

Serene

Aalia Resort in Haridwar is the perfect romantic getaway, says Sumita Chakraborty.

"Picture perfect" — I whisper in awe as I step into Aalia Resort in Haridwar. Located just seven kms from the Rajaji National Park and eight kms from the sacred *ghats* of Harki Pauri in Haridwar, this picturesque riverfront resort with its 12 limited edition villas spread across five acres, is surrounded by manicured green lawns, bushes of pretty flowers and shady trees.

My villa too is beautiful — with a well-stacked library, master bedroom with big closets and a luxe bathroom. But what makes me chuckle with delight is a huge private jacuzzi with bright, flickering lights on it which I use to the fullest!

Dheeraj Chauhan, Aalia Resort's suave General Manager, welcomes me warmly and introduces me to Aalia Resort's many delights. From a nice spa — I am pampered with luxuriating massages — to a yoga and meditation area, a fully equipped conference room to an exclusive cigar lounge; the



Infinity Pool



Cigar Lounge





Garden Suite



Aalia Resort



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resort has many amenities. Dheeraj says, "We are planning to include romantic boat rides across the Ganges, picnics across the river bank, nature trails and more."

A gracious host, he makes sure that I am then driven to the iconic Harki Pauri for the evening *aarti* and then to Rishikesh to see its many wonders including the 'Lakshman Jhoola'. After the sightseeing session, I chill out at the pool deck along the infinity pool. An array of piping hot *kebabs*, *dal*, *biryani* and other delicious dishes tempt me. Incidentally, Aalia Resort serves both non-veg food and alcohol as it is outside the seven km periphery of Haridwar.

Aalia Resort's Alipeno restaurant too has a delicious multi-cuisine menu that has an array of tempting goodies, besides having a panoramic view of the Chila range and the pristine Ganges. During my stay, I take a long walk on the banks of the Ganges and dip my feet in the cold, clean gushing waters...

Alas, it's now time to leave and I take one longing look at the scenic resort and fly back to the hustle and bustle of Mumbai. Undoubtedly, Aalia Resort is the perfect place for a peaceful, romantic holiday for you and your loved one.

The writer was on invitation from Aalia Resort, Haridwar

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Alipeno Restaurant

