

A Divine Resort with a Spectacular Backdrop

THE PAVILION HIMALAYAS

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO STAY IN NEPAL? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE PAVILION HIMALAYAS, A TRULY ECO-SENSITIVE LUXURY BOUTIQUE RESORT, NESTLED IN THE NATURAL PARADISE OF A LUSHLY FORESTED VALLEY AND SET AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF A MAJESTIC HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN RANGE.

After more than ten days of moving around cities and many days of trekking, I was in desperate need of a beautiful slow pace hotel, a place to relax and enjoy my own company. I was fortunate to find such a place, The Pavilion Himalayas, where I stayed for the last few days of my holiday.

The resort sits in a serene valley setting alongside a meandering river near the picturesque Lake Phewa. The Pavilion Himalayas offers a total of fifteen well-appointed luxury villas including six Pavilions "Classic," five Pavilions "Grand," three Pavilions "Chalet" and a three bedroom Family

Cottage. The villas are set in rich farmland, organically cultivated in the age-old Nepalese way, each villa having its own private view looking out towards a tranquil natural landscape. The Family Cottage is unique and an interesting option as it is set in the village a five-minute walk from the main resort. Here you can enjoy a taste of rural life but with all the comforts of modern living such as WI-Fi, a fully equipped kitchen and with your own personal butler to do the cooking.

I stayed in a Pavilions "Grand" Villa. It was spacious and super clean, equipped with mini kitchen area, a fully stocked and reasonably priced minibar, a bathroom of international yet tropical design complete with a bathtub and a standard toilet and a terrace overlooking the lush garden. The view from the villa was mesmerising looking out over the top of the Peace Pagoda to the snow-covered mountains of South Annapurna in the distance.

I took an "Après Trek" massage at the Spa Svasta. It was exactly what I needed to ease away the aches and pains of several very rewarding days of trekking. The Spa uses Nepali massage techniques, I believe, and left me with that wonderful relaxed



feeling of contentment you get after satisfying exercise. The spa provides several pampering treatments using custom-made signature spa products, all crafted to give you a renewed feeling of peace and wellbeing.

I spent my full two days at the resort doing nothing but eating delicious Nepalese cuisine near the pool overlooking the restaurant, which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. The vegetables used in the restaurant are always fresh as all the produce is grown onsite without the use of pesticides but with the addition of a little time, love and care which really does make all the difference. Nepalese Cooking Classes are available where you can experience life on the farm, you can collect your own produce and you can learn how to make the most of the flavours and nutritional value.

For a luxurious treat in the midst of such rural tranquillity, the resort serves Champagne Breakfasts with an awe-inspiring backdrop of the majestic splendour of sunrise over the Himalayas.

These are the sort of special moments that stay with you for the rest of your life.



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