

■ ARJUN SAWHNEY, MANAGING DIRECTOR, EGG COMMUNICATIONS

CORBETT, UTTARAKHAND I love retreating to the mountains and

forests that surround Delhi. The last bastion of true luxury in this region is my friend Daleep Akoi's Jim's Jungle Retreat (Jimsjungleretreat.com). He's a true conservationist who understands the beauty in creating an eco-conscious retreat. Hove spending my days angling, swimming and gorging on Rampuri delicacies that their brilliant in-house chef cooks up. I also enjoy the safaris, where you might spot a tiger or track a python. And when I want some alone time, I crawl up in a nook with a book from the library."

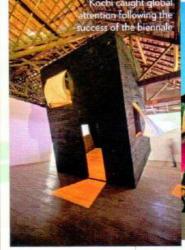
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V NUR KAOUKJ, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, ECRU MANDAWA, RAJASTHAN

"It sounds absurd, but nothing is more magical than an Indian summer in the heart of a desert—the

sun shines brilliantly on the sea of sand, powerfully hot during the day but cool at night. The beautiful decaying havelis, made of walls filled with secrets of an ancient time, have always excited me. The first time I went to Mandawa, a small town 190km off Jaipur, it was for a friend's birthday. Ever since, it's become an annual

visit. Castle Mandawa (Castlemandawa.com) is a lovely luxurious heritage hotel where you spend your time visiting neighbouring dunes at midnight and dancing under the stars. There is also an array of haveli stays to choose from. I usually spend my days by the pool reading a good book and hit the streets as the sun begins to wane."





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This port town is a lovely mix of cultures and religions, alongside a slick contemporary lifestyle. It is also home to the Kochi-Muziris Biennale that I have been involved with from the beginning. Since 2010, I have spent many summers on this stunning island. I love the dynamic energy of the new boutique hotels like Old Harbour and

Malabar House, and Brunton Boatyard. Heritage Arts (Heritageartscochin.com) is a great place for old furniture and discovering new cutting-edge design studios from Fort Kochi to Mattancherry. Fort Kochi has also become a foodie haven-Kashi Café (Kashiartgallery.com) is great for all-day dining and my favourite food haunt is at Old Harbour Hotel

(Oldharbourhotel.com)." > Must-see: The Kochi Biennaleit's a treat for art lovers

