Textile & Handicrafts Tour

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Day 1

DAY 1 II ARRIVE MUMBAI II FLIGHT

Upon arrival traditional welcome & transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2

DAY 2 II MUMBAI – AHMEDABAD II FLIGHT

After breakfast transfer to Airport to board flight to Ahmedabad; upon arrival check into hotel. Afternoon city sightseeing tour, visiting Jami Masjid which has two shaking Mineraets, Bhadra Fort & Teen Darwaja, Bhadra Fort now houses Government offices. Visit the Tomb of Ahmed Shah and his Queens, visit Sidi Saiyad's Mosque, Rani Rupmati's Mosque and shaking Minarets. Visit Sabarmati Ashram & Adalaji Ki Baolis (stepwell). Overnight at hotel.

Day 3

DAY 3 II AHMEDABAD

Ahmedabad city is called the "Manchester of India" for its textile mills. Ahmedabad has India's largest textiles museum. Calico Museum The extensive collection of historic textiles includes good examples of ikkat and double ikkat weaving, textiles made in Gujarat for The East India Company(before independence) and the Portuguese Colonial market, tie -and-dye- block prints, cloth paintings, cloth manuscripts , temple hangings, royal wardrobes, embroidered tents etc. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4

DAY 4 II AHMEDABAD-GONDAL II 265 KMS/5 HRS

After breakfast drive to Gondal, upon arrival check in at the hotel. Later visit the impressive 1748 AD Naulakha Palace; housing beadwork, brassware and silver handicrafts from the princely collection, cottage industries, emporium, and the bazaar. Other highlights of Gondal are the Bhuvaneshwari Ayurvedic and herbal medicine pharmacy, Swaminarayan Temple and the Vintage and Classic car Museum. Overnight at hotel.

Day 5

DAY 5 II GONDAL – JUNAGADH – GONDAL II 70 KMS/2 HRS

After breakfast proceed for a day excursion to Jetpur famous for the workshops of block and screen printings and a centre of yarn-dyeing. Proceed further to Junagadh to visit the carpets of gem-encrusted, the Nawab's tapestry in the museum and wardrobes. Historical Junagadh is known for its 03rd of century (BC) Buddhist ruins, medieval palace, complexes of tomb and the forts. Back to Gondal for Overnight stay.

Day 6

DAY 6 II GONDAL – RAJKOT II 39 KMS/1 HRS

After breakfast check out from the Hotel and drive to Rajkot. Upon arrival check into hotel. Later visiting Watson Museum at Rajkot, to see the skills of the craftsmanship in Gujarat and Rashtriya Shala. Overnight at hotel.

Day 7

DAY 7 II RAJKOT –BHOPAL VIA MUMBAI II FLIGHT

After breakfast transfer to airport to board flight to Bhopal via Mumbai. Upon arrival check into hotel. Evening is free to explore the lake of city of Bhopal. Overnight at hotel.

Day 8

DAY 8 II BHOPAL – CHANDERI II 200KMS/4 HRS

After breakfast check out and drive to Chanderi. Chanderi is renowned for its most exquisite product: the gossamer thin Chanderi sari that has been woven here for centuries. The greater part of the town's population is part of the weaver community and work at producing the Chanderi fabric known for its traditional motifs and fragile pastel colours. Upon arrival in Chanderi check into your hotel. Later visit Chanderi Fort and also visit the Chanderi Silk factory. Evening is free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9

DAY 9 II CHANDERI – SHIVPURI II 142 KMS/3 HRS

After breakfast drive to Shivpuri, once the summer capital of the Scindia rulers. Shivpuri is famous for its exquisite palaces and hunting lodges and graceful, intricately carved marble chhatris (cenotaphs) erected by the Scindia princes. Upon arrival transfer to hotel & rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10

DAY 10 II SHIVPURI – KOTA II 223 KMS/5 HRS

After breakfast drive to Kota. Kota is famous for its industries as well as natural beauty. It is situated on the bank of the river Chambal in the southeast Rajasthan. Later visit city palace & museum. Rest of the time free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11

DAY 11 II KOTA – JAIPUR II 250 KMS/6 HRS

After breakfast visit Kaithoon village where you will be able to see the local cottage industries where Kota doria, famous handmade Saree are manufactured. Later in the afternoon drive to Jaipur – the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as 'The Pink City' for the colour of the buildings in its wonderful old city. Upon arrival, check-in at hotel. Jaipur is always the centre of attraction. From centuries, this royal land has been flourished with precious stones and jewelry. Jaipur is renowned for its exclusive designs and splendid jewelry. Jewelry is a form of embellishment sported almost on all body parts. Depending on the culture and times Jewelry may be appreciated as a status symbol, for its material properties, its patterns, or for meaningful symbols. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12

DAY 12 II JAIPUR

After breakfast visit Amer Fort established in the 16th century by Raja Man Singh of the Kachwaha dynasty. Within the Amber Fort are ornate palaces, courts, stairways, pillared pavilions & palaces & drive past the stunning artistry of the five-story façade of the Hawa Mahal. Afternoon visit the City Palace, the museum houses textiles, arms, carpets, paintings and manuscripts and other artistic paraphernalia & Astronomical observatory, built by Maharaja Jai Singh the founder of Jaipur, also visit Observatory & pass through Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). Later proceed to Sanganer which is about 18 kms from Jaipur, the capital and largest city Rajasthan. It is known for its famous handmade paper industry and the textile printing industry. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13

DAY 13 II JAIPUR – NAWALGARH II 138 KMS/3 HRS

After breakfast drive to Nawalgarh. Upon arrival in Nawalgarh check into Apni Dhani. Later you may choose to select the various work-shops from Bangle making, woodcarving and Tie & Dye. The idea behind these workshops to offer you in-depth discovery of culture and to meet & interact with local community. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14

DAY 14 II NAWALGARH – DELHI II 265 KMS/6 HRS

After breakfast visit the Painted Havelis of Nawalgarh and other nearby towns Mukundgarh and Mandawa. Later drive to Delhi; upon arrival check into hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 15

DAY 15 II DELHI

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later start sightseeing of Delhi and start from Old Delhi visiting Red Fort (from outside), Jama Masjid and also enjoy the rickshaw ride in the narrow streets of Chandni Chowk. Later visit the New Delhi and drive past the India Gate, President House and other Parliament. Later visit the Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar. Evening is free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 16

DAY 16 II DELHI – VARANASI II FLIGHT

After breakfast transfer to airport to board flight to Varanasi; upon arrival check in to hotel. Later proceed for an excursion tour to visit Sarnath – where Buddha preached his first Sermon. Overnight at hotel.

Day 17

DAY 17 II VARANASI

Morning Boat ride on river Ganges. Return back to hotel for breakfast. Later proceed for half day city tour to visit Banaras Hindu University, Bharat Mata Temple & Tulsi Manas Temple. Varanasi is famous for fine silk weaving and brocades. Banarasi silk sarees are popular for rustle of silk, the sheen of pure gold, the magical weave. Later visit to a Silk sarees-manufacturing unit where you can observe the production of fine silk sarees & also interact with local artisans. In the evening proceed to witness the Aarti ceremony at Ganges Ghats. Overnight at hotel.

Day 18

DAY 18 II VARANASI – LUCKNOW II 315 KMS/6-7 HRS

After breakfast check out and drive to Lucknow. Upon arrival check into your hotel. Evening is free at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

Day 19

DAY 19 II LUCKNOW

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later visit Bara Imambara, Chota Imambara and Rumi Darwaza. Lucknow is known for embroidery work Chikankari, Zari, Zardozi. Chicnkari, 400 year old art, is famous all over India. Later visit the embroidery workshop to get the first-hand knowledge about the art. Later in the evening you may choose to tantalize your taste buds with Nawabi style cuisine such as Biryani, Kebab and breads. Overnight at hotel.

Day 20

DAY 20 II LUCKNOW – AGRA II DAY TRAIN

After breakfast time free at leisure. Later transfer to Railway station to board to Agra (Tundla). Upon arrival check into hotel. Agra is famous as being home to one of the "seven wonders of the world – The Taj Mahal".

This city was once the capital of the Mughal empire and it has several monuments which display the splendour of Mughal architecture. Besides the monuments, Agra is worth a visit for the masterpieces of craftsmen recreating the glory of the Mughal period and for the Mughlai cuisine, the aroma of which fills the narrow lanes of Agra. Overnight at hotel.

Day 21

DAY 21 II AGRA

After breakfast you will proceed to visit Agra City. Visit world famous Taj Mahal- (closed on Fridays) built by Mughal emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his beautiful wife Mumtaj & Agra Fort. Later visit to renowned carpet manufacturing unit. Agra has amongst the oldest tradition of carpet and durrie making in India and exhibits the finest representation of what is available in India. Silk carpets with gold threadwork are forte of Agra. We will also observe marble and soft stone inlay work which is another specialty of Agra. Overnight at hotel.

Day 22

DAY 22 II AGRA – DELHI – DEPARTURE II 203 KMS/3 HRS & FLIGHT

After breakfast time free at leisure. In time transfer to Airport to board flight to onward destination.
