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JW MARRIOTT HOTEL KOLKATA

Gorgeous contemporary design combines with an abundance of amenities, such as free Wi-Fi, multiple restaurants, a nightclub and a spa, to make the JW Marriott Hotel Kolkata an upscale choice.

Hotel Features

Built in 2016, the impressive JW Marriott wows guests with cathedral ceilings, whimsical lighting fixtures and plush seating in its bright lobby. Fifteen floors house 191 smoking and non-smoking rooms, all boasting marble bathrooms with jetted tubs and bathrobes. Techies appreciate free Wi-Fi, 49-inch LED TVs and iPod docks, while the earth-tone rooms also have minibars, coffeemakers and available 24-hour room service. Fitness buffs work out in the gym and cool off in the outdoor infinity pool, and corporate guests can request copy and fax services. After a massage or a facial, guests can linger in the spa's steam room or therapy baths. Before hitting the hotel's nightclub, guests can dine on regional cuisine or international fare at the two full-service restaurants. Other spots for casual bites are the lounge or pool bar. Free parking, an airport shuttle and a concierge are added bonuses.

Hotel Location

In eastern India's West Bengal state, close to the Bangladesh border, the JW Marriott sits three miles from Kolkata's bustling center. Stunning cultural spots include Dakshineswar Kali Temple, 45 minutes away, and Victoria Memorial Hall, a 15-minute drive. Within 20 minutes, guests can be wandering down Park Street, experiencing local shops and restaurants, or checking out New Market. Travelers are six miles from Kolkata Railway Station and less than 10 miles from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport.

Guest Favorites

Priceline guests like the front desk staff at the luxurious JW Marriott, which is close to Kolkata's center, public transportation and the highway.

THE ST. REGIS ABU DHABI

Guests expect luxury when booking this brand, and with free Wi-Fi, nine dining venues and a stunning beach club, the St. Regis Abu Dhabi does not disappoint.

Hotel Features

From the lavish marble lobby to the 283 sophisticated rooms, every corner of the high-rise St. Regis showcases luxurious details. Free Wi-Fi, iPod docks and flat-panel TVs keep guests connected, and the sumptuous bathrooms are decked out in marble with

separate soaking tubs and TVs built into the mirrors. Guests have the option of room service any time of day, and with nine restaurants and bars, there is a variety of cuisines for any palate. After working out in the gym or finishing projects in the business center, take advantage of the 10,000-square-foot spa and its 11 treatment rooms, spa cafe and hot tub. Guests walk through a private tunnel under the road to reach the hotel's beach club, which features a gorgeous outdoor pool, a poolside cafe and plush loungers along the beach. Practical conveniences include laundry service, a 24-hour front desk, valet parking and babysitting, as well as smoking rooms.

Hotel Location

With views of the Corniche and the Arabian Gulf, the St. Regis positions guests in the center of bustling Abu Dhabi. Must-see stops include the Emirates Palace, less than a mile away, and the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center, a 20-minute drive. Take the family to explore Yas Waterworld, Ferrari World and Emirates Park Zoo, each within 40 minutes of the hotel, or peruse the abundant shops at the Marina Mall, only a mile away. Guests reach Abu Dhabi International Airport in about 23 miles.

Guest Favorites

The St. Regis scores high marks with Priceline guests, who take special note of the luxury property's excellent breakfast, impressive lobby and shops, and the attentive staff.

THE WESTIN MILWAUKEE

HDTVs, Wi-Fi and iPod docks make the pet-friendly rooms convenient for guests at the non-smoking Westin Milwaukee, which sits downtown, only a few blocks from Lake Michigan.

Hotel Features

The high-rise Westin's elegant lobby is done in earth tones, with plush contemporary seating areas and soaring ceilings. The non-smoking property houses 220 attractive rooms, all outfitted with Wi-Fi, flat-panel TVs and iPod docks. Home-like touches include coffeemakers and mini-fridges. Guests can indulge with room service or head down to the urban-chic restaurant, which is open all day. Business and fitness facilities keep guests on task, and other pluses include the guest laundry room, a 24-hour front desk and available parking. Pets are welcome for a fee, which includes a borrowed dog bed.

Hotel Location

In downtown Milwaukee, the Westin is attached to the U.S. Bank Center and within a couple blocks of I-794. There is plenty to do within a 10-minute walk, such as the Milwaukee Art Museum, Discovery World and the Riverwalk. Marquette University is three miles away, as are BMO Harris Bradley Center, the Wisconsin Center and the Shops of Grand Avenue. Another popular spot is the Harley-Davidson Museum, less

than two miles from the hotel. For transportation, guests catch trains at Milwaukee Intermodal Station, a mile away, or head eight miles south to General Mitchell International Airport.

Guest Favorites

The Westin makes a great impression on Priceline guests, who are wowed by the comfortable beds, attentive staff and excellent room service.

THE RITZ-CARLTON BACARA, SANTA BARBARA

Stunning Pacific views, five restaurants, and rooms with free Wi-Fi and private balconies are just the beginning of the luxurious perks at the Ritz-Carlton Bacara, Santa Barbara.

Hotel Features

A pristine white-stucco exterior capped with a terracotta roof reminds guests of a Spanish estate as they pull up to the Ritz-Carlton. The 358 non-smoking rooms exude traditional elegance with dark wood furnishings, neutral fabrics and plenty of natural light pouring through the private balconies' French doors. Guests can slip into a robe and slippers after relaxing in the soaking tub or dial up 24-hour room service. In-room amenities include 48-inch flat-panel TVs, free Wi-Fi and mini-fridges. The mid-rise property hosts five dining options, ranging from casual bites at the pool bar to carefully curated local eats at the main restaurant. Recreational pluses include four tennis courts, three year-round outdoor pools and a fitness center, while the full-service spa eases tensions with treatments, saunas and steam rooms. The resort also boasts access to two beaches, a kids' program and plenty of meeting space. Parking and pet-friendly rooms are available for an extra fee.

Hotel Location

Five minutes off the Pacific Coast Highway, the Ritz-Carlton is 20 minutes from downtown Santa Barbara. The lush property spans 78 prime acres perched above the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Within five miles, guests can visit local treasures, such as the Goleta Butterfly Grove and Goleta Valley Historical Society. In Santa Barbara, guests learn about local history at the Old Mission Santa Barbara and can wander the charming brick sidewalks lined with storefronts and cafes. Family-friendly stops within a half-hour include the Santa Barbara Zoo and Stearns Wharf, where the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is located. The closest airport is Santa Barbara Airport, seven miles east, or guests drive 110 miles to reach Los Angeles International Airport.

Guest Favorites

When Priceline guests choose the Ritz-Carlton, they savor gorgeous ocean views from their balconies and can work hard at the gym before indulging at the sumptuous spa.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL KUWAIT AT BURJ ALSHAYA

With an on-site spa, 24-hour room service and elegant rooms boasting free Wi-Fi and gorgeous marble bathrooms, guests encounter luxury at every turn at the Four Seasons Hotel Kuwait at Burj Alshaya.

Hotel Features

Opened in 2017, the towering Four Seasons exudes sophistication in its huge lobby accented by patterned stone floors, contemporary lighting and pieces of modern art. All 284 luxurious rooms, both smoking and non-smoking, pamper guests with elegantly subdued decor, plush bedding and soaking tubs in stunning marble bathrooms. Guests connect with free Wi-Fi and watch 55-inch HDTVs, which they may continue to watch on TVs integrated into the bathroom mirrors. Other in-room perks include coffeemakers, minibars and tablets for accessing hotel services. Five restaurants range from the lobby lounge for drinks and casual bites to the rooftop restaurants, which offer outdoor seating and spectacular views. Room service is available 24 hours, and for those who need to unwind, the full-service spa refreshes guests with treatments, a hammam and steam rooms, as well as hot tubs. The outdoor and indoor pools ensure guests can take a dip in any weather, and for those with work to do, the business and fitness centers are accessible 24 hours. Abundant services are available, including a concierge, babysitting, laundry and a local shuttle. Check with the 24-hour front desk about valet parking rates.

Hotel Location

Just off Highway 40, the Four Seasons is a mile from central Kuwait City's business, shopping and dining destinations. The capital city's unique skyline overlooks Kuwait Bay and is home to the monumental Kuwait Towers, three miles away. Within two miles of the hotel, guests can peruse local goods at Souk Al-Mubarakiya, visit the iconic Grand Mosque or wander the paths at Al Shaheed Park. Other interesting spots include Mirror House and the Maritime Museum, each less than three miles away. Families might want to check out the Kuwait Zoo, 15 minutes south. Guests drive 11 miles to reach Kuwait International Airport.

Guest Favorites

Priceline guests rave about the posh Four Seasons, particularly mentioning the attentive staff and the gorgeous spa, which features treatment rooms, a hammam and steam rooms.

MOXY OSAKA HONMACHI

A central location combines with free Wi-Fi and a stylish on-site bar and restaurant to make the non-smoking Moxy Osaka Honmachi a good choice in Osaka.

Hotel Features

The lobby has an industrial-chic feel with soaring ceilings, an open floor plan and plenty of cushy seating with rustic wood tables at the non-smoking Moxy. Its 155

rooms are spread across 11 floors and feature free Wi-Fi, 50-inch HDTVs and tiled bathrooms with hairdryers. Guests grab breakfast for a fee, and there is a 24-hour takeout cafe and a noodle restaurant for casual bites any time of day. Guests can meet up in the lounge for small plates and drinks or even a game of foosball. While burning calories in the fitness center, clothes can run in the laundry facilities. Call ahead regarding parking.

Hotel Location

In central Japan about five miles from Osaka Bay, the Moxy sits in downtown Osaka among blocks packed with restaurants. Within 10 minutes, guests can walk to either of two train stations. There are tons of family-friendly options within 20 minutes, including Universal Studios Japan, Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan and the Tempozan Ferris Wheel. History and culture buffs head to Osaka Castle, a two-mile trip, or the Sumiyoshi Taisha Shrine, 20 minutes away. Day trippers drive about an hour to explore Kyoto or Wakayama. The closest major airports are Osaka International Airport, an 11-mile drive, or Kansai International Airport, 30 miles away.

Guest Favorites

The Moxy earns praise from Priceline guests, who rave about the excellent location close to public transportation and say the staff is welcoming and attentive.