

Press Release

ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY INDIA

Things we can do for you:

- Arrange reader offers and giveaways
- Suggest ideas for features and compile them
- Supply competition prizes

Coming soon:

- One Planet Living
early June
- Green Places to Stay
edition 1 – 28th September
- British Bed & Breakfast
edition 11 – 28th September



Embarking on a trip to India merits some serious research – getting there, travelling around, where to visit, where not to visit, when to go, and as India is so vast and varied, it ain't easy. Where to stay is thankfully far less problematic with our guide, *Special Places to Stay India*: chic boutique hotels, palaces, tasteful resorts, beach houses and even a cruiser making her stately progress up river.

- Heading for Kolkata? Try the new age glamour at a wild and funky city hotel or cling resolutely to the past at the Fairlawn where Heinz ketchup graces the tables and white-gloved waiters dance attendance at dinner
- Camp in high style nearly 3,000 metres up in the Sangla Valley, reputed to be the most beautiful in the India Himalaya
- A shimmering white liner of a hotel floats on a Rajasthan lake setting as seen in the film *Octopussy*
- An atmospherically ramshackle guest house where the delightful owners have picked up English from their guests and serve home-cooked thali on the rooftop
- The name says it all – at the Yogamagic Canvas Ecotel you'll find owners passionate about the environment (like Alastair); yoga and a pool by day and music and fires by night. And yes, it is in Goa

About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French B&B, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by 'people' rather than corporations. The notion of 'special' is at the heart of what we do, and highly subjective. We take huge pleasure from finding people and places that do their own thing; places that are unusual and follow no trends; places of peace and beauty; people who are kind and interesting – and genuine. We now have 20 titles recommending around 5,000 special places.

Environmental policies are a priority at ASP and we are always looking at ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

Facts and Figures

226 special places including hotels, homestays, guest houses and tented safari lodges.

Succinct regional introductions will give a flavour of each area and help you plan your itinerary.

Every place in the guide has been visited to check on friendliness, atmosphere and style.

Quick reference indices highlight places where, for example, Ayurvedic massage or Reiki are on offer, and places that are easily accessible by public transport.

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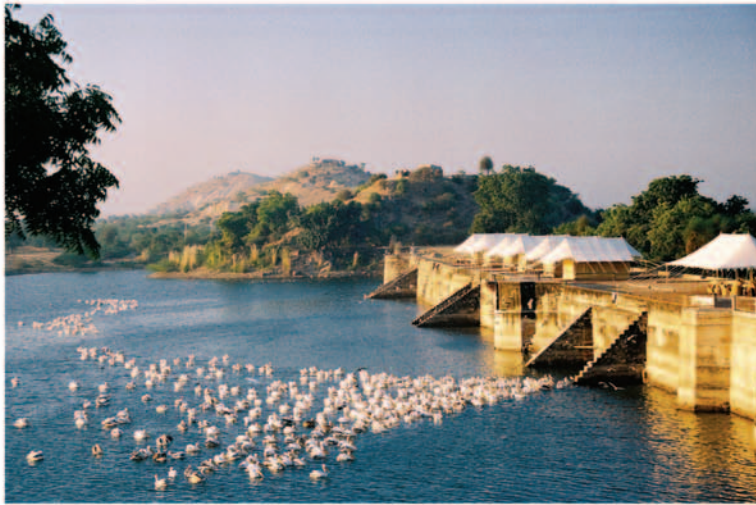
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Rajasthan



Chhatra Sagar

Nimaj, Pali District, 306 303 Rajasthan

A chance to star in your own Indian epic. The savannah unfolds from across the banks of a 100-year-old family-built reservoir, overlooked by your white Shikar tent and home to over 250 species of migratory birds. All this makes for a wonderful view from atop the nearby hill, well worth the sharp climb if only for the reward of a “summit sundowner” courtesy of Harsh, the Stetson-wearing owner. Alternatively, relax in your own sit-out and witness the birds give their daily fly-by performances. Smartly contained within a rigging of white canvas and furnished in elegant Rajput style, bedrooms cause you to teeter on the edge of tent-reality, while marble and slate ‘bathrooms’ transport you to another – indoor – dimension completely; there’s hot water too. A (second?) honeymoon can easily be imagined here as you are warmed by camp fires and dine in style by candlelight. All is exemplary, from lessons on village lore to surely the freshest (and helpfully explained) food in the region. Head to bed by torchlight and snuggle in with a hot water bottle.



Under canvas

rooms	11 tents.
price	Full-board Rs12,000. Singles Rs10,000. Includes jeep & birdwatching tour.
meals	Full-board only.
closed	April-September.
directions	2 hours from Jodhpur on Ajmer-Jodhpur highway.

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