



Virasat Journeys



Bazaars, cuisine and the crafts of old Jaipur

From its creation in 1727 the royal families and nobles of Jaipur patronised the craftsmen and artisans of the city. These traditions continue to this day and as a result modern day Jaipur is considered by many as the craft capital of India. Traditional methods are still used to produce many valuable and highly prized items. Using skills passed down through generations, artisans and master craftsmen can be seen in the areas of *Ghat Darwaza* and *Vishveshwar ji*.

On this fascinating evening walk mingle and talk with the locals whilst sampling some of the regions culinary delights; try *pakor*as, *aloo tiki*, *samosa* and *ladoo* from some of the city's most popular street food vendors. Observe local artisans in their workshops; jewellers and silversmiths, gold painters and tie dying experts as well as *meenakari* and *kundan* artists. The iconic *Hawa Mahal* also called the *Palace of the winds* is the meeting point at which this two and a half hour walk begins.

Significant highlights include



- ❖ Visit *Swayam Bhu Hanuman Temple*. They say that the idol mysteriously appeared from under the ground many centuries ago!
- ❖ Walk through *Hanuman Ka Rasta*. A bustling alley and craft lover's delight, from wedding card manufactures to book binding and printing to gold and silver casters and gem stone traders this lane is teeming with the skill and traditions of a bygone era.
- ❖ Visit a President's award winning fifth generation *meenakari* craftsman in his workshop.
- ❖ Observe the animated and brisk gemstone traders on *Gopalji ka Rasta*.
- ❖ For foodies *Ghee Walon ka Rasta* an entire street dedicated to eating is heaven and we know where to find the best food! Sample a large variety of Indian savoury snacks including *samosa*, *kachories* and *pakor*as. For those with a sweeter tooth, try the *ladoo*s.
- ❖ Visit *Nayala Haveli*, hidden behind large gates this beautiful property is owned and managed by the local Jain community.
- ❖ Meet the money changers along *Johari Bazaar* - rummage through their collections of old coins, some dating back to the time of the *Mughals*!



As the walk draws to a close mingle with the perfume and flower sellers in front of *Laksmi Narayan Baiji*. The walk finishes opposite the *Hawa Mahal* on *Bari Chaupar*.



Starting point: In front of the *Hawa Mahal* (*Badi choupar*)
 Finishing Point: In front of *Laksmi Narayan Baiji- Bari Chaupar* opposite *Hawa Mahal*.
 Approximately 2.5 hrs in duration
 Walk departs: 4:30 P.M. (4:00 P.M. Jan/Feb/Mar)
 Minimum number of participants 2: maximum 6
 Operates daily subject to local conditions

