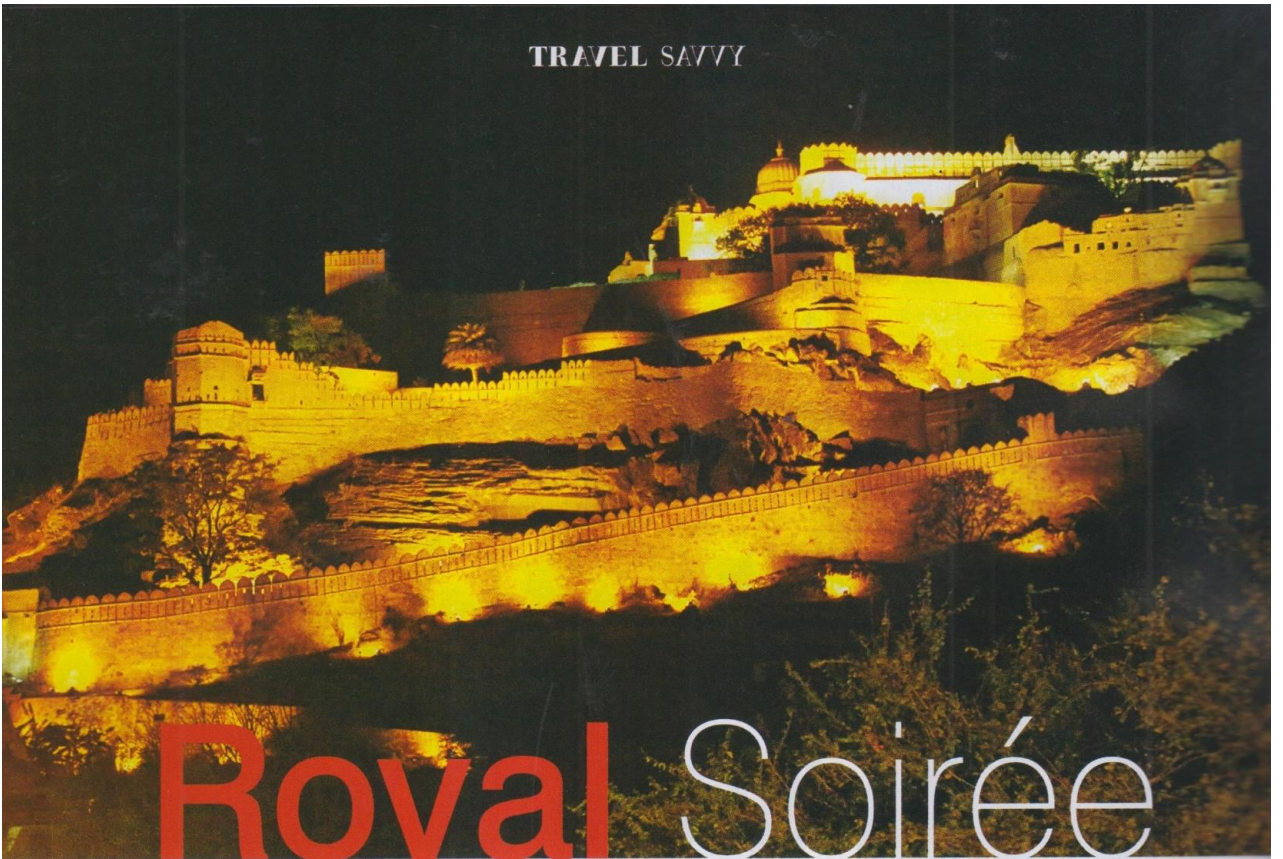


TRAVEL SAVVY



# Royal Soirée

Riddhi Vyas enjoys the luxe life at Club Mahindra - Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan.

**A land of** mystery and majesty, Rajasthan has much to offer and I for one was extremely excited when I learnt that I would be visiting courtesy Club Mahindra. My journey started off with a quick flight to Udaipur where I was treated to a delicious meal before speeding off to my destination, the Kumbhalgarh resort, where a very warm, traditional welcome awaited me.

## LUXE LIVING

Surrounded by the hills, the resort is a world apart from the bustling city. It exudes a combination of royal elegance and luxurious family living, based on the palaces of old; creating a soothing and relaxing ambience. My room was super luxurious and came with a gorgeous hillside view.

A panoramic view of the resort



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Ranakpur Jain Temple

#### DELICIOUS DELICACIES

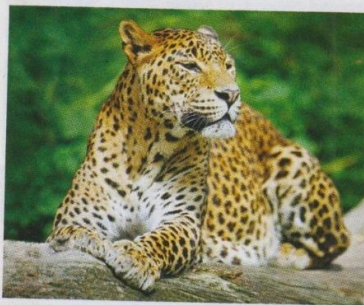
During my stay, each day started off with a heavy breakfast which was both scrumptious and nutritious. All the meals on offer were simply delicious but the traditional meal featuring Rajasthani classics like *dal baati-churma*, *pithode*, *khersanghri*, *laapsi*, *laal mass* and many more stole the show.

#### ROYAL TRAIL

One of the first stops I made while exploring the region was a catfish pond. This was the first time I had seen something like this and was excited to see hundreds of fish swimming in the pond, showing off their shiny scales. I then moved on to the Ranakpur Jain Temple built by King Dharma Shah in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century in honour of the Jain God Tirthankara Adinatha. I also visited Bheed Ka Bidla, a village adopted by Club Mahindra whereby they provide education, funds and other necessities to help the village prosper.

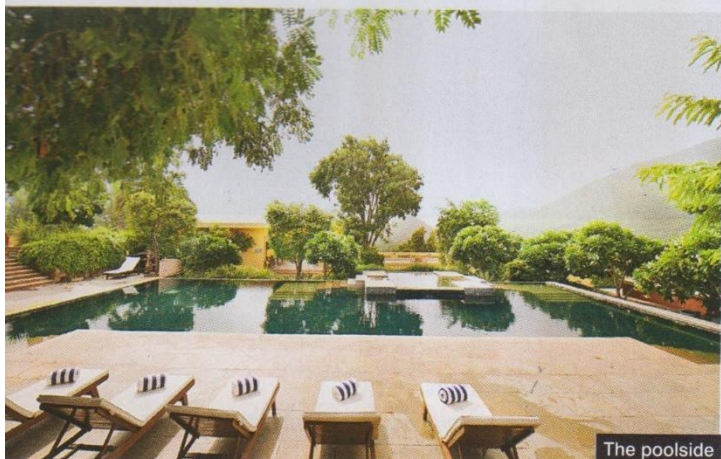
The highlight, of course, was visiting the Kumbhalgarh Fort which has been declared as a UNESCO world

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Gazebo - open air restaurant



The poolside



Jeeman restaurant

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heritage site. Built by Rana Kumbha in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, it is also known as Ajaydurg as it is the only fort which was never conquered. The birthplace of historic icon Maharana Pratap, the fort continues to highlight the elegance of the Mewar kingdom. A real treat was the light and sound show that followed, retelling the history of the fort in a breathtaking spectacle!

#### WILD RIDE

A trip to the wildlife sanctuary was something I was both excited and scared about. Exploring the forest from an open gypsy was an amazing experience. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the peacocks, peahens, deer, kingfishers and chimpanzees. Alas! The tigers and leopards remained elusive.

#### DOWN TIME

The resort itself offers a number of ways to relax and unwind. I indulged in a rejuvenating head and foot massage and also participated in a Zumba session. The resort also has a sports clubhouse, gymnasium and swimming pool. They also conduct activities like a pottery class and organize cultural events.

#### CITY SIDE

I spent a delightful day in the bustling city of Udaipur. A little sightseeing, some shopping and a fun segway ride later, it was back to the resort and time to pack up and bid *adieu* to this majestic land. My trip to Kumbhalgarh was definitely an adventure, one that I'm not going to forget anytime soon.

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*The writer was on invitation from Club Mahindra – Kumbhalgarh.*