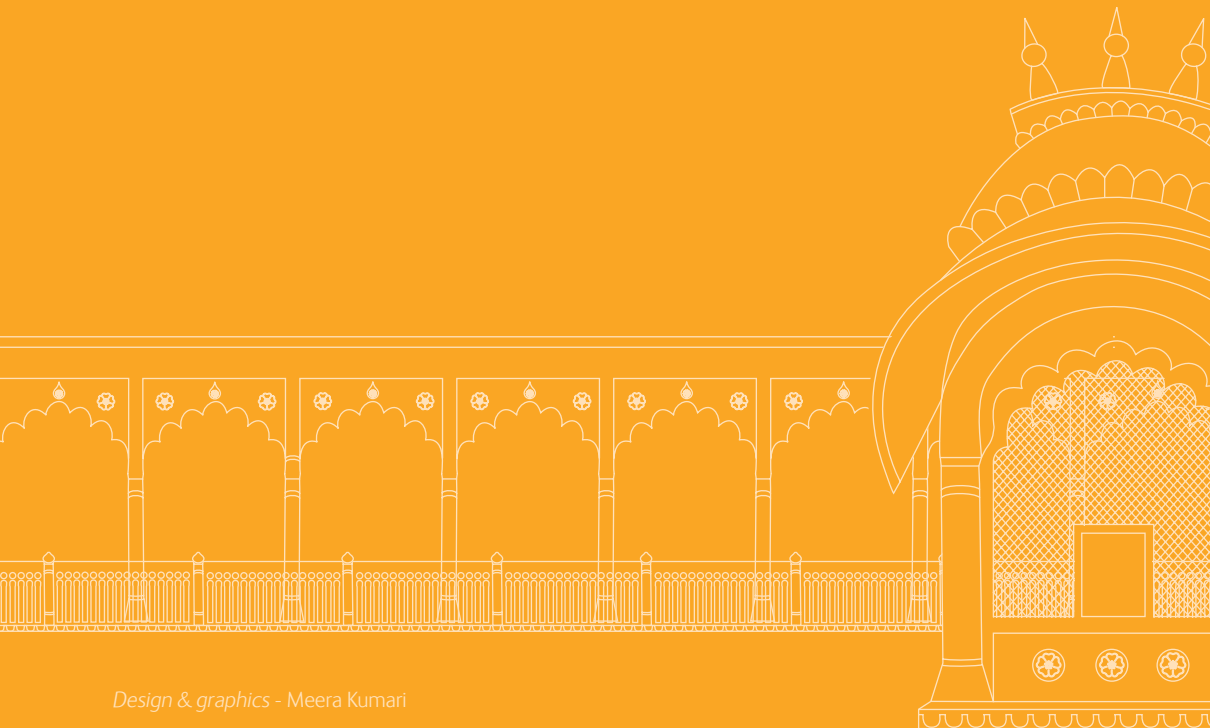
Udaipur - Nagaur 460km (10.5 hour drive)



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