



Manaswal is the ancestral village of the promoters of Gaj Retreat and they can trace back their roots here for over a thousand years. The family has been actively involved in the development of the area, popularly known as 'Beet', in Tehsil Garhshanker. The present location of Gaj Retreat has been the seat of power of DOD Rajputs. Dod Rajput is among 12 Rajput tribes which belong to the family of Krishna call themselves "Chandarbansi". The name DOD, as per ancient records dating as back as to Mahabharat has many origins. In fact it was deoda (or Deorha: which means 1 ½ ) got distorted to DOD. According to District and Status Gazetteer p. 423, the Dod Rajputs, in those days, founded the town of Mansowal (in east Garhshankar, at the center of the plains of Shivalik mountains). They also constructed a fort in that town, because of which, the town sometimes is referred to as Garhi or Garhi Mansowal. Rana Gajender Chand, a true blood Rajput thakur with royal lineage that could be traced to Maharaja of Garhwal, was born on 19th August, 1929 in Mansowal. He started his early education at Mansowal school then did his Cambridge education from Colonel Brown's at Dehradun. By age of 18-19 years, he was back at Mansawal looking after the farms that the family owned.

- **Accommodation** – Each of the 51 rooms and tents are luxuriously furnished, spacious and blessed with spectacular uninterrupted views of the surrounding ravines and forest, ensuring that your stay at Gaj Retreat is anything but ordinary.
- **Social Responsibility** – Gaj Retreat is a luxury eco resort. Every aspect of the retreat is designed to be environmentally friendly and it has been built using local materials and manpower to ensure minimum negative impact on the environment. The retreat has extensive recycling and refuse-elimination programs in order to cut and offset its carbon footprint. Gaj Retreat truly features exotic luxury in complete harmony with all the elements of nature that make this property so very special. The Retreat spans over acres of beautiful forest land and has been developed with the deepest respect for the natural environment. Retreat also has a bio-gas plant as well. The core team of Gaj Retreat have a clear policy of sharing with the local villagers, therefore they have built properties in rural areas, employing local manpower, running a Degree College exclusively for The Girls, organizing periodic health check up camps for the village folks.
- **Experiences** – There are an array of experiences, which the guests can enjoy at Gaj Retreat like Night Safari, Off-road Trails with 4X4 Jeeps, nature walks, bi-cycling, village walks, picnicking at river-bed, birdwatching and more.
- **Access** – 2 ½ hours from Chandigarh railway station, 1 ½ hours from Anandpur Sahib, 3 hours from Amritsar, 4 hours from Dharamshala.

GAJ RETREAT

Rooms		Restaurants & Bar	
51			
Room Category	No. of Units	Restaurant	Cuisine
Deluxe Rooms	16	Lounge Bar	All drinks & light bite
Luxury Tents	6	Pool Bar	All drinks & light bite
Chateaus	19	Pool Side Dining	Only for dinner Multi Cuisine & Bar-be-que
Private Pool Villas	10	Fine Dining Restaurant	Local cuisine & multi-cuisine

**Facilities:** 3 Swimming Pools, Night Safaris, 4x4 Jeeps, nature walks, bi-cycling, village walks, picnicking at river-bed, birdwatching

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