



Palais de Mahé
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TRAVEL IN TIME



Surrounded by quaint streets and period elegance of the French quarter, Palais de Mahe resembles a French Mansion complete with high ceilings and arched doorways. The style remains faithful to a historic past, while the experience on offer is a captivating blend of the old and the new, making you feel like a traveller in time.



A CERTAIN JE NE SAIS QUOI

The interiors have a distinct French character with balconies and verandahs, mostly classic in their concept, but with stylish modern touches. Cool, airy high ceilings, traditional roof beams, arched doorways and colonnades, and ochre yellow wall flourishes are a nod to the colonial way of life. The rooms, though contemporary, are painstakingly Francophilic by design.

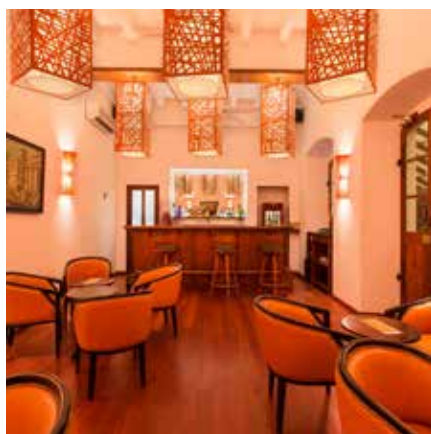






EDIBLE MASTERPIECES FROM OUR MASTER CHEF

The menu is all about contemporary progressive cuisine incorporating fresh produce. Experience a fusion of styles, influences and innovative plating at Les Alizes. Traditional Indian dishes have been reimagined, designed to surprise the palate. Dine on the terrace, where you'll find the catch-of-the-day on your plate. Our chefs personally select the day's serving from the incoming boats at the harbour nearby.



AMUSE YOURSELF WITH AMUSE-BOUCHE

The Earth Café serves up specialty coffee grown in the hills of South India but roasted locally. You can also explore the menu with teas and tall refreshers, with an assortment of fresh snacks. It's right next to the poolside too, so it's perfect for a post-swim bite. And if it's a drink you fancy, just choose from our list of imaginative cocktails, the finest in the city.







ME-TIME

There's nothing like a relaxing day to indulge yourself. Our Ayurveda Center offers a range of herbal massages and therapies that improve your physical and mental well-being. You can take a dip in the pool to help you cool off on a hot day. Or, take a seat poolside, sip on an ice-cold tea and take in the beauty and grandeur of the colonial style architecture.



THE CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

Palais De Mahe is situated at the intersection of two beckoning worlds. One gently murmurs the spirit of Colonial France with its clean streets, neatly plastered bungalows and flower-decked balconies while the other envelops you in its salt and spice laden air coming off the Coromandel coast of India, in great animated gusts. Its urban character is a standing tribute to diversity: historic buildings jostle against charming sidewalk cafes, trendy designer wear boutiques stand next to native sari shops, and other upmarket commercial addresses share humble space with roadside bangle sellers and temple pilgrims in a bustling bazaar-like environment. Take a heritage walk organized by INTACH, and you will experience these diverse worlds for yourself.







THE TAMIL QUARTER

Supporting the local community is deeply ingrained in our ethos. Towards that end, we encourage rides through the bylanes of Pondicherry with a friendly rickshaw driver as your peripatetic guide. Take in the Tamil Quarter with its old beautiful mansions (sporting long verandahs and platforms called *thinnai*), go shopping at Goubert Market, or visit the famous Sunday Market.



THERE'S MORE TO PONDICHERRY

Stroll through the Promenade and take in monuments that celebrate Pondicherry's French history. A visit to the calming Aurobindo Ashram nearby and a drive to Auroville, the universal town designed by French architect Roger Anger, is highly recommended.





THRIVING ART SCENE

Pondicherry is home to a vibrant community of traditional and contemporary artists. From traditional pottery and glazed ceramic, to handcrafted paper products, you can take home one-of-a-kind souvenirs. Visit the art galleries, antique shops and cafes that abound here. If you are a book lover, you might get lucky and catch a book-reading session at Palais De Mahe. Or, even better, attend a book launch by an up-and-coming Indian author.





A vintage-style metal sign with a yellow oval face. The text "Palais de Mahé" is in a serif font, with a blue silhouette of a person jumping over a bar above the word "de". Below it, "a cgh earth experience" is in a smaller, sans-serif font. A small rectangular sign below the oval reads "rue Bussy".

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The logo for cgh earth, featuring the text "cgh earth" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with a stylized grey silhouette of a person jumping over a bar between the words. Below it, "experience hotels" is written in a smaller, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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