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ON THE ROAD

WHERE TO SLEEP LIKE A KING IN 2019

Common or garden not doing it for you? Book these royal retreats now

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In the past, people were born royal. Nowadays, royalty comes from what you do,” said the late, great Mr Gianni Versace. As ever, he was on to something. Now, a handful of industrious hoteliers and hospitality groups are preserving and reopening some new and former noble abodes for the enjoyment of us commoners – albeit at a price. So, while most of us can’t live like a royal on a daily basis, at least we can holiday like one. The regal roll call reads thus.

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The Maharaja's Suite at the Suján Rajmahal Palace. Photograph courtesy of Suján Luxury

Suján Rajmahal Palace, Jaipur, India

Modern maximalists will delight in the more-is-more, candy-eyed mood of the Pink City’s Rajmahal Palace. Exquisitely refurbished and redesigned by society interior designer and friend to the royals Mr Adil Ahmed, every inch of this city retreat is [Instagram](#)-worthy. With only 14 lavishly appointed rooms, this former royal pleasure garden is also as exclusive as it gets. The current heir to the throne, the dashing 20-year-old Maharaja Padmanabh Singh, still stays there from time to time, entertaining his polo-playing friends in the palace’s expansive apartments.

Take tea... in the extraordinary 51 Shades Of Pink breakfast room, which takes its inspiration from a 1952 *Vogue* cover by Mr Norman Parkinson. Around the corner you can tickle the ivories of the white marble piano, a gift from the Queen (our queen, Elizabeth II), who stayed at the palace during her Indian tour in 1961.

Pass the time... If you’d like to take a piece of the palace home with you (no, not the [bathrobe](#)), be sure to swing by Good Earth boutique next door, where you’ll find a tasteful and affordable edit of Jaipur interior crafts, from pop-coloured Suzani cushions and embroidered quilts to boldly patterned crockery and sweet-smelling Ayurveda oils.