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## The Westin Mumbai Garden City

Mumbai and plenty of space—usually a contradiction. But I have absolutely no qualms to say that I found both at The Westin Mumbai Garden City in Goregaon, which offers some of the most spacious hotel rooms in this crammed city.

### THE SUITE

In a city where space is luxury, 'massive' is the only word that comes to mind as I walk into the Executive Suite on the 26th floor. The sprawling living room has floor-to-ceiling windows on one side, giving a bird's eye view of Maximum City and the busy Western Express Highway. Do I miss the sea? Not a bit. Wherever the eye goes, the skyline is dominated by highrises. I fix my gaze at the lovely green views of Filmcity.

The living room has a dining table for four with laden with plate laden with chocolates. There is also a plush semi-circular couch facing the 46-inch LCD TV. The suite is done up in pleasing, soft beige with light wood interiors. What grabs my attention is the French press and espresso machine. It's a change from the usual tea and coffee makers.

The walk-in closet leads to the massive bathroom with a bathtub and separate shower

cubicle. But I can hardly get myself off the signature Heavenly bed that all Westin hotels offer. At first I wonder what the fuss was all about, till I sink into slumber as soon as I lie down on the 13-inch thick mattress.

### DINING

Espresso comes to the rescue to wake me up, but I need more caffeine. I go down to Prego, the Italian restaurant, for a cup of coffee. As I order a regular cappuccino, the server asks me to try the pizza, it's one of the best in town. I promise to return for lunch the next day.

Dinner is at Kangan, a fine dining restaurant serving cuisine from the North West Frontier region. Located on the 18th floor, its glass windows give a stunning view of the city. I get talking to Chef Ajay Chopra and he tells me that the food here is not as heavy as at usual Indian restaurants. He's cleverly uses ingredients that are lighter but provide the same taste. I try the excellent seafood platter with a selection of prawns and lobsters.

The *kakori kebab* just melts in the mouth and the mutton *biryani* is superb. The chef is absolutely right, I walk out from the meal feeling content, but not bloated.

### AT A GLANCE

**WHAT:** A five-star business hotel  
**WHERE:** International Business Park, Oberoi Garden City, Goregaon East; tel: (022) 6147 0000; www.starwoodhotels.com  
**COST:** ₹10,000 onwards per night for the Deluxe Room  
**VERDICT:** A luxury option in the suburbs

1. Restaurant with a view: Kangan  
 2. The hotel facade 3. The sprawling Executive Suite

Keeping my promise I try the pepperoni pizza from Prego for lunch. It is delicately flavoured, but unfortunately not served warm since I order it in the room. Those fond of lazy brunches should definitely try the Sunday brunch at Seasonal Tastes, the all-day dining restaurant.

### SPA

The Heavenly Spa is next in line and I am all ready to get pampered. I try the foot reflexology and facial. Before the treatment begins a therapist asks me to get rid of my worries and gives me a stone, which I rub against my heart. She then puts it in a bag that is hung outside the room. I don't know whether the stone works any magic, but the warm bed and the gentle massage on the face and foot is just what I need to unwind.

—PALLAVI PASRICHA