



THE ROYAL GANGAUR
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HISTORY OF THE
‘ROYAL GANGUAR’

Steeped in history, the Gangaur is your chance to relive royal history dating back 150 years.

This huge colourful boat once belonged to the Maharana of Udaipur and was used by him and his Maharani to watch the Gangaur festival. Gangaur (Gauri) is an incarnation of Goddess Parvathi, consort of Lord Shiva. A popular festival in Rajasthan, it is believed that during this period Parvati returned to her parental home to bless her friends with marital bliss. She is worshipped by married women, who, just as in Karva Chauth, fast and pray for the longevity of their husbands and unmarried girls for a suitable partner. On the last day women dressed in their finery – traditional Rajasthan costumes and jewellery — take out a procession in Rajasthan's cities. In Udaipur, a colourful procession on Lake Pichola, with music and dance, ends with fireworks on the banks of the lake. The rulers of the day watched this festival from their royal boat, as the best of delicacies were served to them.

There were two Gangaur boats belonging to the Maharana, but over the years ended up being rather dilapidated. Word has it that during the shooting of the James Bond film *Octopussy*, a British naval expert salvaged parts from both to make one workable Gangaur.



A LEGACY OF LUXURY

A truly memorable experience on the historic Gangaur, the 150-year old boat used by the erstwhile Maharanas

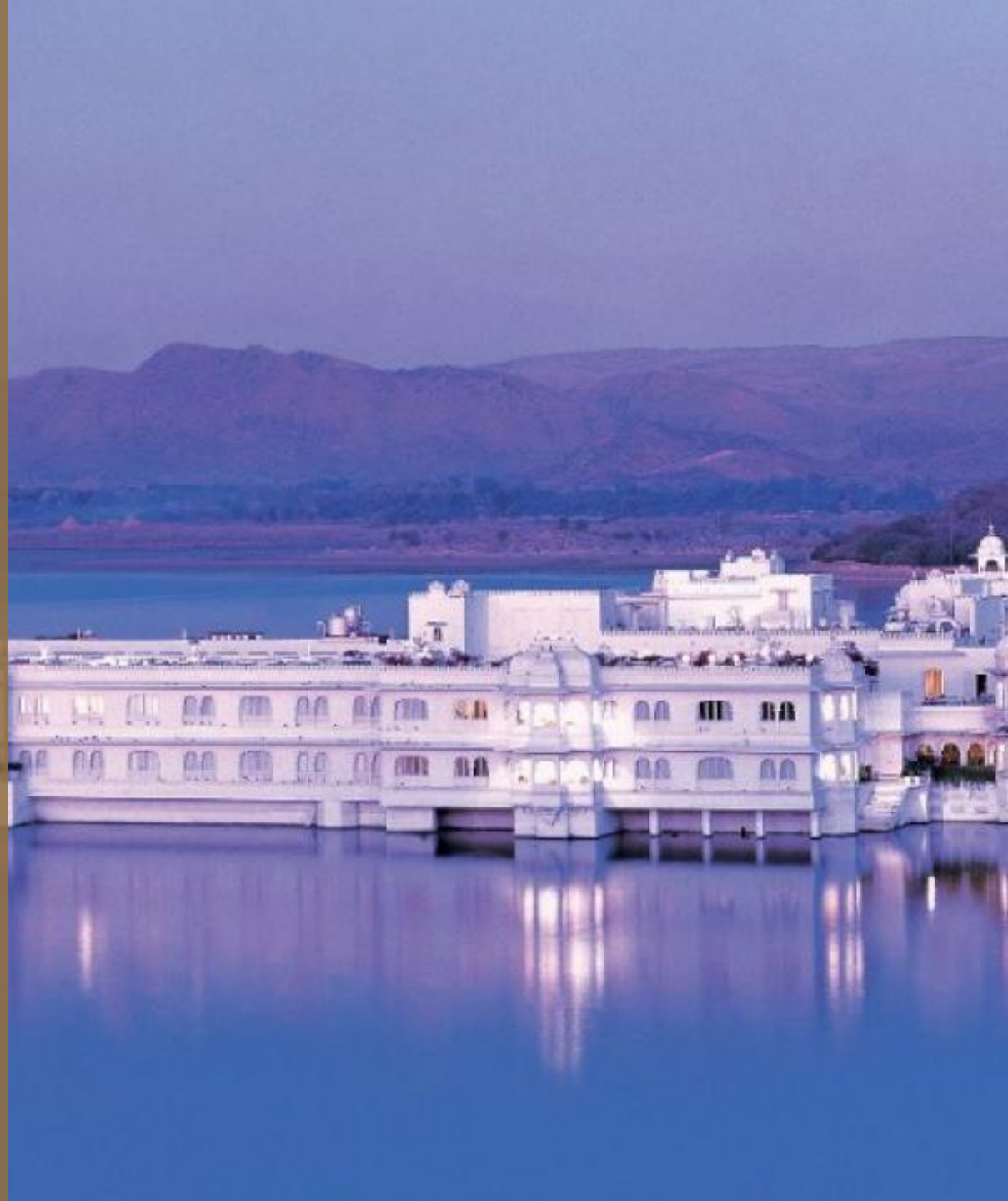


THE ROYAL

‘EXPERIENCE’

A starlit night, shimmering, cool waters of a huge lake surrounded on all sides by historical palaces lit seductively, send their shadows dancing in the waters of the lake and weave a magic spell around you, in a 150-year-old royal barge rowed by six men.

During the two-hour cruise on the lake, guests onboard the only-candlelit boat, are treated to special dance performances at Jag Niwas. As the dance is on, the Gangaur, and its rowers take a break. A group of 14 guests can enjoy dinner on the boat, while up to 30 guests can be served cocktails on board.





THE CULINARY

‘EXTRAVAGANZA’

Rajasthan is world-famous for its delicious cuisine.

Murg ke sooley, paneer tikka, Gosht Daliye ka Shorba, Mathania Lal Murg (made with Rajasthan's famous Mathania red chillies), Gatte ki Curry, Palak Chilgoza made with pinenuts, and the piece de resistance of the evening – Purdah Raan. A signature Rajasthan delicacy, the Purdah Raan is not on the menu at the Lake Palace but is served on special occasions. A whole leg of lamb is marinated for 8-10 hours, placed in a metal pot, sealed, and cooked on low charcoal fire. When the meat is almost done, the lamb is covered with a layer of flour dough —hence the *purdah* in its name! — and baked.

No meal is complete without a sweet finish! From Badam ka halwa made with crushed almonds to mouth-wateringly hot and crunchy jalebis, this is a meal that you wish doesn't end.





MUSIC ARCHITECTURE

One of the key sensory ingredients which make for a magical experience



AN OCCASION TO REMEMBER

From proposal to professional milestones, anniversaries to wondrous celebrations, there is something for everyone

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UNFORGETTABLE

‘occasions’

BLISSFUL UNIONS

Every love story has a great beginning. And every marriage has a wonderful story to tell. A wedding proposal is exalted as amongst the most special moments in a couple's life, with anticipation and excitement taking up much of the occasion. But every girl who wants a fairytale wedding, also wants a picture-perfect proposal.

The Royal Gangaur is a barge full of romance, set afloat on Lake Pichaula and steeped in the romance of a regal era. Fully lit up by candles, and a resplendent sunset to illuminate your experience, the Taj Lake Palace Gangaur offers royal treatment with the much-needed privacy for the perfectly planned proposal. Make her feel like a queen from the very beginning.





CORPORATE COCKTAILS

After day-long meetings and discussions, give your delegation a regal evening onboard The Royal Gangaur. Have a sit-down dinner for 14 or host a plush cocktail soiree for 30 as you sail into a night of indulgence. From special dance performances at Jag Niwas to the choicest of hors d'oeuvres to suit all palates, The Royal Gangaur is the perfect place to unwind after a hard day at work.



CHEF'S TABLE

A Chef's Table combines two of the greatest luxuries in life: food and finesse. Foodies from around the world can soak in some of the most exquisite food in the company of Taj Lake Palace's executive chef. Reserve a spot for this culinary cruise that customises the meal to your preferences while showcasing the best that Rajasthan can offer. From Murg ke sooley, Gosht Daliye ka Shorba, Mathania Lal Murg to Gatte ki Curry and Palak Chilgoza among others, the Chef's Table makes dining a whole different experience.



ANNIVERSARIES & MILESTONES

Personal milestones like birthdays and anniversaries are not just a reminder of time that's gone by but a celebration of how well that time has been spent. The immortal Royal Gangaur, where time comes to a standstill, is the most indulgent venue of personal celebrations you can find. With a starry sky and candle lights illuminating the barge, this watch the sun set and the soak in some time alone, away from the vagaries of life. The Royal Gangaur recognises that all the riches apart; time, love and togetherness are the most priceless luxuries we can celebrate.



FAMILY REUNIONS

A family that sails together, stays together. Or so the belief goes onboard Taj Lake Palace Gangaur. Take time off to spend with your family and plan a reunion at Lake Pichola on the majestic Gangaur. With bespoke menus and free-flowing cocktails, entertainment by the shore and a candle-lit ambience, the Gangaur is a spacious, yet intimate venue to catch up on family tales.

HERITAGE LOVERS

For those who love the romance of history and legacy, there's nothing more definitive than an evening onboard the Royal Gangaur. Over 150 years ago, the Maharana and Maharani of Udaipur, would watch the festivities of the colourful procession of the Gangaur festival on Lake Pichola from the regal comforts of a barge.

Decked to perfection for royalty, this barge is today restored into a timeless mode of history and culinary extravagance. Plan a date with history.





ROYAL RESIDENTS

While resident guests have an array of restaurants and lounges to choose from at the Taj Lake Palace, living like royalty in Udaipur is not complete without a special dining experience onboard The Royal Gangaur. Warmly lit with candles, sitting in a historic boat that's been rowed by six men and watching the flickering lights of the city in the coastline add to an experience that is already rich with culinary magic and inimitable history.



ONCE IN A
‘LIFETIME’



EXCLUSIVE & UNPARALLELED

An experience on The Royal Gangaur by Taj is a once in a lifetime opportunity to enjoy luxuries which were once only privy to royalty.



THE ROYAL GANGAUR

‘Resounding Success’



Objective Measures (NPS & Revenue)

The Net Promoter Score for Taj Lake Palace is consistently in the 90s YOY, the Royal Gangaur being one of the signature experiences of the palace plays a significant role in helping the palace to achieve such high Guest Engagement Scores.

The Royal Gangaur Experience is sold for an average of \$2000 which is a testimony to the financial success of the experience.

Guest Comments concerning the Royal Gangaur



Fabulous!

Loved everything about this hotel!!! We were made to feel special from the moment we arrived with rose petals raining down upon us! The staff were amazing, warm, friendly and helpful, the location spectacular, the rooms simply gorgeous with incredible views! We absolutely loved it here and wished we could have spent more time at the hotel enjoying the facilities and atmosphere. Dinner and an evening on The Royal Historic Boat **Gangaur** was a memory never to be forgotten.....what a wonderful romantic experience!



The most romantic place

Lake palace ,udaipur , is one of the most romantic getaway I have been to . The taj hospitality makes the whole experience out of the world . They make you feel like a royal guest . This heritage property is very well maintained and the staff is very courteous . Really liked the private dinner at **Gangaur**(Boat) . Highly recommended

The highlight was an evening on the Maharajahs boat The **Gangaur**. Not cheap but a breathtaking experience. Cost is 60,000INR fpr up to 8 people, good value for 2 if you are lucky enough to afford it, but outstanding value for 8. It is worth canvassing other guests to do it as you get a cheaper mind blowing night!!!! You start with champagne, great canapes and the lake to yourselves with 6 oars man rowing. If you want a surprise like us dont read on. You pass a ruined colonad under City Palace, and BOING!!! music starts and 4 dancers appear for your personall dance show. On a cruise of the lake fireworks started and I thought it was a bollywood wedding, but No, It was just for us!!!! We then had dinner on the deck with our own chef, waiters and musicians. Need I go on? I had handpicked the menu with their executive chef that morning over a 30min consultation. Their foie gras done sauteed and chilled was an outstanding duo, and they specially made a seafood bisque with cognac and caviar!!! My partner had her favourit Rhubarb Crumble another special. The Place oposite was done up for a wedding and we had an outstanding light show with lasers over the lake. That was just lucky!! The entire evening including champagne, 3 hours on the boat, michelin star standard dinner and a totla of 22 people helping just you 1000pounds for 2 for a lifetime memmorry. only 150 pounds each if you can



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