

Here time stands still, elsewhere it would have flown by... Far away from the hustle and bustle of the large Hindu cities and the tourist trail, the hotel complex of Chhatra Sagar invites you to relive the splendours of the life of the Maharajas from days gone by. An oasis of tranquillity in a little corner of paradise where nature still rules supreme.

It could only be here and nowhere else...

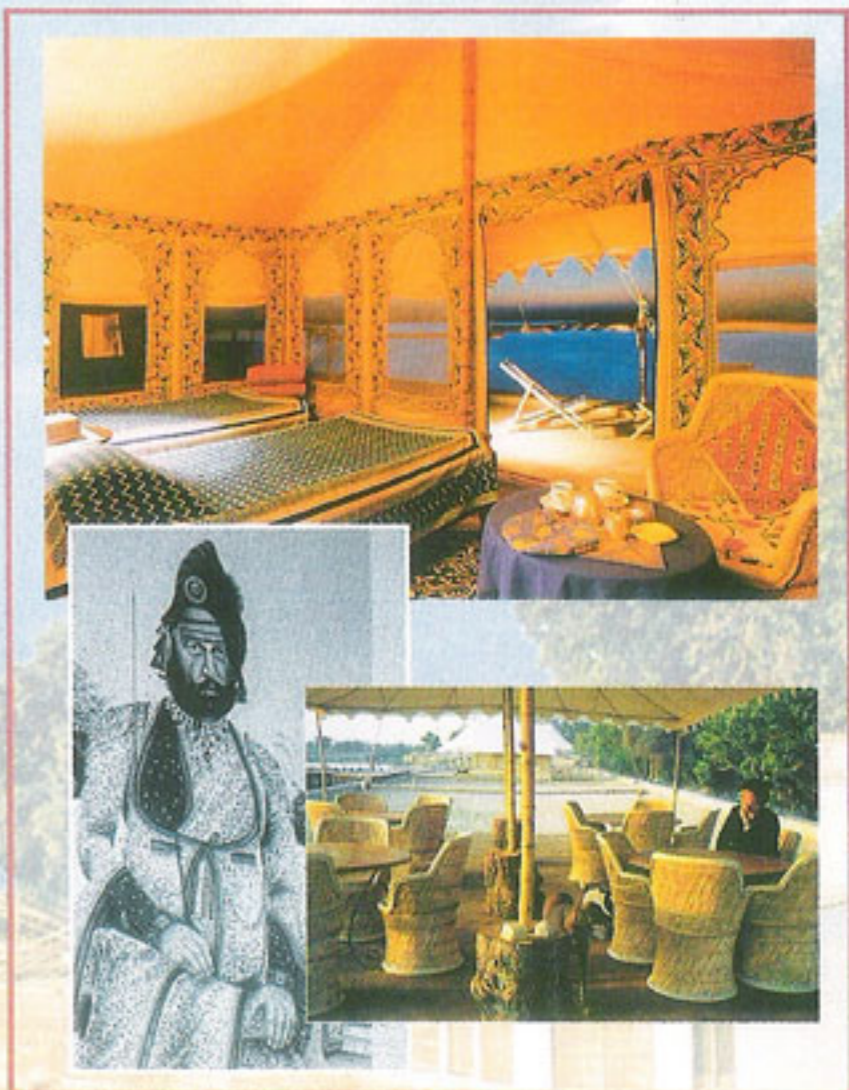
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It's neither a fairy-tale palace, nor an impregnable fortress imbued with legends of love and bravery but six sumptuous tents facing a lake bordered by green hills in the heart of Rajasthan.

Back in 1891, preferring to invest in the future rather than spend extravagant sums of money to guarantee only his own personal well-being, the lord of the small village of Nimaj dammed the neighbouring river in order to create a natural water reserve which is still incredibly precious today in the face of terrible periods of drought. Rocked to the rhythm of two harvests a year, the raising of livestock and small-scale craft industry, life in these places seems protected from the torments of poverty. Migrating birds have also discovered this paradise: ducks, pelicans and cranes frolic in the waters of the lake while parrots, eagle owls and hummingbirds dance in the blue vastness of the sky.

Today, to all those who might question the need for a hotel in this idyllic environment, one can only reply that it's in perfect keeping with the philosophy of the current owners' great-grandfather: investing in the future. There is no question, however, of hordes of tourists spoiling

the tranquillity of the site which opened last October: Chhatra Sagar aims to be resolutely intimate. There are six royal tents accommodating two people each in which the efficiency of the service is only equalled by its discretion. The interiors harmoniously combine period decor with modern comforts. During the day, give yourself up to the silence that only birdsong and the lapping of the water dare to break. And if you feel like being more energetic? The owner of the premises will take you in his jeep to discover the surrounding wildlife. And in the evening, around the open fire, the most demanding gourmets will be seduced by the excellence of the meal concocted with local products cultivated in the traditional organic way. It is all simply quite charming. A highly recommended experience quite unlike any other!



| Distances from Chhatra Sagar | | | |
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| Ajmer | 95 Km | Jodhpur | 110 Km |
| Jaipur | 230 Km | Udaipur | 260 Km |

