

Textile Tour 2024
1 – 20 December

- Day 1 - Tuesday:** Arrive **Delhi** Transfer to your Hotel
- Day 2 - Wednesday:** Fly to **Ahmedabad**. Arrive Visit Adalaj Vav before checking into hotel. **B**
- Day 3 -Thursday:** Travel to **Little Rann of Kutch** via Patan. See world famous double Ikat tie and dye/weaving. Visit Rani-Ki-Vav step well and Sun Temple. **B/D**
- Day 4 - Friday:** Optional early morning wildlife safari. Afternoon visit Rabari women working on embroideries and local specialised pit weaving. **BLD**
- Day 5 - Saturday:** Travel to **Bhuj** passing cotton fields, castor oil plantations and salt lakes. Visit Shrujan Museum housing an extensive range of various tribal embroidery styles. **B**
- Day 6 - Sunday:** Bhuj – Bhujodi village, hand loom weaving. Afternoon visit Bundhani tie and dye outlet. **B**
- Day 7 - Monday:** Tavel to **Gondal** via Rajkot. Visit Watson Museum Rajkot. **B**
- Day 8 -Tuesday:** Gondal - Jetpur- Junagadh – Gondal. Jetpur for hand and machine screen printing factories. Junagadh jem encrusted carpets, tapestries of the Nawab at Museum. Ashok Rock Edict Girnar hills. Spinning and weaving cotton (Gondal). **B**
- Day 9 - Wednesday:** Travel to **Ahmedabad** (via Lothal) 2500bc Harapas historical site **B**
- Day 10 – Thursday:** Visit Calico Museum (by appointment only) with its vast collection of textiles, local shopping and sites. Dada Harir NI Vav if time. **B**
- Day 11 - Friday:** Travel to **Udaipur** **B**
- Day 12 - Saturday:** Morning visit to City Palace & afternoon/evening cruise Lake Pichhola. **B**
- Day 13 - Sunday:** Travel to **Jaipur**. **B**
- Day 14 - Monday:** Block printing factory and workshop. Blue Pottery **B/L**
- Day 15 - Tuesday:** Carpets – hand weaving, washing, stretching, shaving, scorching, edging. Recycled Patch work. **B**
- Day 16 - Wednesday:** Modern embroidery, Siker House - textiles. Walk in Central Park. **B**
- Day 17 - Thursday:** Explore Johri Bazar & Cutler textile markets. A/tea Rajasthani Home. **B**
- Day 18 - Friday:** Travel to **Delhi** **B**
- Day 19 – Saturday:** **Flights home. B**

Review: 2019 Textile Tour

In Gujarat we travelled by comfortable bus to outlying villages to see textile crafts being made and decorated in the most painstaking and inventive ways by mainly (but not exclusively) women. To say the results were beautiful is an understatement. The stories behind them were incredible.

Many villages were barely accessible but the reward at each stop was fitting as we watched the people at their craft while we sat sipping the obligatory chai (tea). For most villages we were the first group to visit and our welcome was warm and sincere.

We stayed in great places, stress free, as everything was done for us by Carolyn who smooths the way with her understanding of Hindi.

As well as the textiles we saw step wells, wild life parks, museums, palaces, forts and in Udaipur and Jaipur, markets and hidden gems. I've been on a few Indian tours but this one takes the cake! Not to be missed!

Florence, 2019/20