

# The Style List

## When the Calendar Gives You Three Days Off, This Is Where to Go

With Republic Day falling on a Monday this year, the calendar has gifted us the ultimate luxury — a three-day window to escape the city's hum. A long weekend shouldn't be spent navigating airport queues or complex itineraries. Instead, it's a time for the "staycation" — a chance to check into a property that feels like a destination in its own right.

From the mist-heavy valleys of the Himalayas to the regal courtyards of Rajasthan and the easy-breezy coast of Alibaug, here's a curated list of retreats that offer more than just a room. These are places with soul, where architecture tells a story, and the service feels like a warm welcome from an old friend. Whether you're looking for a digital detox or a decadent royal romp, here is our definitive guide on where to drop your bags for a long weekend getaway this January.

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#### Fateh Vilas, Udaipur



Tucked away in the lush jungle near the Aravalli Hills overlooking the stunning views of Lake Pichola, Fateh Vilas captures the palace legacy of Rajasthan with vast, sun-drenched courtyards and terraces. The rooms are genuinely opulent, spanning a magnanimous 700 sq. ft. The suite at Fateh Vilas Suite comes with its own private plunge pool—a real treat for a private afternoon soak. Culinary offerings shine through multi-cuisine dining in both elegant indoor and alfresco settings, featuring authentic Rajasthani flavours. It's close enough to the city for a quick visit to the City Palace, yet feels entirely secluded. Rooted in Mewar's storied legacy, this property makes every stay feel like a truly regal experience, perfect for a sophisticated three-day break.

## Fateh Garh, Udaipur



Perched on a hilltop, Fateh Garh was constructed according to Vastu Shastra principles to ensure a sense of harmony and balance. The Heritage Chambers and Plunge Pool Suites are designed with traditional motifs and offer panoramic balconies with views of the City Palace and Monsoon Palace. The property feels like a living museum, housing a remarkable collection of vintage cars and offering activities like archery and zip-lining. The Baradari restaurant serves authentic Mewari cuisine, providing a "farm-to-fork" experience with local ingredients. It is a grand, hillside sanctuary that offers a different perspective on Udaipur, making it an ideal choice for a culturally rich and visually stunning staycation.

Ultimately, the beauty of a January long weekend lies in its timing. It is that rare pocket of the year when the festive frenzy has faded, leaving behind crisp air, clear skies, and a collective desire for a "second reset" before the year truly gains its momentum. As you plan your escape for a weekend getaway, remember that the best staycations are the ones where the journey is short, but the sense of distance from the everyday is absolute. Pack light, leave the laptop behind, and let these sanctuaries do the rest.



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