

First things first. Let me tell you that if you've booked a Privé suite for yourself, you're in the extravagant treatment, which is especially reserved for their guests. For starters, I was whisked off from the airport by their chauffeur and escorted from their Privé train, who made sure I was comfortable, escorted to the Delhi and quickly completed my check-in during the drive itself, so that I could go to my suite directly without the hassle of paperwork. This will come as a relief to international travellers who score nothing more than to write down after a long flight. When I got to my suite, I was introduced to the new-age spa facilities by my personal butler. Yes, you heard that right! My dream of having an Athira at my back and call was finally a reality. I only for a day. And, it felt quite amazing to have someone engage you to further them for every little thing.

A PERFECT BLEND

In case you're wondering, as I didn't just pack my bags and fly off to the capital to be pampered on a whim, the hotel has introduced a new MBD Privé Collection of 11 elaborately designed rooms that are tastefully decorated and luxuriously furnished. Launches earlier this year, it's already a favourite for business travellers and holiday travellers who want both luxury and comfort. And, it took five steps into my room to see why. The first thing that caught my eye was the high bed with heavy embroidered sheets and authentic Indian work — which adorned the dispersion and cushions as well. My room was bonded with artistic elements that were configured to meet the requirements of the new generation of travellers. This included technology-driven ambient lighting (there wasn't a single switch in sight) and plush for naps. The bathroom space was a different story altogether — mosaic for walls, a bathtub that I could relax to with myself in, elegant fittings and a special makeup station, all wonderful examples of the expertise craftsmanship and modern engineering that they've used to set the in the class. We all done up in an understated, functional style, with an emphasis on earthy materials, carved mouldings, antique brass wall covers and vintage furniture pieces.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

When I finally got myself to some out of the comfort of my room, I ventured into REDS, their Fine Dining (Dining restaurant), where I was accompanied by the head chef Raymond Sim. He was so passionate and enthusiastic about Oriental cuisine that he wanted me to try all his favourite dishes.

What I loved most was their signature 'Signature' chef's prep, which is essentially consisted of dishes of pork ribs glazed with espresso — Singaporean style. I've seen usually a lot of vegetarian food, but their Ching Chee Shiu Hei (steak topped with egg, mushroom, broccoli and pork chunks) was just what I needed. No spices or season were added to it and I could taste the authentic flavours of the vegetables, which I normally don't. The highlight of my meal was the five Course Spring Rolls, and every thought was gastronomically made. In the evening, I was ushered to the Privé lounge, which is exclusively for Privé guests and perfect to have an out-of-office time in a networking dinner. At the lounge bar is a contemporary cocktail menu, having a strong ambience and a well-stocked library for the discerning reader. It is a pleasure to skip the lounge and opt in the usual for some Indian dishes as well, which makes your way to the suite as well, a restaurant that is usually busy during dinner time.

LUXURY WEEKEND GETAWAY

A PRIVÉ PLEASURE

Antiquated yet contemporary, the **Radisson Blu** in Noida hits the sweet spot for luxury travel. Arranged in Venetian and French traditions while managing to stay true to its Indian roots, the new MBD Privé Collection lives up to its name, says **Pearl Mathias**.

The Privé suites are tastefully decorated and luxuriously furnished.



ROYAL AMENITIES THAT I LOVED

- Free airport transfer
- A 24-hour personal butler service
- Delicious hot meals on arrival
- A suite of home wine on arrival
- Complimentary 24-hour taxi from airport at Privé lounge



AND, IT DOESN'T STOP THERE

I was already taken by the friendly service and delicious cuisine offered here, when I was delightfully surprised by what awaited me in my room. I had been informed about their signature turndown service, but it simply didn't fit until I walked back to my room after dinner. My bed was made ready to fit into a bubble of fine wine and a platter of cheese-glazed scallops on the table and the bath set with new towels, candles, bathrobes and a luxurious pillow selection. It was the perfect end-up after a long day and it wasn't long before I found myself lying in the tub, sipping on a glass of wine in a setting that seemed right out of *Prive* Heaven.

THE BEST WAKE-UP CALL

As I was laid for the morning, I was greeted by the concierge. He explained the breakfast menu and I couldn't get myself to wake up but he took the same phone to wake me up. I brushed up and opened the door to see my butler, all

BOOK A ROOM



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glazed up and pushing a trolley with a platter of fruits and some delicious tea. You can choose from British, Continental and American breakfast options to walk into a 10, their all-in restaurant.

SOME EXTRA PAMPERING

My trip ended on the most interesting note — an hour at Equus, the sprawling spa that boasts all things exotic, a mineral tub, a fitness centre, a studio and a swimming pool. It was just one year that beautifully decorated rooms and gives a full-body massage with aromatic oils. This was followed by a trip to the steam room, which really opened up the pores and then I ended up in the sauna in the lounge.

Well, I don't think you need any more recommendations after all that I've said, but let me tell you how effective the MBD Privé Collection is for all the business travellers that this offers. You don't need all the clutter and this gives elegant private green corridors and you'll certainly feel like you're in a hotel, but you'll feel like you're in your personal hotel, which you can't afford!