



WALKTHROUGH



The Oberoi, Mumbai

Presidential Suites

The first thing that catches my attention as I enter one of the two presidential suites at The Oberoi, Mumbai, is the sweeping view of the Arabian Sea through massive glass windows. I was staying at the hotel after it reopened following the terror attacks and one morning went to take a look at the 'Golconda Presidential Suite' and 'Kohinoor Presidential Suite' on the 20th and 21st floor of the hotel. Both the suites are identical, and superbly luxurious, spreading over more than 2,000 sq ft. That is as large as some of the biggest flats in this crowded and space-cramped city!

The rich silk upholstered sofas in the spacious living room tempt me to plonk on them straightaway. There is a stunning black coloured piano right in the middle. For many minutes, I just relax over here, drinking in the ocean view. It is difficult to believe that I am in Mumbai—there is such a sense of calm all around. I plan to come back in the evening to see the

sun going home. I am told it's a spectacular scene.

After some time, I move on to the work area, where I quickly realise that it all ready to function as an office away from an office. There is everything high-powered business

travellers would need—high speed internet access, telephones, and facilities such as printing, photocopying and faxing. If I were staying here, I would not want to bother too much with work I think, as I move on to the massive bedroom furnished with a king-sized bed, sofas and coffee tables. It would certainly not difficult to turn in for a good night's rest here. For those who like to bring their guests along, or travel with their family, there is an adjoining interconnected bedroom with its own glass-walled bathroom.

As I step into the bathroom, the first thing I see is the treadmill. There is no excuse not to exercise I guess, even for important people. It is all marble, with vanity counters, a large bathtub and television. I step out reluctantly... but the luxury all around tempts me to linger.

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CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT *The bedroom; the Living Room at Kohinoor Suite; the private dining area ABOVE Sweeping view of the sea from the suite*