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Devi Garh, Rajasthan

If you ever imagined what the perfect Indian palace hotel should be like, the answer is probably to be found at Devi Garh in Rajasthan. Just outside the shopper's paradise of Udaipur, it offers pure, old-school luxury, with every modern convenience, and is impossibly romantic. The outdoor swimming pool is one of the most gorgeous in the world: the Aravali hills surrounding Udaipur loom hazily in the distance, and pale -pink and green parakeets fly around overhead. Breathtaking. Hilary Rose Five nights, from £1,899 a person B&B, including flights, with Greaves Travel (020 7487 9111).