

tripsy GUIDE

THE

UDAIPUR

The Venice of the East

Rajasthan, India · Itineraries · Hidden gems · Food · Budgets · Local tips



1 WELCOME TO UDAIPUR

lakes, palaces, slow evenings

Udaipur is Rajasthan's romantic city: white palaces rising out of Lake Pichola, hilltop sunsets, rooftop cafés over the water and narrow old-city lanes full of havelis. It's small enough to explore in two or three days, but most visitors rush the palace in the midday heat and miss the best light. This guide gives you the right order, the right hours and the quieter spots, so Udaipur feels as magical as it looks.

Where to stay: the areas

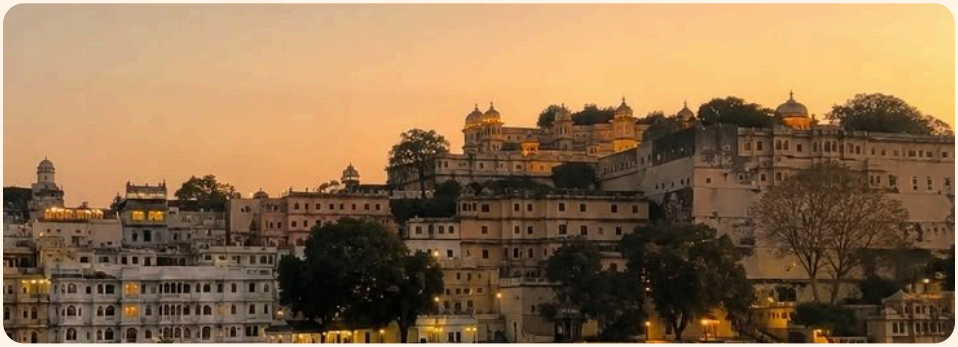
Lal Ghat and Gangaur Ghat	The old-city lakefront next to City Palace. Walkable, lively, full of rooftop cafés.
Hanuman Ghat and Ambrai	Across the lake on the west bank. Calmer, with the best palace views at night.
Fateh Sagar area	Newer and quieter, near the second lake. Good for families and longer stays.
Lakeside palace hotels	For a splurge: stay on or beside Lake Pichola for the full royal experience.

Prices, timings and rules in this guide were checked in November 2026 and are approximate. Always confirm on official sites before you travel. Photos are illustrative.

2 AT A GLANCE

everything you need to know

Best time	October to March. September is lush after the monsoon; April to June is very hot.
Ideal stay	2 to 3 days (add a day for Kumbhalgarh)
Budget per day	Budget ₹2,000 to ₹3,000 · Mid-range ₹5,000 to ₹8,000 · Luxury ₹20,000+ (per person, excluding travel)
Getting there	Maharana Pratap Airport (UDR), about 25 km from the city; Udaipur City railway station; about 4 hours by road from Ahmedabad.
Getting around	Walk the old city; autos and app cabs for Sajjangarh, Fateh Sagar and Badi Lake. Scooter rentals are common.
Language	Hindi and Mewari; English is widely understood in tourist areas
Good to know	City Palace Museum is open 9 AM to 9 PM; go at opening time to beat the heat and the crowds.



3 BEST PLACES TO VISIT

must-sees and hidden gems

City Palace Museum MUST-SEE

Open: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (tickets till 8 PM) · **Entry:** Approx. ₹400 adults; ₹150 students and children 5 to 18

Tripsy tip Enter at 9 AM, and look out over the lake from the upper courtyards. No flash inside the galleries.

Lake Pichola boat ride MUST-SEE

Open: Daytime and sunset rides · **Entry:** Varies by jetty and timing; sunset rides cost more

Tripsy tip The sunset ride is worth the extra. Jetties near City Palace and Lal Ghat run regular boats; some stop at Jag Mandir.

Sajjangarh (Monsoon Palace) SUNSET

Open: Daytime until sunset · **Entry:** Small entry and vehicle fee at the sanctuary gate

Tripsy tip Reach 45 minutes before sunset. The view over the lakes and Aravallis is the best in the city.

Bagore Ki Haveli EVENING

Open: Museum by day; Dharohar folk show approx. 7 to 8 PM · **Entry:** Museum approx. ₹60; show approx. ₹125 adults, ₹75 children

Tripsy tip The counter for the show opens around 6 PM and seats fill fast. Arrive early for a front-row view.

Ambrai Ghat HIDDEN GEM

Open: Best after sunset · **Entry:** Free

Tripsy tip The classic view of the lit-up City Palace across the water. Sit on the steps or book a lakeside dinner nearby.

Jagdish Temple MUST-SEE

Open: Early morning and evening · **Entry:** Free

Tripsy tip A carved 17th-century temple steps from City Palace. Go for the evening aarti and dress modestly.

Saheliyon Ki Bari PHOTO STOP

Open: Daytime · **Entry:** Small entry fee

Tripsy tip Marble fountains, lotus pools and gardens. Pair it with a sunset walk along Fateh Sagar.

Fateh Sagar Lake SLOW DAY

Open: Best at sunset · **Entry:** Free walk; boating extra

Tripsy tip Locals' favourite evening promenade with street food. Calmer and cheaper than Pichola.

Badi Lake HIDDEN GEM

Open: Afternoon to sunset · **Entry:** Free

Tripsy tip About 12 km out, ringed by Aravalli hills and almost empty. Go by scooter or cab.

4 TIME IT RIGHT

the Udaipur light plan

Udaipur is all about light. Mornings are for the City Palace and old lanes before the heat. Afternoons are for cafés, shopping or Badi Lake. Evenings are when the city glows: sunset from Sajjangarh or a boat on Pichola, then the lit palace from Ambrai Ghat.

Rooftop cafés along Lal Ghat and Gangaur Ghat fill up at sunset, so book a table or arrive 30 minutes early. If you have only one evening, choose the sunset boat ride, then walk to Ambrai Ghat for the night view.



5 READY-MADE ITINERARIES

just follow the plan

1 DAY: THE HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

- **8:30 AM** Breakfast at a rooftop café on Lal Ghat
- **9:00 AM** City Palace Museum at opening
- **12:30 PM** Jagdish Temple and old-city lanes
- **2:00 PM** Lunch and rest
- **5:00 PM** Sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola
- **7:00 PM** Bagore Ki Haveli folk show
- **8:30 PM** Dinner with the night view at Ambrai Ghat

2 DAYS: LAKES AND SUNSETS

DAY 1: OLD CITY

- **9:00 AM** City Palace and Jagdish Temple
- **2:00 PM** Shopping in Hathi Pol and Bada Bazaar
- **5:00 PM** Pichola sunset boat
- **7:00 PM** Folk show and Ambrai Ghat

DAY 2: BEYOND THE OLD CITY

- **9:00 AM** Saheliyon Ki Bari
- **11:00 AM** Fateh Sagar walk
- **3:00 PM** Badi Lake
- **5:15 PM** Sunset at Sajjangarh

3 DAYS: ADD A DAY TRIP

DAYS 1 TO 2

- **Day 1** Old city, Pichola boat, Ambrai Ghat
- **Day 2** Gardens, Fateh Sagar, Sajjangarh

DAY 3

- **7:30 AM** Drive to Kumbhalgarh Fort (about 2.5 hours)
- **Afternoon** Ranakpur Jain Temple on the way back

6 WHAT TO EAT

and exactly where

Dal baati churma

Rajasthan's classic: baked wheat balls, lentils and sweet crumble. Any good thali restaurant.

Rajasthani thali

Gatte, ker sangri, bajra roti and more. Try a thali restaurant in the old city.

Kachori and mirchi vada

Morning street snacks near Jagdish Temple and Bada Bazaar.

Laal maas

Fiery red mutton curry for meat-lovers; family-run restaurants serve the best.

Lassi and kulfi

Thick lassi from old-city shops and kulfi by Fateh Sagar.

Rooftop dinner with a view

Lal Ghat and Ambrai cafés: book a lake-facing table for sunset.

7 WHERE TO STAY

for every budget

Budget	Hostels and guesthouses around Lal Ghat and Hanuman Ghat: ₹800 to ₹2,000 per night
Mid-range	Heritage havelis with lake-view rooftops: ₹3,000 to ₹8,000
Luxury	Lakeside palace hotels on or beside Pichola: ₹25,000+

8 BUDGET PLANNER

3 days, per person

	BUDGET	MID	LUXURY
Stay (3 nights)	₹3,000	₹12,000	₹60,000
Food (3 days)	₹2,400	₹6,000	₹15,000
Local transport	₹1,000	₹3,000	₹8,000
Tickets and boats	₹1,500	₹2,500	₹5,000
Shopping and extras	₹1,000	₹3,000	₹10,000
Total (approx.)	**₹8,900**	**₹26,500**	**₹98,000**

Per person for 3 days, excluding travel to Udaipur. Mid-range and luxury assume twin sharing.

9 SHOPPING

what to buy and where

Hathi Pol	Miniature paintings, silver jewellery, textiles
Bada Bazaar	Bandhani and leheriya fabrics, spices
Shilpgram (seasonal crafts fair)	Rajasthani crafts direct from artisans
Old-city lanes	Leather journals, puppets and wooden toys

10 DAY TRIPS

if you have an extra day

Kumbhalgarh Fort

About 85 km. A UNESCO hill fort with walls stretching for kilometres.

Ranakpur Jain Temple

About 90 km. Hundreds of carved marble pillars; pair it with Kumbhalgarh.

Chittorgarh Fort

About 115 km. One of India's largest forts, full of Rajput history.

11 SCAMS AND SAFETY

read this before you go

- 'Government emporium' detours: autos may push you into commission shops. Say no politely.
- Miniature-painting 'school' sales: check prices in two or three shops before buying.
- Boat touts near the ghats: buy tickets at official jetties.
- Overpriced rooftop 'lake view' tables: confirm the view and menu prices first.
- Gem resale schemes: never buy stones to 'resell abroad for profit'.
- Hilly roads at night: avoid riding to Sajjangarh or Badi Lake after dark on a scooter.

12 WHAT TO PACK

pack smart

- Comfortable walking shoes for old-city lanes
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- A light jacket for winter evenings by the lake
- Scarf or dupatta for temples
- Reusable water bottle
- Cash for small shops and autos

13 BEFORE YOU GO

your checklist

- [ ] Book a lake-view stay or rooftop dinner
- [ ] Plan City Palace for 9 AM
- [ ] Check sunset time for Sajjangarh
- [ ] Reserve seats for the Bagore Ki Haveli show
- [ ] Download offline maps of the old city
- [ ] Save emergency numbers: 112 (all emergencies)



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