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What is it that makes a boutique hotel akin to a buried treasure, to be unearthed only by experiencing it? Is it the off-the-grid approach? Is it the intimacy? Or is it the personalised attention? We say it's all of the above, and then some. High on individuality, with interesting backstories around every corner, they are the ideal way for curious travellers to dive deep into the soul of their chosen destination. Boutique hotels thrive on breaking free from the tried-and-tested mould. Curating unique experiences is at the heart of every property's ethos. Interesting architecture, illustrious legacies, and picture-perfect backdrops further add to the charm.

Our guide curates an edit of notable boutique hotels from across the country—the selection is as diverse and rich as the region's culture itself. We can't think of a better way to explore the subcontinent than by choosing a hotel that brings out its authentic flavour with flair. Whether you're seeking a royal rendezvous at a former palace, a once-in-a-lifetime adventure in the wild or merely an escape from the manic pace of urban life, your search ends here.



DON'T MISS:

The chance to shun the rigid restaurant format, and choose to dine wherever you like on the property—whether it's a private barbecue dinner under the stars or a lazy lunch under a tree, the setting is entirely your decision. You could also choose to be served in your villa or private sit-out.



PRIMROSE VILLAS

KARNATAKA This postcard-pretty hilltop retreat brings you face-to-face with the sublime beauty of unadulterated nature

Surrender to the marvels of nature at this charming boutique property perched atop the Western Ghats in India's coffee country, Chikmagalur. A series of spacious villa abodes with bird's-eye views of the surrounding natural splendour makes this a must-visit for tired city dwellers seeking rejuvenation.

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The unifying feature among all the villas is the sweeping views of the majestic mountains it is nestled in. Over 1,200sq ft in size, each villa is sprawling and airy with a cosy fireplace, and furniture from the Victorian and Jacobean eras. The 20ft high ceilings and glass walls add the Midas touch—you'll wake up to spellbinding views every day of your stay in your own private compound.

Promising to make your stay even more memorable is the versatile menu bursting with flavours from Europe, Mexico, China and India. Take your pick. While R&R will be on your mind, pack in some activities into your itinerary too. A mountain trek is a fitting choice for the agile. Or head to Hebbe Falls, Kudremukh hilltop or the Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary known for tiger spotting. You can also choose to explore the local culture by visiting the famous Belur and Halebid temples that are 40 minutes from Primrose Villas. If it's a leisurely day you're looking for, then the picturesque 18-hole Chikmagalur Golf Club is within a short driving distance from the property.

GETTING THERE

A three-and-a-half hour scenic drive from Bengaluru is the easiest way to reach Primrose Villas.

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