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Jaipur, India: The Sujan Rajmahal Palace hotel is anything but minimalist

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SHARE Minimalists need not apply – there's nothing restrained about the newly-opened Sujan Rajmahal Palace in India's "Pink City" of Jaipur, Rajasthan. The decor matches its big and colourful history.



The hotel, which opened on February 10, dates back to 1729 when it was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh as a private palace for his wife. It's since been the residence of the British Resident political officer, the home of His Highness Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II and hosted jet set guests such as Queen Elizabeth, Jackie Kennedy, and Lord and Lady Mountbatten courtesy of its glamorous and legendary lady of the house, Gayatri Devi, wife of the Maharaja and a political powerhouse. She died in 2009.

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Now, after meticulous restoration, it's the first hotel from Sujan, a luxury safari camp specialist. The property, close to Rambagh Palace in the old part of Jaipur, offers 14 suites (double that will be offered by the end of the year). Decorated – and then some – by interior designer Adil Ahmad, of Charbagh GoodEarth, (she's in hot demand with Indian royalty), it maintains hints of Art Deco, courtesy of a 1930s remodelling. But the entirety of the Rajmahal's glorious past is present and celebrated in its glittering style.

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There currently 14 suites on offer at the hotel.

The property has two restaurants, a pool and a spa. From around \$330 before tax, including breakfast at introductory rates that apply until April 15. Book through Banyan Tours. See banyantours.com. Email shonali@banyantours.com. See sujanluxury.com.