

All-Inclusive 29 Suite Shinta Mani Mustang – A Bensley Collection to Open March 2023

Enjoy Unique Experiences in Nepal

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(Nepal, September 5, 2022) **Shinta Mani Hotels**, owned and operated by HMD Asia, in partnership with Kathmandu based Sherpa Hospitality Group, will open the 29 suite **Shinta Mani Mustang – A Bensley Collection** luxury lodge on March 1, 2023. This will be Shinta Mani Hotels first internationally flagged property outside Cambodia.

Shinta Mani Mustang will be an all-inclusive experience, with the guests' journey curated to provide the most remarkable 360-degree, luxury experience in the **Himalayas**; one of the most unique and preserved regions in the world. "Mustang" in Tibetan, translates to "Plain of Aspiration" and is bordered by the Tibetan plateau with an elevation that rises from 1,372 to 8,167m above sea level.



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The Gateway to Tibet

Shinta Mani Mustang is located in an area known as **The Forbidden Kingdom**; the gateway to Tibet. This magical and spiritual destination has dramatic landscapes. It is rich in Buddhist culture with many monasteries and has some of the highest snow-capped peaks in the world, including the formidable Mount Nilgiri.

Each of the 29 suites measuring 45sqm, are designed in the style of a traditional Tibetan home with an open-plan bedroom combined with a living area and a separate bathroom. Floor to ceiling windows offer majestic views of Nilgiri Mountain.



Nilgiri & Aara

Culinary options at Shinta Mani Mustang will include the 60-seat **Nilgiri Restaurant**, which has views of the majestic mountain, and a large outdoor dining patio where modern Nepal cuisine and Western cuisine will be served, using locally sourced and foraged produce. The **Aara Bar** is named after an exotic local Tibetan/Sherpa liquor. The mixed-use activity room can be used for meetings, presentation or yoga and exercise classes.

The Wellness Center has two exquisite treatment suites with floor to ceiling windows facing the mountains; each with a hot plunge pool, steam room, sauna, shower and two massage beds. The Tibetan wellness programme will be developed by a local 11th generation Tibetan Amchi Doctor, using traditional herbal medicine.





Unique Excursions

A highly personalised privately guided guest experience programme honours the traditions of local Sherpa hospitality and has been curated exclusively for guests. A selection of unique excursions enables guests to do a different trip every day for up to two weeks; including **trekking**, horse riding, **rock climbing**, cycling, **archery**, hiking, **helicopter tours**, wellness and more. Led by our experienced Bensley Adventure Guides, guests will be taken on a variety of day trips, hiking along rarely travelled trails with incredible dramatic landscapes and incredible vistas, dining on Shinta Mani gourmet picnics, made with the freshest farm to fork ingredients.



Design and Sustainability

Before it's official opening, design genius **Bill Bensley** is adding his creative magic to the mountain Lodge, bringing a unique verve to a location which remains untouched. Interiors will incorporate warm coloured fabrics and materials to reflect the rich tones of the surrounding landscape, which can be viewed from every window of the Lodge. Huge fire pits on the outdoor terrace will allow guests to admire millions of stars in the night sky in warmth as the temperatures dip. Inside, every area will be complemented by the artwork of the late artist **Robert Powell**, a friend of Bill's who drew the regions vernacular architecture in incredible detail. In his typical upcycling style and with his sustainable mindset, Bill has used recycled materials that he has repurposed into unique new furniture.

Namgyal Sherpa, Owner of Sherpa Hospitality Group noted, "Our group has been promoting experiential travel in remote areas of Nepal for many years now. It was our dream to create world class, luxury hotel experiences in the Himalayas and we couldn't find a better partner than Shinta Mani Hotels to collaborate with on this vision as we share similar values. We are very excited to be pushing the boundaries and creating a new and exciting project that will position Nepal as a quality, luxury destination and not just for budget traveller."





Sokoun Chanpreda, Managing Director of HMD Asia added "we are delighted to be entering into this agreement with the Sherpa Hospitality Group and highly value our partnership with them. We have incredible synergies between our brands and look forward to a fruitful and successful alliance in this unique and very special destination."

An Exciting Project

"This is perhaps one of the most exciting projects we have ever had," said Bill Bensley. "I have never seen such wildly dramatic landscapes as the mountains and valleys of Mustang, and am thrilled that Shinta Mani can be the first to introduce this Forbidden Kingdom to international adventurers - and all the more so under the special wing of Bensley Collection. This will be their base camp for explorations all around these phenomenal mountains, as always guided by our kind and infinitely knowledgeable **Bensley Adventure Guides**, for the experience of a lifetime."



In keeping with Shinta Mani's philosophy of giving back to the communities in which they operate, the Lodge will work closely with the **Psang Lhamu Foundation** which was founded by the owning family after their mother became the first Nepalese woman to blaze a trail to the summit of **Mount Everest** in 1993. The Foundation is a non-profit, non-political, non-government organization with the core pillars of Education, Vocation Training, Health and Immediate Assistance. <https://pasanglhamufoundation.org/>

Getting There

Scheduled flights operate via **Kathmandu** direct or via **Pokhara** to **Jomson**, from which it is a short drive to the Lodge.





Rates at the all-inclusive Shinta Mani Mustang – A Bensley Collection will start from US\$1,700 per couple per night for a minimum five night stay, plus applicable service charge and government taxes. Rates are inclusive of all food and beverage; private guided activities and excursions; unlimited spa treatments; personal Bensley Adventure Guide and transfers between Kathmandu and Jomson (by air or air and road). Helicopter transfers and private chartered flights are additional. Rates are valid to 31 March 2024.

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