Nilaya Hermitage

luxury in the hills of Arpora...
Goa’s leading boutique hotel sits elegantly tucked into the hills of Arpora, surrounded by luscious gardens with a breathtaking view over palm groves and the stunning Arabian Sea. Shrouded in mystery, a dream like atmosphere infuses the place for it rests in its own parkland of 20 acres, achieving the exclusive and unique serenity that sets it apart to create a supreme experience.

Gently curving walls hand cut of natural laterite stone, organically shaped free - form structures, natural pathways connecting the scattered rooms, trees in abundance on lush green lawns embrace the 33 meter swimming pool that occurs like a jungle lagoon on the cliff edge.

Nilaya speaks of romance without saying a word. The blue domed hall furnished with silk covered mattresses and cushions lend it an atmosphere reminiscent of Rajasthani palaces. Each of the eleven rooms is an exercise of style. All are individually named, designed and decorated with inspiration drawn from the eastern cosmic elements and nature (fire, soul, moon, sun, stars, air etc). The design such as it is an eclectic jumble of Mogul, Mediterranean, Portuguese, Spanish influences and even touches of Hindu temple.

All bedrooms feature plenty of living space. Large beds with dressing rooms, indoor/outdoor bathrooms and a terrace with the sea view. Ethnic handpicked pieces from Rajasthan and Gujarat with antique colonial style furniture. This blend results in perfect harmony with an avant- garde, classy twist.
Nilaya in Sanskrit means abode in the blue, “heaven”. The atmosphere with no signing of bills and waiters looking for tips or bellboys or front desks, is that of living in a private summer retreat of a friend rather than a commercial establishment. This eleven room refuge is part palace, part commune, unabashedly elegant. The rooms are not numbered but named after cosmic elements. For example: sun, moon, earth, fire. Two Luxury Tents composed of a front verandah, a fully furnished bedroom with a four poster bed, a dressing room which leads on to a large attached built-up bathroom with running hot and cold water.

Nilaya dinning is unique, the menu does not offer a choice of Goan, Chinese, Italian and Tandoori Specialties. Nilaya's cuisine is a subtle, personal blend of Eastern and Western flavours and certainly not formal. You can dine al fresco by the pool, wrapped in a sarong in the dining room or privately on your own terrace or in your room. Savour the outstanding menus at the poolside restaurant overlooking the ocean. The Executive Chef specializes in his personal blend of East and West, using plenty of fresh sea-food and home garden grown organic vegetables. A variety of Goan Specialties are available and Indian curries are upon request.

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