Steeped in royal history, this is one palace that you must visit if you are planning to visit Jaipur. The SUJÁN Rajmahal Palace, poised to open its regal gates to the guest in November 2014 has two years of history written on its beautiful walls.

Originally built in 1729 by the Maharaja of Jaipur, it became the official residence of the British Resident Political officer of the Rajputana in 1821 and in 1958 the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II — popularly known as ‘Jai’ — chose it as his private residence. Over the decades this remarkable ‘Grande Dame’ has hosted Her Majesty the Queen & the Duke of Edinburgh along with several other members of the British Royal Family. Celebrated personalities such as Jackie Kennedy, Lord & Lady Mountbatten and many of the international ‘jet set’ have been part of the history of the Palace.

SUJÁN will reopen the Palace completely redesigned and refurbished by the highly acclaimed designer Adil Ahmad, specially commissioned for the task by The Royal Family of Jaipur. Adil has been inspired by The City Palace, the inner sanctum and current residence of the Jaipur Royals. The design elements include the use of traditional royal motifs, family crests, sensuous fabric and old world art pieces. The classic architecture and modern sensibility of the designer has shown results in a myriad of colours, soft poetic pastels, blues, greens and pinks in his eclectic and dominating style sense.

The Rajmahal Palace will retain its original stunning marble staircase, intricate chandeliers and mirrored ceilings. It will open with 20 suites and rooms, two distinct restaurants, a bar, swimming pool as well as a SUJÁN Spa in its first phase.

The Princess Diya Kumari of the Jaipur Royal Family said during the announcement of the opening: “I am confident that SUJÁN will ensure that this precious piece of Jaipur’s history will be valued and shared with guests from across the globe.”

A happy and a proud Jaisal Singh of SUJÁN commented: “This is a milestone for SUJÁN. We are honoured and will ensure that Rajmahal is revived and once again celebrated, in the true spirit of royal Rajputana.”

SUJÁN Rajmahal Palace will be the latest addition to SUJÁN’s existing properties, including the recently opened JAWAI Leopard Camp, Sher Bagh, Ranthambore and The Serai—a luxury desert camp in Jaisalmer, both members of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux, and Singinawa Jungle Lodge, Kanha. Their first property overseas, Elephant Pepper Camp in the Masai Mara is one of the few camps in Kenya to have received the Gold Eco-rating certification by Ecotourism Kenya.

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