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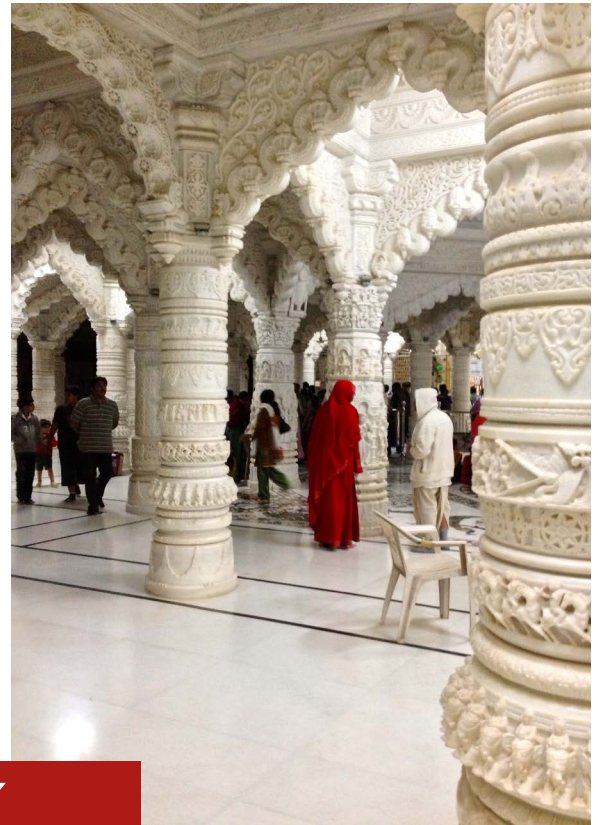


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Commencing from Mumbai, this wonderful 16-day journey immerses you in to the cultural richness and fabulous textiles of India. Explore the villages of Kutch and see some of the region's best embroidery and fabric work. Take a guided tour of the historic cities of Bhuj, Ahmedabad and Delhi, enjoying ancient sights and beautiful textile displays. Visit the amazingly jewelled Taj Mahal and the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Delight in the spectacular sights and handicrafts of Jaipur and marvel at the chaotic atmosphere in the bazaars. The tour also takes you to Lucknow to discover fascinating historical sights and to visit a local village, where you will see exquisite embroideries being worked by the local women. All along the way, you will enjoy wonderful shopping opportunities, spectacular sights and delicious food.

This wonderful tour takes you off the well-worn tourist path to discover the hidden gems and beautiful fabric treasures of India. It will enchant and delight you!



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Day One

After a group meeting, we have a short flight to Bhuj, an interesting historic city with wonderful bazaars & beautiful, partially-ruined palaces.

Day Two - Five

Kutch is one of India's richest areas for handicrafts, particularly famed for its beautiful, colourful embroidery work. It also specializes in weaving, appliqué, patchwork, tie-dye, block-printing and other crafts. Over the next few days, we visit some local villages and cooperatives to see the artisans at work. We will also see some magnificent displays of their finished products. Later, we will go on a guided tour





of Bhuj and local sights with some free time for exploring/shopping. Another highlight is visiting the Great Rann of Kutch (reputedly, the largest salt desert in the world) at sunset.

Day Six

Today we enjoy the rural scenery as we drive to Ahmedabad, Gujarat's largest city.

Day Seven

Visit the Calico Museum of Textiles, which contains one of the world's finest collections of antique and modern Indian textiles.

Day Eight

Visit Sabarmati Ashram (Gandhi's headquarters 1917-1930). After lunch we take a flight to historic Lucknow.

Day Nine

Today we'll drive out to a local village to see different embroidery styles including the traditional chikan embroidery that Lucknow is famous for. After lunch, we visit the historically fascinating Bara Imbara, the colossal tomb dedicated to a Shiite holy man.

Day Ten

This morning we have a guided tour of The Residency and after lunch we board an express train to Delhi.

Day Eleven

Drive to Jaipur to see some of the wonderful sights





of the chaotic pink capital of Rajasthan, wander through the colourful bazaars seeing wonderful displays of block-printed fabric and rich embroidery. Take a guided tour of the city palace and other parts of the city.

Day Twelve

After breakfast, visit Amber Fort and Anokhi Museum of Hand-printing for a hands-on demonstration and amazing fabric displays.

Day Thirteen

This morning there is free time for shopping. After lunch, we head to Bharatpur, stopping en route at an amazing ancient step well and temple.

Day Fourteen

After an early visit to the peaceful Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary, enjoy a guided tour of Fatehpur Sikri, a magnificent ghost city built in 1571 by the Moguls. Afternoon guided tour of the beautiful Taj Mahal, described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love. Drive to Delhi for overnight.

Day Fifteen

Today we visit some of the State Government Emporiums, showcasing magnificent textile products from different states. In the afternoon, we have a cycle rickshaw ride around Old Delhi.

Day Sixteen

Enjoy more wonderful sights like Humayun's Tomb, Nizamuddin Dargah and Gandhi's memorial, and great shopping opportunities at Hauz Khas village. After dinner, we transfer to Delhi airport for flights home, concluding a magical journey.



ADDITIONAL INFO

Your 16-day experience includes air-conditioned travel, all accommodation, all internal flights, trains, all tours, entrance fees, local guides, guide tips, some meals, local textile and village industry expert.

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