



Holi  
Festival

12 nights/ 13 days

# Holi Trails of India

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A Vibrant Cultural Journey



The background image shows a grand, ornate interior space, likely a palace or a historical building. It features a central pillar with intricate carvings and a decorative archway. The walls are adorned with detailed floral and geometric patterns in shades of orange and brown. The floor is polished and reflects the light. In the distance, there are several wooden benches. The overall atmosphere is one of rich cultural heritage and architectural beauty.

# Overview

Embark on a kaleidoscopic journey through India's rich cultural tapestry with our vibrant itinerary, "Holi Trails of India: A Vibrant Cultural Journey." From the lively streets of New Delhi to the enchanting palaces of Jaipur, the timeless allure of Agra's architectural marvels, and the desert mystique of Jaisalmer, this itinerary promises an immersive celebration of Holi, the festival of colors. Indulge in culinary delights, explore bustling markets, and experience the joyous spirit of Holi as you traverse through the colorful cities of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, and Udaipur. Immerse yourself in the hues of Holi, savor traditional delicacies, and witness the age-old craft of Dabu hand block printing in Udaipur. Let each day be a vibrant celebration, filled with laughter, good wishes, and unforgettable memories, as you discover the vibrant heritage and traditions of Incredible India.



# Route & Map

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9 March'25, Sunday: Arrive Delhi

10 March'25, Monday: In Delhi

11 March'25, Tuesday: In Delhi

12 March'25, Wednesday: Delhi - Agra

13 March'25, Thursday: Agra - Jaipur

14 March'25, Friday: In Jaipur

15 March'25, Saturday: In Jaipur

16 March'25, Sunday: Jaipur - Jodhpur

17 March'25, Monday: In Jodhpur

18 March'25, Tuesday: Jodhpur - Narlai

19 March'25, Wednesday: Narlai - Udaipur

20 March'25, Thursday: In Udaipur

21 March'25, Friday: Udaipur - Delhi - Depart



# Summary

DATE	CITY	HOTEL	GETTING THERE
9 MARCH'25, SUNDAY	ARRIVE DELHI	<u>THE CLARIDGES</u>	FLIGHT (TBA)
10 MARCH'25, MONDAY	IN DELHI		-
11 MARCH'25, TUESDAY	IN DELHI		-
12 MARCH'25, WEDNESDAY	DELHI - AGRA	<u>TAJ CONVENTION CENTRE</u>	DRIVE FROM DELHI TO AGRA (240 KMS, 4 HOURS)
13 MARCH'25, THURSDAY	AGRA - JAIPUR	<u>SAMODE HAVELI</u>	DRIVE FROM AGRA TO JAIPUR (235 KMS, 4 HOURS)
14 MARCH'25, FRIDAY	IN JAIPUR		-
15 MARCH'25, SATURDAY	IN JAIPUR		-
16 MARCH'25, SUNDAY	JAIPUR - JODHPUR	<u>AJIT BHAWAN PALACE</u>	FLIGHT FROM JAIPUR TO JODHPUR (6E 7405, 09:45 - 10:40)
17 MARCH'25, MONDAY	IN JODHPUR		
18 MARCH'25, TUESDAY	JODHPUR - NARLAI	<u>RAWLA NARLAI</u>	DRIVE FROM JODHPUR TO NARLAI (130 KMS, 3 HOURS)
19 MARCH'25, WEDNESDAY	NARLAI - UDAIPUR	<u>TAJ FATEH PRAKASH</u>	DRIVE FROM JODHPUR TO UDAIPUR (244 KMS, 4.5 HOURS)
20 MARCH'25, THURSDAY	IN UDAIPUR		-
21 MARCH'25, FRIDAY	UDAIPUR - DELHI - DEPART	-	FLIGHT FROM UDAIPUR TO DELHI AND DEPART (TBA)



# Detailed Itinerary

9 March'25, Sunday

Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival at New Delhi's International Airport, you will proceed through customs, immigration formalities, and baggage collection. A representative will be waiting for you as you exit the arrivals terminal building, and will transfer you to your hotel.

As India's capital and a major gateway to the country, Delhi is a bustling metropolis that combines the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers, there are remnants of a bygone time in the form of many monuments that stand as silent reminders of the region's ancient legacy. As you arrive, you'll experience a spacious, garden city with tree lined streets and a number of beautiful parks.

Overnight: The Claridges, Delhi

Meals: No Meals





10 March'25, Monday

In Delhi

After a light breakfast, start your day with an exciting food walk in Old Delhi, a paradise for food lovers. This guided tour will take you through the narrow lanes and bustling streets, where you'll have the opportunity to sample a variety of traditional Indian snacks and dishes. From spicy chaat and samosas to delicious sweets like jalebi and kulfi, you'll get to experience the rich and diverse flavors that Delhi is famous for.

Later explore Delhi's rich cultural history with the Five Senses tour. Experience Mughal-era structures, visit an ittar studio, take a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk, and enjoy Delhi's quintessential cuisine.

Break for lunch at Haveli Dharampura.

The tour also includes a visit to a not-for-profit and Delhi's biggest Gurudwara. Delhi is a sensory overload, with a rich history built by kingdoms that ruled over the city. Finally, guests drive past tourist insignias of New Delhi as they are taken back to the hotel.

In the evening indulge in a warm and welcoming experience at QLA Restaurant, where a splendid Gala dinner awaits you. Immerse yourself in the exquisite ambiance and savor a delectable feast, complete with tantalizing flavors and delightful culinary creations

Overnight: The Claridges, Delhi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch at hotel Haveli Dharampura, Dinner at Restaurant QLA.- alcohol on direct payment basis





11 March'25, Tuesday

In Delhi

Indulge in a delightful breakfast before embarking on a scenic drive through the captivating city of New Delhi. Then visit the awe-inspiring Humayun's Tomb. Next visit the Community Kitchen of Bangla Shahab and on the way you will be treated to magnificent views of esteemed landmarks, including the majestic Rashtrapati Bhavan, the grand Parliament House and iconic sites like the iconic India Gate.

Afternoon at leisure. If you wish enjoy lunch at Te Amo Restaurant (On direct payment)

After a quick shopping spree, indulge in a delicious dinner at Meso Sexy. Immerse yourself in the exquisite ambiance and savor a delectable feast, complete with tantalizing flavors of culinary delights.

Overnight: The Claridges, Delhi

Meals: Breakfast, lunch at Te Amo Restaurant (On direct payment) & Dinner at Restaurant Meso Sexy.(Alcohol on direct payment basis)





12 March'25, Wednesday

Delhi - Agra

This morning after breakfast, embark on a scenic morning drive to Agra, where a world of wonders awaits you.

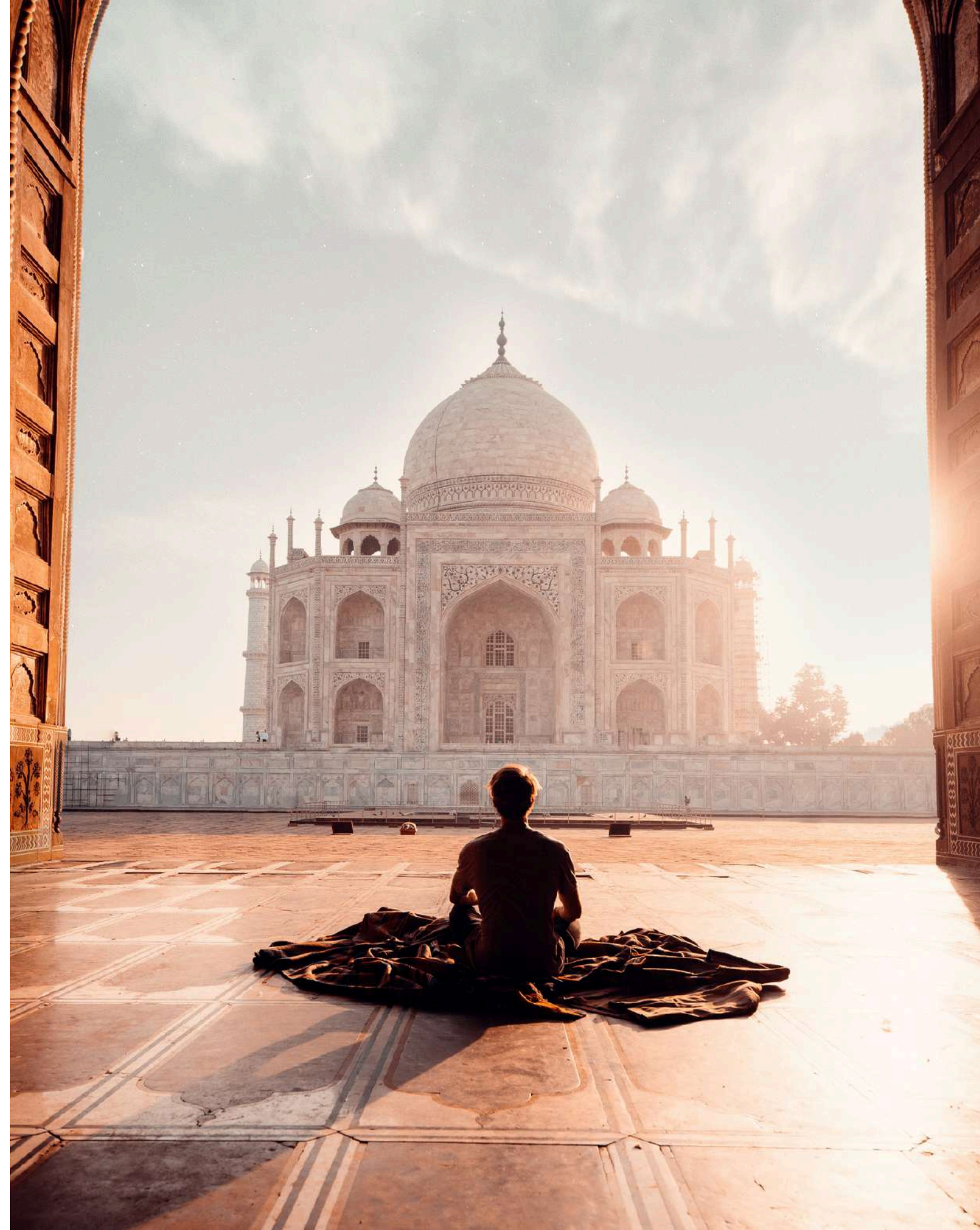
Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

Later visit the majestic Agra Fort, marveling at its grand architecture and rich heritage. Followed by a Kuchipudi Walk

In the evening, indulge in a delectable dining experience at hotel ITC Mughal.

Overnight: Taj Convention Centre, Agra

Meals: Dinner at ITC Mughal





13 March'25, Thursday

Agra - Jaipur

Begin your day with an awe-inspiring visit to the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Witness the iconic marble monument bathed in the soft hues of dawn, creating a breathtaking sight.

Later you will be driven to Jaipur, enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, the capital city of the Mughal Empire in the 16th century.

In the afternoon, experience 'Gulal Gota,' a rare art form from Jaipur, involves creating small, colorful balls for the Hindu festival of Holi. Master artist Awaaz Mohammad, who has practiced this craft for seven decades, along with his family, preserves this 400-year-old legacy. This quaint workshop demonstrates the intricate process: artisans use fire and copper rods to blow lac into delicate hollow balls, which are then filled with fragrant herbal gulal and sealed with paper. These eco-friendly, handcrafted balls burst with color when thrown, symbolizing communal harmony as they are made by Muslim artisans for a Hindu festival. This tradition is still embraced by royals and used in temples, adding a heritage touch to celebrations.

Overnight: Samode Haveli, Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast & Food Tour in Jaipur.





14 March '25, Friday

In Jaipur

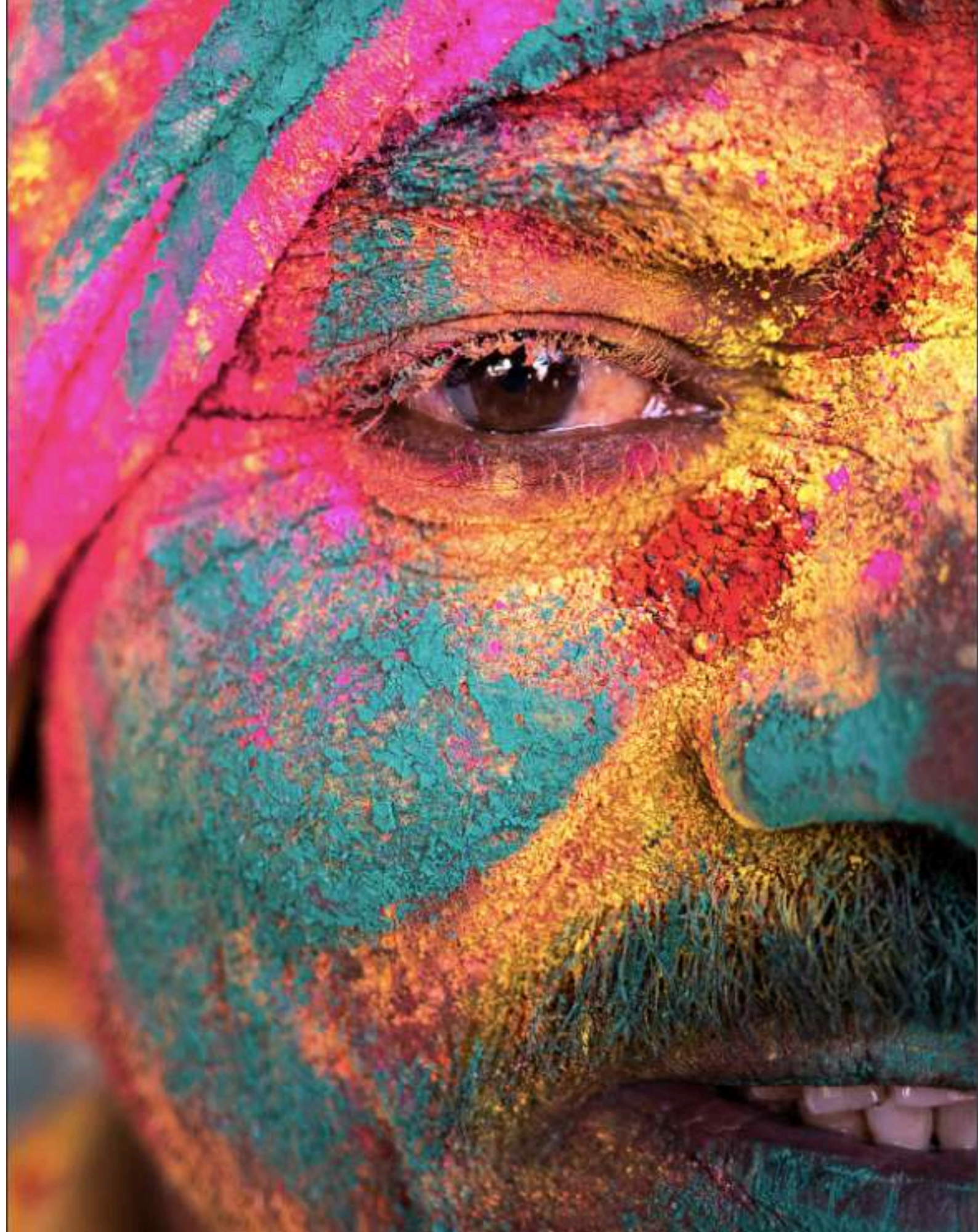
Today, after breakfast, experience the essence of Holi, the festival of colors, in the vibrant city of Jaipur.

Step into a world filled with joyous laughter, vibrant hues, and an atmosphere buzzing with energy as you join locals and fellow travelers in this exuberant celebration. Immerse yourself in the age-old tradition of throwing brightly colored powders, known as "gulal," at friends and strangers alike, symbolizing the victory of good over evil and the arrival of spring. Dance to the rhythm of traditional music, indulge in delicious festive treats, and join in the merriment as you create unforgettable memories amidst the colorful splendor of Holi. With our compliments, enjoy organic Holi colors, turban tying, kurta pajama, and a delightful lunch (alcohol available for direct payment).

After reveling in the festivities, indulge your palate with a sumptuous lunch at Narain Niwas, where traditional Rajasthani delicacies await to tantalize your taste buds. From savory curries to mouthwatering desserts, savor the flavors of Rajasthan while soaking in the festive ambiance of this special occasion.

Overnight: Samode Haveli, Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast & Holi Lunch





15th March'25, Saturday

In Jaipur

Today after breakfast, visit the magnificent Amer Fort, where you'll be captivated by its grandeur and architectural beauty. Take a leisurely drive past iconic Hawa Mahal. Also visit the City palace, Observatory & Anokhi museum

Explore the bustling Bapu Market, known for its vibrant atmosphere and a wide array of traditional crafts and textiles. Also experience the medieval mystique of the walled city in these unique and custom designed, ecofriendly Pink rickshaws driven by smart, enthusiastic and well trained women.

Enjoy lunch at Auberge restaurant.

Later indulge in a refreshing Hi-Tea at the iconic Taj Rambagh Palace, savoring an array of delectable treats while immersing yourself in the regal ambiance of this exquisite property.

Overnight: Samode Haveli, Jaipur

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch at Café Auberge on fixed menu & Hi-Tea at Taj Rambagh Palace





16 March'25, Sunday

Jaipur - Jodhpur

After breakfast you will board a flight to Jodhpur. On arrival you will be transferred to your designated hotel. Enjoy rest of the day at leisure or time for shopping.

In the evening, savor a delectable dinner experience at the Rooftop Restaurant Indique.

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

Meals: Breakfast & dinner at the Rooftop Restaurant Indique (Beverages on direct payment basis)

17 March'25, Monday

In Jodhpur

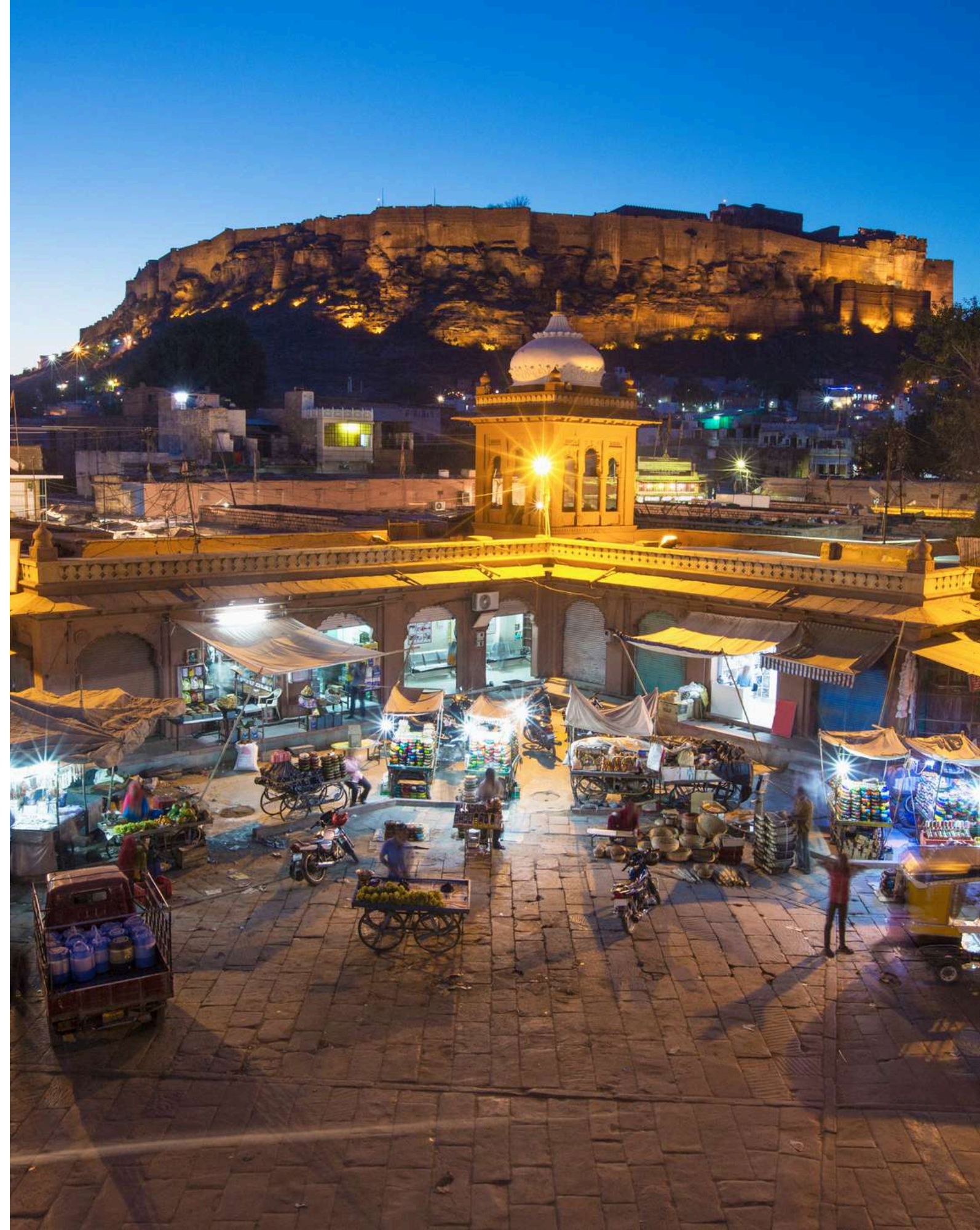
After breakfast explore Mehrangarh Fort, one of Rajasthan's finest, perched atop a 125-meter high hill, overlooking Jodhpur. Still under the Maharaja's stewardship, the 5 km long fort boasts seven gates, courtyards, and palaces like Sukh Mahal, Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, and Sheesh Mahal, showcasing a royal collection of palanquins, miniature paintings, and more. Visit the Chamunda Devi Temple within the fort.

Continue to Jaswant Thada, a white marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II, featuring intricate marble jali work and providing stunning views from its terrace.

Explore the diverse and exquisite handicrafts of Jodhpur as you visit a local textile shop. Immerse yourself in the artistry of traditional textiles, showcasing intricate designs and vibrant colors, providing a unique shopping experience where you can acquire pieces that reflect the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

Meals: Breakfast





18 March'25, Tuesday

Jodhpur - Narlai

After breakfast you will be driven to Narlai. Upon arrival in Narlai, check-in to your hotel.

The rugged Godward countryside around Narlai is an ideal site for leopards. Interestingly no boundary exists between the leopards and people of Narlai. Both species share the same habitat and enjoy free movement. Under the expertise of the naturalists, these leopards can be seen basking in the sun on the rocks. Experience the thrill of a customized ride on jeeps for a sighting of this beautiful and graceful cat.

Embark on an enchanting "Step Well Dinner" at the 16th Century Baori of Rawla Narlai, promising an unforgettable evening steeped in Rajasthani royal hospitality. As you gather in the courtyard, sip a welcome drink, and listen to tales from the resident royal, you'll be adorned with turbans and scarves before setting off on bullock carts guided by a local. The journey through the village, under the starlit sky, leads you to a destination illuminated by hundreds of lamps. A culinary feast awaits, tantalizing your taste buds over the next couple of hours, accompanied by the melodious folk songs of a local jogi.

Overnight: Rawla Narlai, Narlai

Meals: Breakfast & Stepwell Dinner (Beverages non-alcoholic / alcoholic on direct payment basis)





19 March'25, Wednesday

Narlai – Udaipur

Indulge in a relaxed morning, and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Later, continue your journey to Udaipur, a city known for its enchanting lakes and regal palaces.

Enroute, take a delightful pause for lunch at Maharani Bagh Orchard Retreat.

Later, continue your journey to Udaipur, a city known for its enchanting lakes and regal palaces. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

Afterward, indulge in a delicious dinner, at Bedla House, where you can learn the secrets of traditional 200 year old Rajasthani cuisine.

Overnight: Taj Fateh Prakash Palace, Udaipur

Meals: Breakfast, lunch at Maharani Bagh Orchard Retreat (Beverages non-alcoholic / alcoholic on direct payment basis) and Dinner at Bedla House (Alcohol on direct payment basis)

20 March'25, Thursday

In Udaipur

Today after breakfast, visit the City Palace. Immersing yourself in the rich history and architectural grandeur of this majestic palace. Continue your cultural exploration with a visit to the beautiful Jagdish Temple, renowned for its intricate carvings and spiritual significance.

Later enjoy a shopping expedition in the local market, a perfect place to pick up some souvenirs.

Overnight: Taj Fateh Prakash Palace, Udaipur

Meals: Breakfast





21 March'25, Friday

Udaipur - Delhi

Following a satisfying breakfast, you will be driven to the Udaipur airport.

En route, immerse yourself in the rich heritage of Rajasthan's Mewar region with a unique block printing experience at Aavaran. Meet Alka Sharma, the founder of Aavaran, as she takes you on a journey to revive and sustain the traditional craft of Dabu hand block printing using natural dyes. Discover the artistry behind their fine prints and motifs on indigo-dyed fabrics while supporting the economic empowerment of indigenous craftspeople. From garments to home furnishings and accessories, Aavaran's commitment to sustainability and zero waste will leave you inspired. Experience the close-knit community of designers and craftspeople, and witness the transformation of waste fabric into beautiful accessories. Join Aavaran in Udaipur and be a part of their mission to preserve and promote the art of block printing while empowering women in the region.

Once you reach Udaipur airport, catch your flight (UK628, 15:20 - 16:45), which will take you to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, connect a flight back home.

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