

Ilbert Manor – Fusion of Past & Pleasant



By AASTHA MUSSOORIE, 23 Dec: Ever wondered what one goes on a holiday for? Certainly not to be in a place full of people, pollution, noise and commercialisation! One holiday to relax and get pampered.

What would be a better way of right holidaying than living in a quiet, rejuvenating and exquisite hotel in Mussoorie? The royal pampering does not end here, but begins!

Welcomed by the warm and eager to help staff at the parking, you proceed to the hotel on a horse!

The five minute

complimentary traditional horse ride till your destination from the car park is a thrilling start to the holiday. It is the first such service begun by any hotel in Mussoorie and is creating a lot of buzz.

This is how you reach the heritage boutique hotel, Ilbert Manor. Ilbert Manor has earned a deserved reputation for personalised hospitality, which is hard to find these days. The hotel is a 180 year old building that was first constructed by one Sir Ilbert. Currently, it is owned by the Pasricha family, who has only recently got the place renovated to upgrade its facilities without losing its essence.

Ilbert Manor has a rustic touch with managers not dressed in the boring corporate like formals or exchanging the usual fake pleasantries. The staff, instead, is genuinely polite and makes the visit complete.

Ilbert Manor has suites as well as cottages that are the cherry on the cake! What makes the hotel even more special are services like a baby sitter, home theatre, availability of mountain bikes, splendid royal rooms and wow hospitality. The breathtaking view of the Himalayas from the hotel rooms is a great inspiration and canvas for photographers. The hotel rooms have been named

to reflect the original history, capturing the nostalgia of pioneers who promoted the magical hills of Mussoorie, such as Rudyard Kipling, General Frederick Young and Jim Corbett.

“Ilbert Manor, since its inception, has changed hands from the British aristocracy to the British Army, Indian royalty and, now, the present Pasricha family. But what has carried on is its royal feel and look, which is why guests love to return here. We have guests from all over the country as well as abroad. We are now planning to host a food festival in the month of January, which will be open for all,”

shares Manager Gulraj Singh.

What makes the stay even more pleasant is the personal touch provided by the owner, Devika Pasricha, who has a keen eye for detail and ensures every guest feels at home and well looked after. She is feedback savvy and leaves no stone unturned to deliver what is expected.

The guests at the hotel specially love the teak flooring, backdrop of snowy hilltops visible through the windows, home-style cooking and the peace one feels on being there.

Ilbert Manor is a temptation one certainly cannot resist!

