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A CABIN IN THE WOODS

Redefining the idea of luxury, Woods at Sasan near Gir forest is an eco-friendly forest retreat that lets you connect with the environment



Clockwise, from Top The reception area of the resort is decorated with beadwork panels, inspired by torans from Saurashtra, and an assortment of cushions covered in patterned khadi textiles; The entrance to Swadeshi restaurant, that serves decadent Gujarati thali meals, is adorned with unpolished brass vessels and lamps, handwoven seaters and natural stone furniture; Each Woods Pavilion has an extended veranda enveloped in rich, green shrubbery. The ELLE DECOR team travelled to Woods at Sasan, Sasan-Talala Highway, Bhojde Village, Sasan Gir, Gujarat 35 courtesy Woods at Sasan. Website: www.woodsatsasan.com

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“WE WANTED THE SPACE TO HAVE A CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE INFUSED WITH LOCAL KNOWLEDGE”

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What nature enthusiast wouldn't want to start every day with lush green vistas, the chirping of birds and perhaps even the rare sighting of spotted deer? Located within a mango orchard fringing the Gir forest in Gujarat, Woods at Sasan is a sustainable boutique resort that transports its visitors away from the frenzy of city life, to a picturesque haven that embodies a unique identity. A flagship venture of 1000 Island Hotels and Resorts, it is designed by the company's in-house team headed by Mishal Shah and Saloni Gajjar, in collaboration with Barcelona based consultant Maria Portela. Staying true to the identity of the surrounding area, the construction is primarily composed of reclaimed wood, lime plaster finishes and natural stones found in the Saurashtra region. Maria reveals, "We wanted the space to have a contemporary language infused with local knowledge. With the help of native craftsmen, we included details like intricate macrame panels, rich khadi textiles, threaded artwork and decorative murals that narrate stories of their culture." Guests can also make use of the open library, an organic garden where they can pick their own vegetables and create personalised meals or indulge in the Woods Signature Massage at their one-of-a-kind Som spa. ♦ **Nidhi Upadhyaya**

Clockwise, from Top Walls in the bedrooms of the Woods Villa are either panelled with locally mined stones or plastered with lime and most of the furniture is created using reclaimed wood. Details like vintage switches and doorknobs lend local flavour; The bathroom in the Woods Pavilion, tiled with unfinished mint sandstone, opens out to a courtyard fenced with bamboo; Som spa, located at the highest point of the property, offers massage sessions accompanied by unhindered views of surrounding foliage