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Places to Visit in Udaipur

The City of Lakes — a curated guide to Rajasthan's most romantic city

Set around a chain of shimmering lakes and cradled by the Aravalli Hills, Udaipur pairs royal palaces and lakeside temples with lively bazaars and gardens. This guide walks you through the sights worth your time, with visiting hours and fees to help you plan.

01 Jagdish Temple



JAGDISH TEMPLE, CITY PALACE COMPLEX

Jagdish Temple, which is dedicated to the guardian of the universe, Lord Vishnu. This grand temple stands in the City Palace Complex. The entrance to this majestic temple is seen from the Bara Pol of the City Palace.

Jagdish Temple has been constructed in the Indo-Aryan style of architecture. This temple was built in the year 1651 under the patronage of Maharana Jagat Singh, who was the king of Udaipur at that time. Two massive elephants made out of stone greet visitors at the gateway. A short flight up the marble staircase will take

you to the main shrine, where you will find a brass figure of Garuda, guarding the doorway of Lord Vishnu. The main shrine houses the striking four-armed statue of Lord Vishnu, that has been carved out of a single piece of black stone.

The chief shrine of Lord Jagdish is centrally located, surrounded by four smaller shrines. These smaller shrines are devoted to Lord Ganesha, the Sun God, Goddess Shakti and Lord Shiva respectively. Gorgeous statuettes, amazing carvings and an air of serenity make this temple a hot favourite among the spirituals.

02 City Palace



CITY PALACE ALONG THE BANKS OF LAKE PICHOLA

Perched on the banks of Lake Pichola, City Palace in Udaipur qualifies as the largest royal complex in Rajasthan and you will be stopping here for a while in the private tour by car.

This splendid palace was built in the year 1559 by Maharana Uday Singh. The palace was further reconstructed and beautified by Uday Singh's successors, who added numerous structures to the original complex. The Palace now has a mixture of Mahals, courtyards, pavilions, corridors, terraces, rooms and hanging gardens. This grand monument made of granite and marble adds a picturesque contrast to its quiet

natural surroundings of the Aravalli Hills. The insides of the palace are opulently decorated with elaborate art and traditional decorative work. Graceful balconies, tall towers and domes also add grandeur to the complex.

The entrance to the complex has an elephant gate, known as Hati Pol. Hati Pol is followed by a Bari Pol and Tripoli. The Mahals have now been transformed into museums. The Udaipur City Palace has 11 delightful palaces and almost all of these have been turned into galleries now. Amar Vilas is the highest point in the palace from where you can see the hanging gardens.

03 Jag Mandir Palace



JAG MANDIR, THE LAKE GARDEN PALACE

One of the most beautifully constructed palaces in Udaipur, Lake Garden Palace is also known as Jag Mandir and we will be visiting it as part of the Udaipur local sightseeing package.

Jag Mandir hangs in the middle of Lake Pichola. Home to some stunning structures, this palace also includes a garden wherein you will spot some of the most exotic flora. Jag Mandir used to serve as the summer resorts of kings of Mewar. This magnificent monument was built by the members of the Sisodia dynasty.

The entrance to Jag Mandir is adorned with life-size elephants made of marble. The museum of Jag Mandir displays and holds some of the most important artefacts of the Mewar dynasty and culture. The Bara Pattharon Ka Mahal, the Zenana Mahal and the Kunwar Pada ka Mahal inside Jag Mandir must be visited by every tourist. Gul Mahal in Jag Mandir was first built in 1551. Subsequent beautification was done by Maharana Jagat Singh.

04 Lake Pichola



A SUNSET BOAT RIDE ON LAKE PICHOLA

Lake Pichola is an artificial lake located in the heart of Udaipur city. This is the oldest and one of the largest lakes in the city and the best way to visit is with our one day trip by private car.

Lake Pichola hosts thousands of tourists every year because of its serenity and beauty. Skirted by mighty hills, heritage monuments and bathing ghats, it is an ideal destination for photography and nature lovers.

A visit to Lake Pichola must be accompanied by a boat ride, especially during dawn. In the evening the entire place is bathed in gold by the setting sun and the ambience is incredibly romantic.

The beautiful City Palace extends along the eastern banks while Mohan Mandir is situated in the north-east corner. The renowned Lake Palace sits perfectly perched in the middle, and Jag Mandir is located on the Jag Island.

05 Bagore ki Haveli



BAGORE KI HAVELI, THE PALACE OF MIRRORS

Bagore ki Haveli was built in the 18th century beside Lake. Also known as “The Palace of Mirrors”, this palace is a brainchild of Amarchand Badwa. The walls of this haveli have been beautified by glasswork and mural paintings of the Mewar region.

This lavish haveli has hundreds of rooms which were built during the reigns of 4 kings of Mewar from 1751-1778. Although it used to be a private residence of the royal family until 1947, the haveli now functions as a museum and hosts music festivals throughout the year.

06 Fateh Sagar Lake



FATEH SAGAR LAKE AND THE ARAVALLI HILLS

Fateh Sagar Lake is surrounded by the Aravalli Hills and is the second largest artificial lake in Udaipur. You may go around the circumference of the Fateh Sagar Lake by driving on the Moti Magri Road and get a fantastic view of the entire lake along this road with our 1 day Udaipur local city tour by car.

The Fateh Sagar Lake is spread over an area of one square kilometre and is divided into three different islands. The largest of these is called

the Nehru Park and which has a boat-shaped restaurant and a small zoo for kids. It also serves as a famous picnic spot. The second island also has a public park but with water-jet fountains.

The third island contains the famous solar observing site, the Udaipur Solar Observatory. The tranquillity and beauty of its blue waters have made Fateh Sagar Lake one of the most popular weekend destinations and is a must visit for anyone visiting Udaipur.

07 Moti Magri



MAHARANA PRATAP AND HIS HORSE CHETAK

This is a monument situated on the hilltop in memory of the grand Maharana Pratap and his loyal horse Chetak. The place carries the golden statue of the leader, a museum and has marvellous sights to witness over Fateh Sagar Lake. History lovers may not consider a miss to it.

08 Saheliyon ki Bari



THE GARDEN OF THE MAIDENS

Saheliyon Ki Bari is a beautiful garden which also serves as a popular tourist spot of our Udaipur 1 day trip. The garden is celebrated for its lush green lawns, marble art and fountains. This famous garden is located on the banks of Fateh Sagar Lake and was built in the 18th century by Maharana Sangram Singh for the ladies of the royal family.

The terrific architecture of the garden offers a mind-blowing view of beautiful fountains erected in water pools, carved cubicles and marble elephants. The lotus pool and bird-fountains of this garden are also well-known. Maharana Bhopal Singh subsequently built a pavilion of rain fountains. The main lake has four kiosks made of black marble and one white marble kiosk in the centre.

09 Shilpgram



SHILPGRAM, THE RURAL ARTS & CRAFTS COMPLEX

Shilpgram, located about 3 km west of Udaipur, is a rural arts and crafts complex designed to showcase the diverse cultural heritage of India. Spread over 70 acres, it serves as a living museum with replicas of traditional huts

from various Indian states, highlighting the architectural styles, crafts, and lifestyles of rural communities.

Set up over an area of 70 acres of undulating plain, the Rural Art and Craft Complex hosts a number of huts representing the four West Zone states of India. There are five huts from

Maharashtra, Goa and Rajasthan each and seven huts representing Gujarat in the complex. Each of these huts are built incorporating the traditional architectural features that you can see in the rural areas of the respective states. Inside the huts, everyday household articles made of wood, metal, textile, terracotta and other substances, and used by the native

residents of the representative states, are displayed with accurate and detailed explanations. The complex also houses an amphitheatre with 8000+ capacity, which becomes the stage for major craft festivals that the city hosts, thereby promoting traditional folk performing arts.

MORE TO EXPLORE

Badi Lake (*Jiyan Sagar*)

Badi Lake, alternatively referred to as Jiyan Sagar, is an isolated place for those seeking solitude. Surrounded by hills, the lake offers an excellent spot for an easy walk, kayaking, or a quiet picnic.

Karni Mata Temple & Rope Way

Located atop a hill overlooking Doodh Talai Lake, Karni Mata Temple offers panoramic views of Udaipur. Take a ride on the ropeway to this serene temple devoted to the local deity, Karni Mata. It's really magical at sunset when the city below turns golden.

Rajiv Gandhi Garden

This well-kept garden near Fateh Sagar Lake is an excellent picnic spot for families. With expansive lawns, fountains, and walking paths, it's ideal for relaxation and leisure.

Ambrai Ghat

It is a place where one can dine on the romanticism of Udaipur. Standing on the banks of Lake Pichola, it offers picturesque views of the City Palace and Jag Mandir. It is lovely in the evenings as the lakeside lights create a dreamy ambience.

BAZAARS

Shopping & Cuisines

Hathi Pol Bazaar

A vibrant market that sells Rajasthani handicrafts, miniature paintings, and textiles. A shopper's paradise, it is the perfect place to get souvenirs that speak of the beauty of Udaipur.

Bada Bazaar

A bazaar that has old and new in equal proportions. It runs from ethnic jewellery and Bandhani sarees to leather goods and antiques. Here, one needs to bargain for the best deal!

Clock Tower Market

One of the most famous markets located beside the Clock Tower, known for its spices, tea, and traditional Rajasthani snacks. A treat to all one's senses with lively stalls and the fresh aroma of spices.

Chetak Circle

Famous for its Pichwai paintings, handcrafted toys, and metal artefacts. This is the right place to explore local artistry and pick up something unique for yourself or someone else.

Spice Market

The Spice Market in Udaipur is a food lover's paradise. From aromatic masalas to exotic teas, this market offers a vast variety of flavours that define the rich culinary heritage of Rajasthan.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Timings & Fares

All fees in INR and per person unless noted. Timings and fares are indicative and may change.

ATTRACTION	ADMISSION & FARES	HOURS
Doodh Talai Musical Garden	Indian Adults ₹20 · Indian Children ₹10 · Foreigners ₹30	Mon-Sun 9:00 am – 10:00 pm
City Palace	Foreigner ₹500 · Indian ₹250	9:30 am – 4:30 pm
City Palace Museum	Foreigner ₹300 · Indian ₹50	9:30 am – 5:30 pm
Lake Pichola	No entry fee. Boat ride ₹400 adults / ₹200 children · Sunset ride ₹700 adults / ₹400 children	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Jagmandir Island Palace	No entry fee. Boat ride ticket ₹450 per person	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Fateh Sagar Lake	No entry fee. Boat rides ₹30 regular · ₹100–200 motor boat · ₹200–400 speed boat	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Shilpgram	Foreigner ₹50 · Indian ₹30	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Monsoon Palace	Indian ₹110 · Foreigner ₹300 · Vehicle: 2-wheeler ₹55, 4-wheeler ₹300	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saheliyon ki Bari	Indian ₹10 · Foreigner ₹50	9:00 am – 7:00 pm



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