



Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa

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Just 12 km from the famous and crowded Lion Point of Lonavala stands Hilton Shillim. (It is 28 km from the Lonavala exit point on the Expressway). A Shangri-la of 350 acres, Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa is a one-of-its-kind spa resort perched in a valley. It offers peace and solitude.

ROOMS AND DESIGN

Each villa in Hilton Shillim is in its own little canopy of green. Thus, your privacy is taken care of not just by management, but also by Mother Nature. The villas are sophisticated, stylish and minimal. There are few plug points, because when you want to recharge yourself, your devices can wait. The soundscape is of breeze, birds and bushes, though there are TVs in case you want to replace it with cricket and news. There are 4 types of villas—The Spa Pool Villa (the most luxurious), the Spa Villa, The Valley View Villa and the Deluxe Valley View Villa.

FOOD

Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa has 3 restaurants—The Green Table, an all-organic restaurant, The Pool Bar—an all-day dining restaurant that offers serene views of the valley and Tarazzo. The most special is The Chef's Table: private dining for an intimate gathering, catered to specially by the chef. The adventurous can enjoy breakfast atop a tabletop mountain, Shillim Peak, after a trek of about an hour.

FACILITIES

Hilton Shillim gives personalised pampering a new meaning. Your picture is clicked on arrival and sent to the entire staff, so everyone addresses you by your name throughout your stay! A 24-hour butler service ensures no whim or demand goes unfulfilled. Spa treatments, barbecues (at a 6-hour notice) and dining can all be enjoyed in your own Spa Pool Villa. International and ayurvedic treatments are based on the chakras. Shillim Spa believes in the 3Rs—relax, recover and revitalise. Highly trained staff pampers every pore as you drift away with the soothing music in the tranquil treatment rooms. Really, the only

The villas are stylish, minimalistic and built for privacy and peace

thing spoilt at Hilton Shillim would be you.

ACTIVITIES

The Hilton Shillim arranges visits to nearby forts, cooking classes, horse riding, meditation centre, film screening in the valley, acupuncture therapies, aqua yoga and much more.

USP

Being a spa resort is not the only thing unique to Hilton Shillim Estate Retreat & Spa. There is the 'Magic' button on the telephones. Here, you don't believe in magic. You rely on it. It's your all-in-one button. One press and absolutely, anything and everything can and does happen.

At a Glance

WHAT: A serene collection of spa villas located in a valley in Lonavala

WHERE: Pawana Nagar, Taluka: Maval, Pune; tel: (0211) 4712 468

COST: ₹43,500 for the Spa Pool Villa (all facilities mentioned are for this villa)

VERDICT: Rejuvenating