



# Virasat Journeys

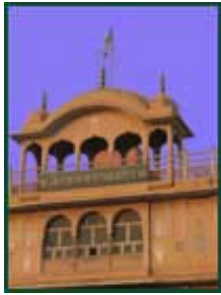


## The Modikhana of old Jaipur

One of the historic chowkries in the 18<sup>th</sup> century planned city of Jaipur, Chowkri Modikhana gets its name from its association with the Modis (trader communities) With its Havelis, Temples, public buildings, museums and craft areas it is a unique representation of the living heritage of the city.

This two to two and a half hour walk provides an interactive, innovative encounter with the trading communities of the old city. With some story telling from our resident guides this walk reveals the life style, craft activities and historic buildings to small groups of interested and inquisitive clients.

### Significant highlights include



- ❖ The Sita Ramji temple which predates the city of Jaipur.
- ❖ Kalyanji temple which is covered with beautiful frescos including one which represents the 10 incarnations of the Hindu God Vishnu.
- ❖ See master craftsmen making brass work, as their forefathers did before them. Not only are these craftsmen highly skilled, they also perform fascinating rituals and worship their tools prior to starting work.
- ❖ Visit a fascinating private museum which houses more than 125,000 manuscripts in over a dozen languages, some of which date back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. They cover a range of topics from the sciences, art, architecture, yoga and even punishments for committing a range of crimes. The collection also includes paintings, shoes, textiles and brass work.
- ❖ Sanghi Juta Ram Jain temple, which was built in 1778 and has stunning *kundan* work depicting stories from the Jain religion in its courtyard.
- ❖ Walk through Sankri Gali – a small street whose buildings and Havelis have been restored with the help of the Jaipur Virasat Foundation. Prince Charles visited this street in 2006.
- ❖ Have tea and snacks with fourth generation antique dealers. Rummage through their treasurers and read through their visitors' book with entries going back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



Finish the walk at the Rajasthan School of Arts which was built by the Prime Minister of Maharaja Ram Singh II, as his residence and then converted in to the school in 1866.



Starting point: Golcha Cinema near New Gate  
 Finishing Point: Rajasthan School of Arts  
 Approximately 2.5 hrs in duration  
 Walk departs: 8:00 A.M. & 4:00 PM  
 Minimum number of participants 2: maximum 8  
 Operates twice daily subject to local conditions

