

## 12-Day Textiles of India Tour

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#### **Day 1: Depart USA**

**Day 2: Arrival Delhi: meals on plane** - Today you will arrive in **Delhi** in the late evening. Upon arrival you will be met by your guide and will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight at hotel.

**Day 3: Delhi: B, L** - After an early breakfast, you will be given a tour briefing by India insight staff, and a Full day city tour of **New Delhi & Old Delhi**. In addition to its Historic interest and role as the Government center, Delhi is a major travel gateway. The places worth visiting in New Delhi are **The Government building lining the Janpath, The India gate, Humayuns Tomb & Qutab Minar**. Whereas the major tourist attractions in Old Delhi are **The Gandhi Mausoleum** where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated, and an **Orientation Tour of The Red Fort** that took 10 years to build and dates back to the very peak of Mughal power in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The **Jama Masjid**, which was the final extravagance of Shah Jahan, is the largest in India. Later walk around the **Chandni Chowk**, and visit **the Gurudwara Shish Ganj Sahib**. Overnight at hotel.



**Day 4 Delhi: B, L, D** - After an early breakfast, you will visit the **Crafts museum** and see exhibition and craft demonstrations. Later you will be taken to **Dilli Haat** where you can shop for various types ethnic clothing and jewelry. Here you can also enjoy the various types of Indian cuisines as well. Afterwards you will have the opportunity to shop at local retail stores such as **Fab India**. In the afternoon you will **meet with a local dress designer if available**. After the visits, return back to hotel for an Overnight.

**Day 5: Delhi / Fatehpur sikri / Agra: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will be **driven to Agra**. Enroute, just short of Agra, visit the **Ghost City of Fatehpur Sikri**. **Fatehpur sikri** lies on rocky ridge about two miles long and one mile wide. This ridge was no problem to the mogul emperor, who simply sliced off the top to find room for his city. At the foot of the ridge, he created an artificial lake measuring 20 miles around. From here continue to drive to Agra for an Overnight stay.

**Day 6: Agra/ Jaipur: B, L, D** - Early this morning you will visit the beautiful **Taj Mahal**. Agra is home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World - the "Taj Mahal". This Ethereal monument was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beautiful wife Mumtaz, and is a sublime experience of the greatest love story ever told. Afterwards you will visit Agra's **Red Fort** and the **It-mad-ul-daulah** are interesting sites to see. Nur Jahan erected this tomb in sweet memory of her father **Ghiasud-Din-Beg** between 1622-1628 A.D. Later we will **drive you to Jaipur**. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. After you are settled you will have a late afternoon visit to the **City Palace, Hava Mahal, the Jantar Mantar**. Return for overnight at hotel.

**Day. 7 Jaipur: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will visit the majestic **Amber Fort**. Here you will have the opportunity to take an **elephant ride** up to the main area which has remarkable views of the nearby mountain landscape. The palace rises on the slopes of a steep hill behind the **Maota Lake** and retains an air of great beauty. Later, visit **Anokhi Textile Museum**. Overnight at hotel.

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**Day 8: Jaipur / Ahmedabad: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for **your flight to Ahmedabad**; guided hotel transfer. Over the centuries **Ahmedabad** has had a number of periods of grandeur, each followed by decline. It was founded in 1411 by Ahmed Shah (from whom the city takes its name) and in the 17th century was thought to be one of the finest cities in India. In 1615, the noted English ambassador, Sir Thomas Roe, judged it to be 'a goodly city', as large as London' but in the 18th century, it went through a period of decline. Its industrial strength once again raised the city up, and from 1915, it became famous as the site of **Gandhi's ashram** and the place where he launched his celebrated march against the **Salt Law**. Overnight at hotel.



**Day 9: Ahmedabad: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will visit the **Calico Museum (Calico Museum remains closed on every Wednesday)**. The **Calico Museum** is the premier textile museum of the country, and one of the most celebrated institutions of its kind in the world for its distinguished and comprehensive collection of textiles and artifacts. The **Calico collection** along with those of **Sarabhai Foundation's** collection of outstanding **Bronzes, Pichhwais, Jain art objects and Indian miniature paintings** are housed at the **Retreat complex of Sarabhai Foundation** in the **Shahibag area** of the city.



Afterwards you will visit the **Fashion Design Institute**. After your visit to the institute you will return for overnight at the hotel.

**Day 10: Ahmedabad / Mumbai: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for **your early morning flight to Mumbai**. Upon arrival at Mumbai airport you will be greeted by your guide and taken to the **InOrbit Mall**, which is enroute to your hotel. After some time to browse and shop you will be taken to the hotel. You will have some time to refresh and get settled. Then we will take you to a **Fashion Studio** where you can see some of the latest fashion from a top designer. We will also set up a meeting with the designer if his/her schedule allows. After visits return for overnight at hotel.

**Day 11: Mumbai: B, L, D** - After breakfast, you will visit the last home of **Mahatma Ghanda**. For those who have admired the life of this amazing man this is a very moving experience. Then you will tour **Mumbai** including the **Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Hanging Gardens, Marine Drive, Dhubhi Ghat (the amazing laundry industry of India), Crawford Market, Taj Hotel & meeting with Dhabawalas**. In the afternoon we will have a **meeting with a Costume Designer for their movie industry (Bollywood)** who has produced some elaborate and beautiful costumes. After visits return for overnight at hotel.

**Day 12: Return back to the USA with a lifetime of memories! B**

**- END OF TOUR SERVICES -**

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