

The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace recognised globally among the world's extraordinary destinations and experiences

The Oberoi Group announces that The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, Khajuraho has been featured on TIME's World's Greatest Places of 2026. This highly acclaimed annual list celebrates extraordinary destinations and experiences across the globe.

The recognition places one of India's most remarkable heritage palaces firmly on the global stage and highlights the country's rich cultural legacy as an compelling destination for discerning international travellers.

A historic palace near Khajuraho's UNESCO temples

Set in Madhya Pradesh, The Oberoi Rajgarh is a restored 350-year-old palace located near Panna National Park and the UNESCO World Heritage temples of Khajuraho, renowned for their intricate sandstone carvings and exceptional medieval temple architecture.

Restoration of a 350-year-old palace

The palace has undergone an extensive restoration led by a dedicated design and project team working with historians, conservation architects and craftsmen to preserve its original character. Historic courtyards, hand-carved stone pillars, grand arches and intricate detailing have been carefully revived, reflecting the Bundela dynasty heritage alongside the refined elegance and service of Oberoi Hotels & Resorts.

Culinary experiences rooted in regional traditions

Dining forms an integral part of the palace experience. The culinary programme celebrates the regional traditions of Bundelkhand and central India, alongside refined international cuisine. From heritage inspired dining to tranquil lakefront

settings, each meal reflects thoughtful research, seasonal ingredients and the craftsmanship of Oberoi's culinary team.

Leadership perspective from The Oberoi Group

Commenting on the recognition, Arjun Oberoi, Executive Chairman – The Oberoi Group, said: “Being recognised on TIME's World's Greatest Places list is a matter of immense pride for all of us at The Oberoi Group. The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace reflects our enduring commitment to preserving India's architectural and cultural heritage while presenting it to the world through refined hospitality. We are honoured that this remarkable palace and the heritage it represents are being recognised on a global platform.”

Vikram Oberoi, CEO – The Oberoi Group, added: “Every element of The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace experience from architecture and design to cuisine, wellness and service have been carefully curated to reflect the spirit of the region. This recognition also reflects the growing global appreciation for India as a destination of extraordinary culture, history and hospitality.”

Wildlife experiences at Panna National Park

The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace offers curated wildlife experiences at Panna National Park, home to Bengal tigers, leopards, sloth bears and rich birdlife. Guided by expert naturalists, guests can explore the park through morning and afternoon safaris across forests, plateaus and the Ken River landscape.

Creating meaningful destination experiences

Commenting on the significance of the recognition, Mohit Nirula, Chief Operating Officer – The Oberoi Group, said: “The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace reflects the Oberoi Group's approach to creating destinations that are deeply rooted in their cultural and natural context. From the restoration of the palace architecture to the development of immersive guest experiences spanning wildlife, wellness and regional cuisine, every aspect has been carefully designed to offer travellers a meaningful connection with this remarkable region of India.”

Manav Mathur, General Manager – The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, further added: “This recognition is a proud moment for our entire team. Every day we strive to bring the story of Rajgarh Palace to life through thoughtful service and immersive experiences inspired by the region’s heritage, cuisine and wilderness. We look forward to welcoming travellers from India and around the world to discover this extraordinary destination.”

Here’s a refined and more polished rewrite with stronger flow, clarity, and a premium tone:

The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, Khajuraho Earns a Place on TIME’s World’s Greatest Places 2026

The Oberoi Group has announced that The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, Khajuraho has been featured on TIME’s World’s Greatest Places of 2026—a prestigious annual list that spotlights the most exceptional destinations and experiences across the globe.

This recognition places one of India’s most extraordinary heritage palaces firmly on the global map, while underscoring the country’s rich cultural legacy as a compelling draw for discerning international travellers.

A Historic Palace Near Khajuraho’s UNESCO Temples

Located in Madhya Pradesh, The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace is a meticulously restored 350-year-old residence set amidst a region of remarkable natural and cultural significance. It lies in close proximity to Panna National Park and the UNESCO World Heritage temples of Khajuraho, celebrated for their intricate sandstone carvings and masterful medieval architecture.

Reviving a 350-Year-Old Legacy

The palace has undergone an extensive and sensitive restoration led by a dedicated team of designers, historians, conservation architects, and master craftsmen. Every effort has been made to preserve its original character—from historic courtyards and hand-carved stone pillars to grand arches and intricate detailing.

The result is a seamless blend of Bundela dynasty heritage and the refined elegance synonymous with Oberoi Hotels & Resorts.

A Culinary Journey Rooted in Regional Traditions

Dining is central to the palace experience, with a culinary programme that celebrates the flavours of Bundelkhand and central India alongside refined international cuisine. Whether it is heritage-inspired dining or serene lakefront settings, each experience is thoughtfully curated, highlighting seasonal ingredients and the craftsmanship of Oberoi's culinary experts.

Leadership Perspectives

Arjun Oberoi, Executive Chairman of The Oberoi Group, said:

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Vikram Oberoi, CEO of The Oberoi Group, added:

“Every element of The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace—from architecture and design to cuisine, wellness, and service—has been carefully curated to reflect the spirit of the region. This recognition also highlights the growing global appreciation for India as a destination of extraordinary culture, history, and hospitality.”

Immersive Wildlife Experiences at Panna National Park

Guests can enjoy curated wildlife experiences at Panna National Park, home to Bengal tigers, leopards, sloth bears, and diverse birdlife. Guided by expert naturalists, safaris across forests, plateaus, and the Ken River landscape offer an unforgettable connection with the region's wilderness.

Crafting Meaningful Destination Experiences

Mohit Nirula, Chief Operating Officer of The Oberoi Group, noted:

“The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace reflects our approach to creating destinations that are deeply rooted in their cultural and natural context. From restoring the palace architecture to curating immersive experiences across wildlife, wellness, and regional cuisine, every detail is designed to foster a meaningful connection with this remarkable region.”

Manav Mathur, General Manager, added:

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