



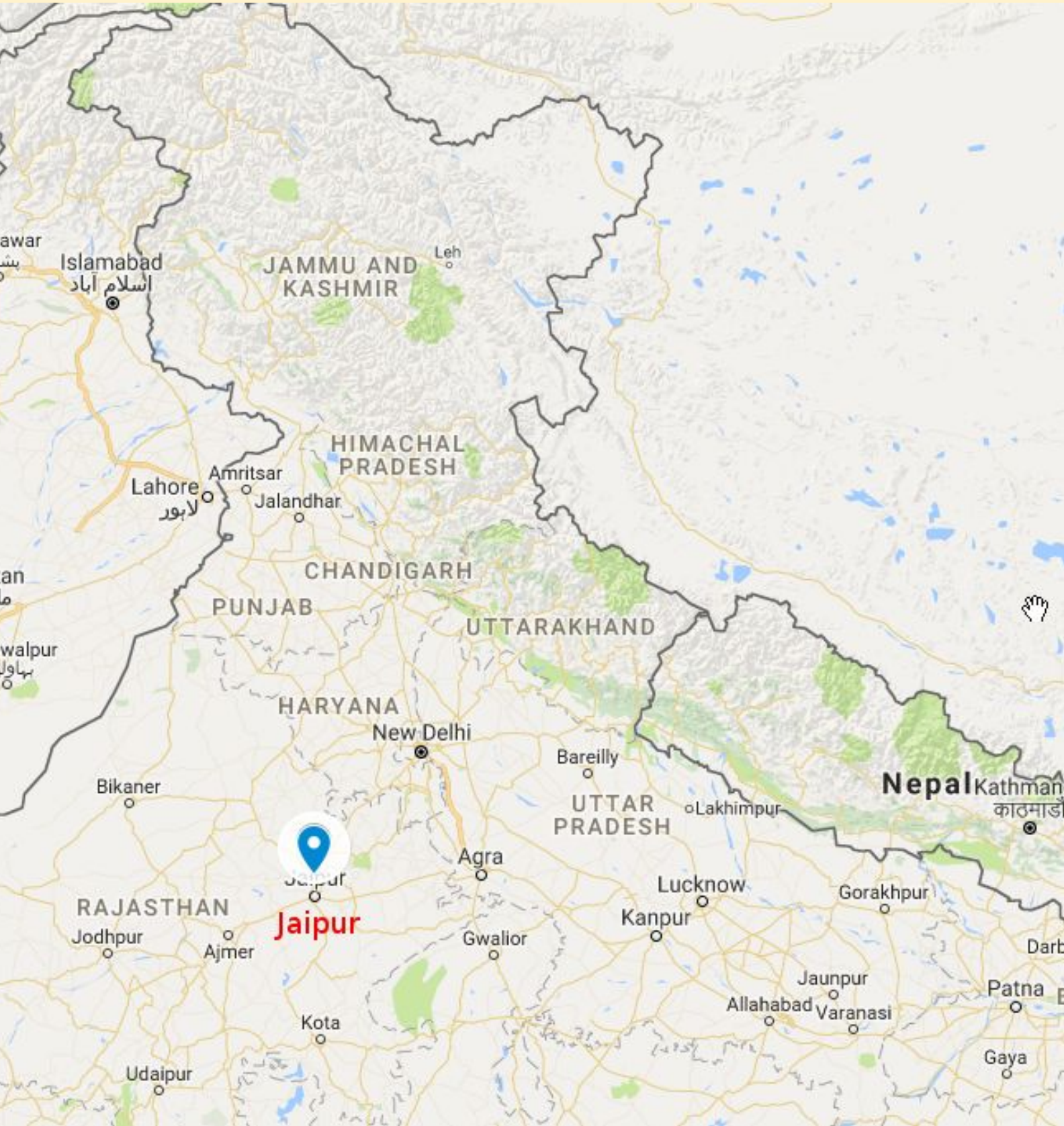
# Following the thread



This journey is weaved around Textile & Jewellery in Jaipur. The program starts in this capital of Rajasthan and all the activities are planned in & around this colourful city which has endless activities & highlights to offer. So the journey is blessed with no long drives and no frequent change of hotels!

The focus of the program is to explore the art & textile of Jaipur, interact with grass-root level artists, spend time with locals, visit Rajasthani villages & of course, explore the highlights of the City. Since Jaipur is not far from Agra, 'a never to be missed' Taj Mahal is indeed a part of the program as well.





## ~ highlights of the journey ~

- Elephant safari with exclusive breakfast
- Visit to Anokhi textile museum and meet the textile artists in Anokhi
- Interactive session with artists in Bagroo along with hands on experience on block printing
- Meeting the jewellery artists in Amrapali & Surana Jewellery
- Spend a day in a Rajasthani village & try your hands on Saree & turban tying sessions
- Explore the exquisite textile shops in Jaipur
- Attend a cooking class followed by a family dinner

## ~ detailed Itinerary ~

### **DAY 01 (Sun) 04 Dec '16: DEPART LONDON**

- ❖ Leave London by international flight EY 012 at 0900 hrs with a stop in Abu Dhabi
- ❖ Arrive Abu Dhabi at 2020 hrs and connect your onward flight to India EY 208 at 2255 hrs

### **DAY 02 (Mon) 05 Dec '16: Arrive in JAIPUR**

#### **Meals included : Breakfast**

- ❖ Arrive Jaipur in the early morning at 0350 hrs
- ❖ Meeting on arrival & transfer to hotel where room will be reserved for immediate occupancy
- ❖ Late breakfast at the hotel
- ❖ Rest of the morning free at leisure to get over Jet lag
- ❖ In the afternoon, proceed to explore the Jewelers of Jaipur. Visit Amrapali & Surana to see the jewelry making by local artists.

Jewelers of Jaipur stands out for distinct designs, which includes Kundan, Meenakari and Thewa.

Meenakari or Enamelling is the art of coating of the surface of the gold and silver with enamel of different colours. This art was introduced in India by Mughals and brought to Rajasthan in 16th century. Royal families of Rajasthan were great patrons of this form of jewellery design. Kundan is an indigenous design where the precious stones are set in the piece. Thewa is the art of embossing a filigreed sheet of gold foil onto molten glass to make jewellery and other artefacts.

We will be visiting **Amrapali** this afternoon. This exclusive luxury jewellery shop was opened in 1978 by Rajiv Arora and Rajesh Ajmera. Each piece in Amrapali is unique in design and style. It has now presence in 7 countries including at London's Harrods store. Amrapali draws its strength from ethnic Indian jewellery. Even the contemporary designs would have traditional touch in the form of enamelling or depiction of parrots and elephants. The factory of Amrapali houses all the artisans who create these exquisite designs in jewelry.

Later proceed to **Surana** jewelry: Surana jewelers are the prominent makers of enamelled (meenakari) jewellery. The Surana family was invited to Jaipur by the King of Jaipur in 18th century from Delhi to make jewelries for the royal family. The wealth of experience handed over to descendants by the forefathers has elevated these smiths in creating world class jewelry to suit the taste of the contemporary buyers while upholding the traditional craft form.

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### DAY 03 (Tue) 06 Dec '16: A day in JAIPUR

#### Meals included : Breakfast

- ❖ Early morning: Drive to the outskirts of Jaipur to experience breakfast at an open venue in the jungle surrounded by the Aravali ridge followed by an elephant safari through the hamlets towards Anokhi textile museum.

Anokhi: Anokhi was established in 1969 by Mr. J P Singh and Ms. Seth Singh of Jaipur. They were instrumental in bringing the centuries old craft of block printing to the international level.

The Anokhi studio at Amer has a museum with galleries showing different types block prints in India. The museum also houses a store which has items of limited edition and these items are not available at any other store of Anokhi.

An interactive sessions with in-house artists of Anokhi will be organized exclusively for you. The artisans at the museum have been associated with this craft for years. Here is a short background of the artists with whom you will be meeting :

Artist Mujeeb Ulla Khan has expertise in making block carving and is working in this field for last 35 years.

Mohammed Iqbal and Salim Khan are expert in making beautiful prints with these blocks. Their lineage has been associated with this craft form for centuries. These 2 artists are themselves working in this field for the past 40 years.

After a guided visit to Anokhi, embark on open Jeeps to continue your trip to Amber fort -a fine example of Rajput architecture

- ❖ In the afternoon visit Ridhi Sidhi handicraft emporium

Ridhi Sidhi is a relatively new fashion store offering a wide range of shopping products from dress fabrics, quilts, bedsheets and much more. The Ridhi Sidhi Handloom store at Jothwada has a unique collection of Rajputi dresses also known as Rajputi Poshak. This indigenous apparel is ethnic wear of the Rajasthani clan of Rajasthan and are vibrant and colourful. The silk and cotton fabrics come with excellent hand work like zardousi, kundani, gotta patti, zari, etc.

Artisans from nearby village create these exquisite designs on apparel and supply to the store. We will be take you to the villages of these artisans so that you can interact and understand the work they do.

You will meet these artisans in the village:

Firoz and Rehman excels in zari and zardousi work and brings elegance and grace to the piece of clothing.

- ❖ Later proceed to visit Alam House renowned for Leheriya tie and dye craft.

Alam House is a small boutique run by Mr. Badshah Miyan Ahmad. He is a national awardee and won medal from President of India for his contribution and in depth knowledge and understanding of colours and intricacies of this craft. His master craftsmanship will definitely amaze you by the virtue of his contribution to the Indian handicrafts. This boutique has lot to offer in terms of unique textile materials of Lehariya tie and dye craft.

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### **DAY 04 (Wed) 07 Dec '16: A day excursion to AGRA**

#### **Meals included : Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

- ❖ Early morning : Transfer to the railway station to board a train to Bharatpur departing at 06:15 am
- ❖ Arrive Bharatpur at 09:25 am. Meeting on arrival & drive to Fatehpur Sikri for a guided visit
- ❖ Later continue drive to Agra [1.5 hrs] to visit the Taj Mahal
- ❖ Lunch at Hotel Jaypee Palace.
- ❖ In the late afternoon transfer to the rail station to board a train back to Jaipur departing at 17:40 hrs
- ❖ Packed dinner will be served on board
- ❖ Arrive Jaipur in the late evening. Meeting on arrival & transfer back to hotel.

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### **DAY 05 (Thu) 08 Dec '16 : A day in JAIPUR**

#### **Meals included : Breakfast & Dinner**

- ❖ Morning : Embark on a guided excursion to Bagru to see the unique style of block printing. Also try your hands on block printing. Witness the making of natural dyes and wooden blocks.

Bagru is a small village in the outskirts of Jaipur, Bagru has a unique name in textile industry with its unique style of block printing. This block printing employs simple and ancient technique which has a tradition of 400 years. It uses ecologically conscious dyes in the colouring process. There designs and patterns vary from complex geometrical patterns to beautiful floral designs or motifs of some animals and birds.

While in Bagru, we will take you to Maiwa Handprints store which was established in 1997 to help fund practising and re-emerging artisans in craft sector. Maiwa supports traditional craft through their ethical business model. They encourage the highest quality from craftspeople which cannot be easily copied. This elevates the craftspeople to the level of artisans. Maiwa is all about textiles: handwoven, block print and naturally dyed. The artisans are mainly from Bagru village and are associated with this craft for generations. While at Maiwa Handprints, you will interact with the artisans like Mr. Mahesh Dosaya to know about the culture, the lives of artisans and their exceptional creations.

- ❖ In the afternoon visit the Chaubundi studio.

This store was opened 20 years ago to promote a unique way of doing Dabu prints. The artists use natural colors for dye process and the mix for the prints is different. We will organize a workshop Mr Praveen Kumar Dosaya to make you aware of the process. Chaubundi has been part of the numerous exhibitions and the creations are famed for natural dyes with mud resist, tie-die, to generate wide palette of colour combination.

- ❖ In the late afternoon visit a local family to try your hands on Rajasthani cuisine followed by dinner with the family



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### **DAY 06 (Fri) 09 Dec '16: A day in JAIPUR**

#### **Meals included : Breakfast & Lunch**

- ❖ After breakfast drive to a Rajasthani village, Talabgaon. The drive to Talabgaron will take about 2 hrs.
- ❖ On arrival in the village experience a camel cart ride through the village followed by a visit to a rural school
- ❖ Lunch at a heritage resort located in the village
- ❖ Attend a session on saree tying [for female travellers] and a turban tying [for male travellers] to get a hands-on experience
- ❖ In the afternoon drive back to Jaipur

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### **DAY 07 (Sat) 10 Dec '16: A day in JAIPUR**

#### **Meals included : Breakfast & Dinner**

- ❖ Breakfast at the hotel
- ❖ Rest of the day is free at leisure
- ❖ Afternoon : Embark on a guided sightseeing tour of Jaipur visiting the City Palace & Observatory  
*(Optional)*
- ❖ Evening : Attend the farewell dinner at a special venue followed by a Sufi performance

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### **DAY 08 (Sun) 11 Dec '16: Depart JAIPUR**

- ❖ Early morning : Transfer to the airport to board flight EY 207 at 0450 hrs with a stop in Abu Dhabi
- ❖ Arrive Abu Dhabi at 0715 hrs and connect your onward flight EY 017 at 1335 hrs for London, and you will be back home at 1745 hrs

## TOUR COST

Validity: For this tour only

Currency: GBP

Cost of ground arrangements	Per person tour cost in GBP
Cost for ground arrangements per person on twin sharing basis	GBP 660 per person
Supplement for staying in a single room throughout the tour	GBP 241 per single
Cost of international airfare for the sector London/ Jaipur/ London based on economy class	GBP 476.65 per person
Cost of international airfare based on Business Class <i>{only 4 seats remain in economy}</i> <i>**the air-tickets have been pre-negotiated with Etihad</i>	GBP 2066 per person

The rates given in the quotation is based on the following hotel or similar:

City	Hotel	Web link
Jaipur	Shahpura House	<a href="http://www.shahpura.com/">http://www.shahpura.com/</a>

- ❖ Meeting and assistance upon arrival and departure by an INDEBO representative.
- ❖ Accommodation in the hotels mentioned or similar, based on Double/ twin (or Single) bedded rooms with attached bath for a total of 6 nights + Rooms for early check-in on the first day.
- ❖ Meal Plan : As mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Transportation by an air-conditioned Tempo Traveler
- ❖ Activities as mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Services of locally appointed English speaking guides at the places of visit
- ❖ Services of an Indebo escort throughout the journey
- ❖ Currently applicable one time entrance fees to places of visit as per the itinerary
- ❖ Presently applicable government taxes, which are subject to change
- ❖ Professional and service charge for preparation and operation of the tour program

The rates include only the services listed above and those mentioned in the enclosed itinerary.

The rates do not include:

- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Any services not mentioned in the itinerary
- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature such as cost of telephone calls, table drinks, laundry, tips and gratuity etc.

Note : Prices are subject to revise in case of any steep increase in fuel price, addition/ revision in Tax structure or any other unforeseen reasons.

Note : Check in time is 1400 Hrs and check out time at all hotels is 12 noon unless otherwise specified.

Travel Trade : Please note this is not a fam, however should you materialise a group of 20 pax for 4 nights, or equivalent, (placed within one calendar year of the dates of this trip), the cost of one person's ground arrangements from this trip, would be refunded.

