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THE ROOMS

When it comes to space, Aman New Delhi has it covered. In a country boasting one billion people Aman serves up seriously spacious guest rooms with walk-in wardrobes, open-plan lounge, office and bedroom, balcony and dream plunge pools with suspended day lounges begging for some loving. Why would anyone leave?





AMAN NEW DELHI

The manic chaos of Delhi has a new respite in the tranquil retreat that is Aman, New Delhi. This 67room boutique hotel is officially the city's finest since opening its doors in April 2009.

More urban resort than business hotel, the Aman has managed to combine the trademark streamlined Aman design with details that promote immediate relaxation from the luscious poolside day spa to the individual plunge pools found in every room. Add Indian Moghul touches of lattice work, columned corridors, onion arches and even a Santoor player to create the soundtrack to your retreat.

TASTE TEMPTATIONS

Spanish food served in India? Only Aman could get away with it. The basement tapas bar with leather and tiling and live music on weekends has the locals talking while the fine dining at Lodhi Restaurant overlooks the reflection pond and comes complete with silver ceiling. Try the Naoki counter for a kaiseki-style French Japanese lunch prepared in front of you.



GETTING THERE

Thai Airways International flies from major Australian cities to New Delhi via Bangkok. THAI's Royal Silk Class, Business class, offers two by two capsule-style seating. Check the website for regular Royal Silk companion deals www.thaiairways.com.au or phone 1300 651 960. Online travel booking agency, Zuji offers THAI flights with no booking fees. www.zuji.com.au

VENTURING OUT

If you must leave these hallowed halls then take an Aman experience tour. These personalised Delhi experiences range from a two-hour private yoga class in the nearby ancient Lodhi Gardens with picnic breakfast to archeological walking tours of the city's treasures, or explore Old Delhi by rickshaw. You name it and it will be done.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.amanresorts.com www.incredibleindia.org

COUPLES WILL LOVE

Everything. From the plunge pool hidden behind Jaliscreens that let the Indian dusk shine through to complimentary butler service for your every whim. The spa features heavenly couples' therapy rooms, there's a tennis court, squash courts, a 24-hour gym and even a pilates studio if you are so inclined. The hotel's fleet of classic Indian Ambassador vehicles with beige leather interiors and charming drivers are just bubbles of serenity made for romantic sojourns through hectic city streets.



