

Mughal Theme Dinner

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This would be an evening where we would unfold a glorious chapter from India's Mughal History in a colourful presentation in your August presence.

After alighting, the guests would walk towards the entrance on a pathway decorated with beautiful flower Rangoli and brightly lit Diyas that would provide a magical glow to the falling night. At the Entrance, which would be made up of beautifully carved pillars and draped with red and gold tissue, the guests would be ushered in by the "Durbans" (Mughal-era word for gatekeepers) for proceeding towards the Dawat Khana (function venue).

Beautiful hostesses clad in traditional Mughal dresses would provide a warm welcome to the guests by showering flower petals and "Attar" (perfume) in the traditional Indian style. "Shehnai Vadaks" would be playing soothing music at the background in honour of the arriving guests.

Non alcoholic welcome drink will be served to the guests.

The hall will be decorated in Mughal style with :

- A) Food counters made of Wooden Sets made in a form of Mughal Arches with drapes, paintings, & lights.
- B) Intricate Paintings of floral inlay work and the Mughal Emperors.
- C) By Artefacts like large `Surahi's, Hukkas, Antiques.
- D) Floral décor and Path Rangoli.
- E) Illuminations by Diya lights, fairy lights, halogens and numerous colored effect lights, border lights etc.
- F) A beautiful carved backdrop on the stage with Pillars, Arches, lights, drapes & paintings of Mughal Emperors.
- G) Takats with bolsters in the centre of the hall.
- H) Red, Orange & gold Naprons & sash for the round tables & chairs.
- I) Embroidered umbrellas, antique vase
- F) Urlee (Earthen Bowl) with flower petals and floating candles in the Center of tables.



Welcome speech will be addressed by the Vice president of Intergraph. Followed by a live qawalli performance by Nizami brothers : Ghulam Sabir Nizami & Gulam Waris Nizami. The Nizami brothers are one of the most famous qawalli singers, in the Sufi Style, Aastana Gayaki as well as the modern Qawalli tradition. They belong to the legendry Sikenderabad Gharana. They are the darbari Aastana singers of hazrat Khwaja Nizamudhin Aulia Hazrat Khwaja Amir Khausrau, New Delhi.

Nizami brothers have toured all over the Gulf Region and the African countries alongwith Srilanka and Pakistan and have participated in numerous concert organised through Indian Council for Cultural Relations. (ICCR)

During the performance Cocktail will be served with snacks.

Followed by a sumptuous spread of Mughali delicacies.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

07:15 pm	Buses will start from Hotel Taj Palace to the Dinner Venue Hotel Ashoka, which is located at a distance of 4kms. from Hotel Taj Palace.
07:30 pm	Arrival of Guest at Hotel Ashoka followed by welcome drinks
07:45 pm	Welcome address By Intergraph.
08:00 pm	Live Performance by Nizami Brother followed by Cocktail
09:30 pm	Dinner
11:00 pm	Departure of Guests.