

The Manor

Delhi's Original Boutique Design Hotel

There are places in Delhi that feel like an escape without ever leaving the city. The Manor in Friends Colony is one of them. Tucked into one of South Delhi's quiet residential pockets, it doesn't announce itself loudly. It doesn't need to. Often regarded as Delhi's original boutique design hotel, The Manor has built its reputation on restraint rather than excess. It feels personal in a way large luxury hotels rarely manage. Family-owned and quietly run, it carries a sense of ease that immediately slows you down the moment you arrive. The neighbourhood adds to that feeling. Friends Colony is green, calm and almost unexpectedly peaceful for the capital. Yet you are still connected to everything that matters in Delhi. Shopping districts, cultural spaces and restaurants are all within easy reach. It sits in that rare sweet spot where the city feels accessible but not overwhelming.

ROOMS DESIGNED FOR REAL COMFORT

The rooms at The Manor are not about drama. They are about comfort that works. Spacious, modern and thoughtfully put together, they feel more like a well-designed private residence than a hotel room. There is nothing overdone here. The design leans towards clean lines, soft tones and a sense of quiet functionality. The beds are generous and genuinely comfortable in that way that makes you want to stay in longer than planned. Seating areas are practical without feeling stiff. Bathrooms are modern and well maintained, with everything you actually need rather than unnecessary extras. What stands out most is the sense of space. In a city like Delhi where space often feels like a luxury in itself, the rooms give you room to breathe. Whether you are staying for work or a short break, it never feels cramped or transactional. It feels lived in and considered.

Beyond the design and comfort of the rooms, The Manor ensures a seamless stay with thoughtful amenities including tea and coffee facilities, a refrigerator, hairdryer, weighing scales and a well-equipped ensuite bathroom. Room service is efficient, adding to the overall ease of the experience. The property also benefits from having dining options on site, including a café and restaurant concepts, allowing guests to enjoy everything from a relaxed coffee to a more refined dining experience without needing to step away from the calm of the hotel.

BREAKFAST WORTH WAKING UP FOR

Breakfast at The Manor is one of its strongest points. Instead of an overwhelming buffet spread, the focus is on food that is freshly prepared and made to order. It feels slower in the best possible way. Nothing is rushed and nothing feels like it has been sitting around waiting for attention. The dishes arrive warm, simple and well executed. There is a clarity to the food that makes it memorable without trying too hard. It is the kind of breakfast where you naturally linger a little longer than planned. Coffee in hand, unhurried start to the day, no pressure to move quickly. In a city known for its fast pace, this kind of morning rhythm feels like a quiet luxury in itself.

SERVICE WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH

One of the defining qualities of The Manor is its service. It is attentive without being intrusive and warm without being overly familiar. You are not just another guest passing through. There is a sense that people remember you, notice details and genuinely care about the experience you are having. That kind of hospitality is hard to manufacture. It comes from consistency and from a team that understands the tone of the place. Everything feels smooth but never scripted. It is this human element that often stays with guests more than anything else. The feeling of being looked after in a natural, unforced way.

PERFECTLY PLACED FOR EXPLORING THE CAPITAL

Location matters in Delhi and The Manor gets it right. Situated in South Delhi, it offers easy access to some of the city's most popular shopping areas, restaurants and cultural spots. You can move between meetings, galleries, malls and neighbourhood cafés without feeling like you are



constantly battling distance. At the same time, you are slightly removed from the noise of the main roads and commercial hubs. That balance is what makes it work so well. You can step out into the energy of Delhi and then return to quiet at the end of the day. It is particularly convenient for travellers who want to experience the city without staying in the middle of its chaos.

A STAY THAT FEELS PERSONAL

There is something increasingly rare about hotels where the experience still feels genuinely individual. At The Manor, the relatively intimate scale means guests are never reduced to a room number. Conversations are remembered, preferences are noted and help is always at hand, whether it's advising on transport around Delhi, recommending a neighbourhood café or restaurant, or helping guests plan a day that goes beyond the usual tourist trail. That personal touch extends to the ownership itself. The family remains closely involved in the day-to-day life of the hotel, and it's not unusual to spot the owners taking a stroll through the property. Living nearby, they maintain a visible presence, taking pride in ensuring everything runs smoothly while preserving the warm, welcoming atmosphere that has long defined The Manor.

The property also has a distinctly residential quality. Returning after a day exploring the capital feels less like coming back to a hotel and more like stepping into an elegant South Delhi home.

The pace is quieter, the atmosphere more relaxed and the sense of privacy immediately noticeable. It is this understated character that appeals equally to business travellers, couples seeking a weekend escape and guests choosing to stay a little longer to experience the city at a slower rhythm. Unlike larger luxury properties that rely on endless facilities, The Manor's appeal lies in the details that cannot easily be replicated. Familiar faces, intuitive service and an environment that encourages guests to settle in rather than simply pass through create a feeling of belonging. It is a hotel that understands that luxury is often found not in extravagance, but in authenticity, consistency and genuine care.

THE ASPIRE TAKE

The Manor is not a hotel that relies on spectacle. It doesn't try to overwhelm you with scale or noise or endless options. Instead, it offers something far more rare in a city like Delhi. Calm. Space. And a sense of being looked after without effort. With its spacious rooms, made-to-order breakfast, warm service and quietly elegant setting, it remains one of South Delhi's most enduring boutique stays. There is a reason it continues to be spoken of as Delhi's original boutique design hotel. It set a tone early on and still holds it today. For travellers looking for something refined but grounded, The Manor delivers exactly that.

“ The Manor has always been far more than a hotel to me. It is woven into the story of my family and, in many ways, into the story of post-independence India itself. Built in the 1950s, in the years following Partition, it began as a peaceful retreat on the edge of a rapidly evolving Delhi, offering comfort, warmth and a sense of belonging to every guest who walked through its doors. As the third generation of my family to steward this remarkable property, I have had the privilege of watching it grow from a modest guesthouse into one of Delhi's most cherished boutique hotels. Yet our values have remained constant. We continue to believe that true luxury lies in genuine hospitality, thoughtful design and creating spaces where people can pause, reconnect, and feel at home. Our vision is to honour The Manor's rich heritage while embracing the future, ensuring that every stay becomes a meaningful memory and every guest leaves feeling they have become part of our enduring story. ”

- Devika Singh,
Director, The Manor, New Delhi