A Euphoric Military Adventure Amidst the Woods

BW Hotelier's course came from its Mumbai to experience DATA by Delta – India's first and only Military-themed Glamping Resort through the totally-worth-it off-roading run!

Mumbai Envato DATA by Delta

A thud of the car's door closing and setting my way through the smooth roads of Mumbai, I quickly had my phone to look into "DATA by Delta – Delta Adventure Training Academy" in the search section with curiosity to know more about this military-themed resort, so I was on my way for an expensive stay. Probably that's the first thing that millennials as well as millennials-minded people do. I have been a millennial, I first visited Bhopal to discover the transparent view of people who had already visited the place. Seeing so and seeing with floods of words of appreciation, my eyes and ears couldn't hold it back from bit by bit clicking on the 'Photos' section, where the stirring hues of the Resort in the right-side, the panoramic scenery around the property and image of the staff clicked during people going through the various activities and knowledge sessions at the Resort, had the adrenaline-giving throughout my body. I quickly thought of putting this 5-inch screen to rest and rather not being hit to the rich experience with perspectives shoppers. And this decision followed only memorable experiences throughout my stay at the property.

Serene Woods and Military Theme laced with Seamless Best-in-Class Hospitality

On reaching Delta Resort at Lonavla after a 2-hour drive, I checked in there and waited for a car to arrive that would escort me to a point at the Shera Lake, from where a makeshift boat would take me to DATA through the dramatically silent lake. Yes, the description itself fills the excitement. The car arrived and that is where the experience already set in motion. What was mentioned as a ‘car’ was a full-sized camouflage-shaded SUV with DATA branded on its bonnet. Hopping on to the high seat, the staff drizzled in military-uniform welcomed me with a ‘Je-Hind' and soon served these words on the way. ‘Guests picked up, arriving at the drop point in a while which resounded ‘Roger'. A completely new experience for a city-dweller who is surrounded by the technology at its peaks, had soon set our way on the off-road run through the woods, where the body-roll sets one to experience the military adventure already. Reaching the spot, the makeshift boat staffed the dressed in military uniforms who welcomed me aboard with synonymous ‘Je-Hind'.

Passing through the lake, I quickly set my camera reaching to fetch some scenic views of this expansive water body. On spotting that the Resort was nearing, I could see Param Commando Ramantak Chauhan Pathak, who then guided me to Colonel Vivekanand Pandey (Retd), Group Commander at DATA.

The grand military-themed welcome by the staff with resonating ‘Je-Hind' chant towards the woods, potentially ensues entire excitement within.

I was immediately handed over the uniform and the keycard to the one of the 25 bungalows villas, which is designed to accommodate four plus one at one time. The in-room design and amenities are stacked with comfort, luxury and the best-in-class amenities including a mini-bar with popular brands. The big coffee bed allows one to sink in really well.

Being afternoon already, I headed for a walk at Salasar Manmade – the all-day dive at the Resort, which is made by converting Shopping Containers put in series and then retrofitted with all the titles of an upscale restaurant, and props including the camouflage-shaded war look alike, Guns and Grenade knockoffs, etc. There, I was joined by Pandey and Lt Colonel Milind Pawar Bhawandhla (Retd), Deputy Group Commander at the Resort, where I learned about some experience encountered by them as military personnel, even description of which ran shivers down my spine. The lunch was indeed filling and well all that had finally been an array of pistol calibers. I felt the need to pay for this very much. The staff and the other on-service personnel here suggested some of the activities to be experienced which included training and knowledge about actions and precautions to be followed and maintained during emergency situations like Grenade Attack, Mass Shooting, Calamities such as floods, etc. to substantiate this, the trainees here are the real heroes of our country who have served over 2-3 decades in the military, which integrates, amounts to about 200 years of vivid experiences as military personnel, with each one having a detailed tale to tell about.

The evening followed to me experiencing the ‘Holi Night’ occasion where I was engaged by Chauhan Pathak throughout the hills around the Resort when the sun had set and it was pitch dark within a limited time. During this Holi Night, Chauhan said that the intent behind this activity is to drive away the fear of darkness and loneliness of being caught in the woods. He then mentioned the various tactics like igniting the fire with just the help of Flint, natural navigation with reference to the stars, the Sun, leaves of plants and trees, etc., recognizing edible fruits and vegetables in the wild and also going distilling spiders’ web with help of a torch, smoking with using eucalyptus tree, the theme at Salasar Manmade included me enough to get a sound sleep on one of the two big beds in the villa.

The next morning started at sharp 7.30 am with the fog hovering initial at the entrance of the Resort, which then followed by the ‘Mental Conditioning’ activity assisted by Chauhan again. A name given to the otherwise generally known ‘Distra! Circuit’, Pandey said that they intend to condition the personal’s mind that they can make it through every and each hurdle that there is before them. Of course, hence the Mental Conditioning is going to be our course. Completing this course, I felt my muscles a bit tired, for which the in-room Jacuzzi bathtub with warm water and therapeutic massage points, relented the stressed muscles almost instantaneously.

Furthermore, the Resort also boards of a lot of other recreational offerings like Yoga, Swimming pool, Spa, Meetings & Banquets Section, making the stay a multiday of not replaceable one.

On my way back, all had with me were the rich experiences lived by the on-service; and memories of the experience of trying to live like one of those, while also been pampers with seamless-world class hospitality. DATA by Delta is truly a one-of-its-kind adventure meant for all the experiential travellers, be it FITs, Families or Friends or Big Groups of Corporates.