

## Explore Jaipur

### Places to visit:

#### **Amer fort: A UNESCO World Heritage site**

8.00 am – 6.00 pm (Sound and Light show at 7.30 pm every day in English)

The Amer fort sits over the serene Lake Maatha, just five miles outside Jaipur. To get fully immersed, climb aboard a royally decorated elephant and ascend the hill in regal style.

#### **Jaigarh Fort**

9.00 am - 4.30 pm: Entry Rs 85 for overseas visitor, Rs 35 for Indians

The Jaigarh Fort reflects the rich heritage and architecture of the Rajput era. The fort on the “Hill of Eagles” was built in 1726 and overlooks the beautiful city of Jaipur from a height of 500 feet. Built for the purpose of defense, the walls of the fort used red stone for construction and are a meter thick. This fort is conveniently located at Amber, which is roughly 14 kms from the center of the city of Jaipur.

#### **City Palace:**

9.30 am - 4.30 pm: Entry Rs 300 including audio tour

Blend of Mughal and Rajput style, take a guided tour of the private residence of the royal family and see the opulence and magnificence of the palace.

#### **Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds):**

Jaipur’s most iconic building, a one room deep, which has 953 latticed windows. A maharaja in the 18th century built the five tiers of window arches and balconies, for the ladies in the palace to observe the streets without being seen. For a different perspective, visit Hawa Mahal at night, when the front is dramatically illuminated.

#### **Jantar Mantar:**

See the sundial, lots of zodiac charts, marble hemispheres. Guides available locally and they provide audio guides as well.



**Alber Hall:** Museum inside the Ramniwas Bagh

9.00 am - 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm – 10.0 pm: Entry Rs 300 for overseas visitor, Rs 40 for Indians

In a city of many architectural excesses, the Albert Hall Jaipur is possibly the most decorative and visually stunning. The larger concert hall was constructed in 1876 for one sole purpose – to ensure Prince Albert of England would visit Jaipur during his India tour. This extravagant gesture by the then Maharaja guaranteed the visit and today this is a museum that displays relics from Jaipur’s rich history. The Albert Hall is the focal central point of Ram Niwas Bagh (garden), a kilometer and half to the south of the city walls.

**Surya Temple at Galta**

The shrine stands perilously perched on a terrace cut into the ridge of the hills overlooking Jaipur, the view proves worth the climb. Walk up early to capture a moment watching the sunrise in all its glory.

**Take in the arts and crafts:**

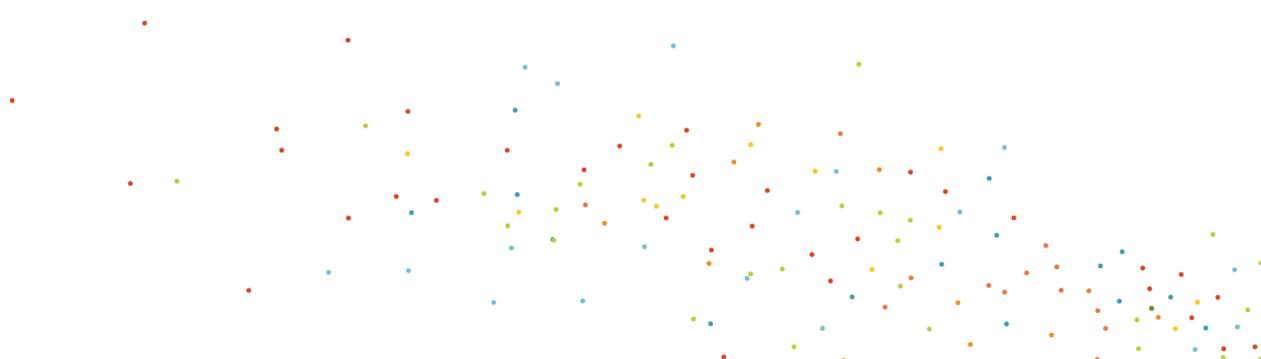
A contemporary space that showcases works of both eminent and emergent artists, **Artchill** has showcased Jatin Das, Arpana Caur, and Sunil Padwal.

The **Samanvai Art Gallery** is a great platform for artists and investors to explore opportunities together, including exhibitions and workshops.

Your one-stop shop for contemporary as well as traditional works is **Kanchan Art Gallery** for modern figuratives, replicas of monuments, lithographs, etchings, and paintings done in oil or acrylic.

**Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing**

When visiting Amer, also go by the Anokhi textile museum. Shop at the museum for exclusive products.



### **Amrapali Museum of Silver**

11.00 am - 6.00 pm (Closed on Sunday)

On display at the museum is a stunning variety of pendants, chains, amulets, head and hair ornaments, bracelets, bangles, rings and toe rings amongst others sourced from the far reaches of the Indian subcontinent by the founders of the luxury brand 'Amrapali Jewels', over 50 odd years.

### **Museum of Legacies**

12.00 pm - 8.00 pm (Closed on Monday)

The museum of legacies, also known as **Virasat Museum** displays the rich cultural heritage of Rajasthan with a diverse collection that includes textiles, jewellery, stoneware and inlay work, painting and poetry. A heritage building converted into an art space, the museum is situated in the heart of the old city in Kishanpole Bazar.

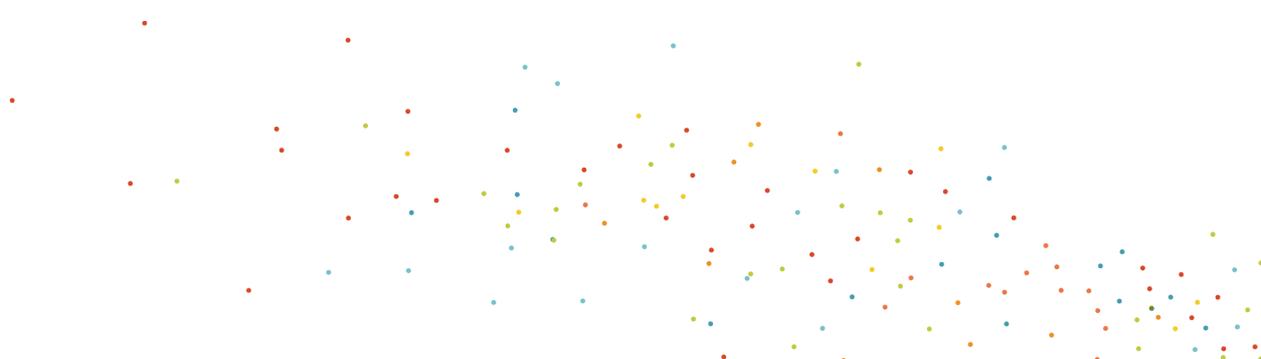
### **Jawahar Kala Kendra**

11.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Jawahar Kala Kendra is a multi arts center that has been built with the purpose of preserving Rajasthani arts and crafts. This space has been designed by Charles Correa, and houses museums, an amphitheatre, library, display rooms and art studios. JKK hosts its own theatre festival, live music and dance shows. Their library houses a very interesting collection of books and is a perfect place for you if your soul is artistic and creative. Their in house Café Quaint has fabulous food and serves us the best coffee in Jaipur. It's a relaxed, non0-fussy cage that is modern and comfortable.

### **Gyan Museum**

Mr Gyan (Gem Plaza) collected varieties of Textiles, Mughal Rugs depicting the entire hunting scene- the rarest! The then prevalent playing cards, Silver Hukkas, Gorgeous Gemstones, Vintage Spectacles, Paintings of 19th century and older, the rarest inscriptions and everything else in-between-all showcased in the museum! Further, a section of the museum showcases his personal belongings too.



## Walks:

The road that leads to Nahargarh from Jaigarh (the fort above Amber palace) is one of the best country walks. Built in 1734, Nahargarh fort overlooks the city from a sheer ridge to the north. The views are glorious and there is a restaurant that's perfect for beer after the trek up.

You can also explore Jaipur's old city on this self-guided walking tour:

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/walking-tour-of-jaipur-old-city-photos-1539458>

## Bazaars (markets) of Jaipur:

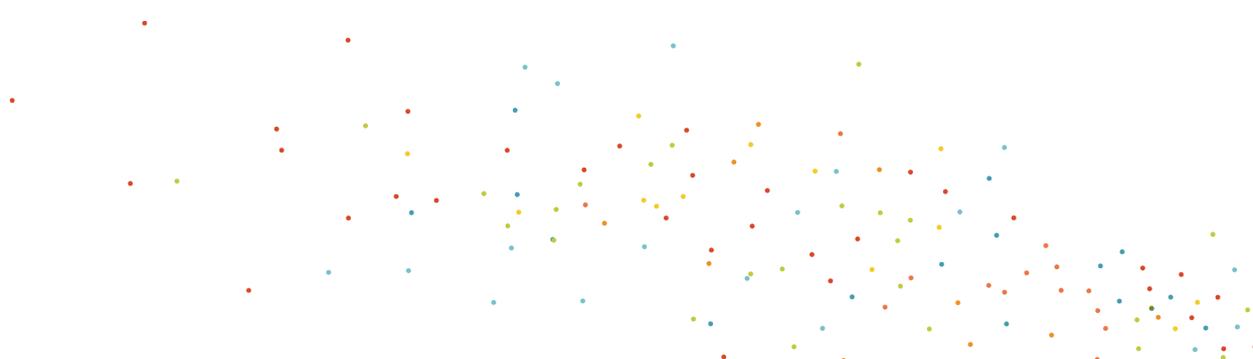
You need to walk around these old markets to unearth their hidden treasures.

Tripolia Bazar (for traditional lac bangles),

Badi Chaupad, Choti Chaupad and Thateeron ka rasta ( metal craft and traditional copper vessels)

Visit **Gopalji ka rasta** for gems and gem workers. It is not far from the Palace of Winds. Also visit **Chameliwala market** off M.I. Road near the General Post office for gems and silver jewellery. This is where a lot of international jewellery makers get their stones cut and jewellery made. **Pannigaron Ka Rasta** for silver & gold leaf. **Indian Gota works** in Johari Market. Johari Bazar, specializes in sari borders and embroidered blouses. **Ikramuddin Mohd Sabir Neelgar(09314507666)** in Mehron ki Nadi, a bylane near Hawa Mahal, belongs to one of the oldest families practicing leheriya dyeing techniques in the country and his jewel toned fabric will make a great gift and souvenir.

Visit **Sanganer**, now a major tourist attraction, is a village which groups a lot of the local craft activities like block-printing and hand-made paper making. Sanganer is 16 kilometres outside of Jaipur.



## Places to eat:

### Fine Dine/ High Range

**1135 AD**, Jaleb Chowk in Amer Fort – This is an opulent restaurant with rich traditional decor serving lavish Indian cuisine.

**Narain Niwas Palace (Bar Palladio):** This hotel’s terrace—a charming bonfire-lit spot—starts buzzing in the evenings, with glamorous locals arriving for drinks or dinner.

**Polo Bar Rambagh Palace hotel:** Bedecked with memorabilia from this equestrian sport, Polo Bar is a local haunt for the city’s many polo fans. It serves up single malts, wines, liqueurs, and Cuban cigars, but we recommend you try the signature Polo Polotini—this concoction of vodka and melon liquor is the perfect accompaniment to any match.

**Rajmahal – The Oberoi Rajvilas:** The décor at this specialty restaurant is almost as lavish as its cuisine. We recommend the four-course dinner—superb curries, rotis, and biryani—all served on silver plates. Reservations are essential.

**The Forresta – Bani Park:** A poolside alfresco restaurant and bar at the colonial-style Devraj Niwas hotel, The Forresta is surrounded by trees on all sides and offers a wide variety of cocktails, along with a multi-cuisine menu. The place often doubles as a music venue, featuring a variety of local and international acts.

**Samode Haveli:** The Samode Haveli’s dining hall-style restaurant is a true work of art—marvel at the marble etchings, dramatic arches and brilliant chandeliers from any seat in the house. The house specialty will have you gasping in gastronomic delight—the succulent raan-e-samode (marinated leg of lamb) is so special it must be ordered a day in advance.

**The Baradari**—if you are visiting the City Palace, well a pit stop for refreshments is a must. Indoor or outdoor, you will definitely enjoy the food, drinks and cozy atmosphere.



## Mid range

**Anokhi Cafe:** for nice salads, smoothies, fresh juices and healthy pastas/quiches....early lunch recommended...they don't have too much seating space.

**Saba Haveli hotel:** Best kept foodie secret in Jaipur – savor their vegetarian or their non vegetarian thali, Reservations essential.

**Café Kalapani:** Quickly becoming the city's most popular venue for live music, it plays everything from classical Indian to dubstep.

### **Ram Dev's:** Ghee Walon ka Rasta

Founded over 50 years ago by the current owner's father, this little sweet shop has a small café through a white arch adorned with pictures of deities. Four tables fit neatly into the white and green room, and there is efficient table service. The coffee is good, 10, and you can order sweets or they will go across the lane to Shri Ram Chat Bhandar, to get you excellent savoury snacks including kachoris.

**Niros**, Panch Batti, MI Road – is a long standing destination serving a range of Indian and Chinese dishes in its relaxed dining room.

## Snacks and street food:

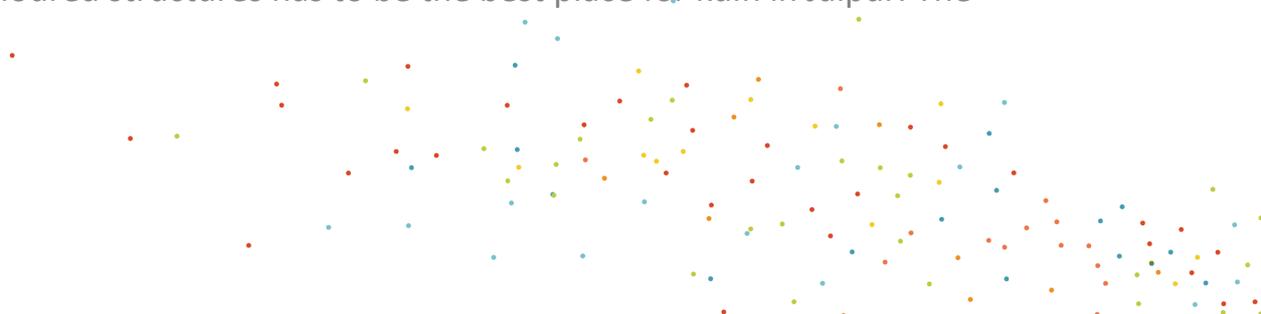
Try a refreshing and rich **lassi**, a yogurt based refreshing drink at the famous **Lassiwalla** on M.I. Road. It's next to Tholia Kuber, one of the jewellery stores, and right across from **Niro's**, an upmarket but famous restaurant.

Right behind the lassi place you will find a small shop selling the best mirchi badas (green chilly batter fried)

Nigam Chaat Bazar, Sarojini Marg, MI Road

Kiran's Gol Gappas opposite Rajput Sabha Bhawan, Bhagwan Das Road

**Pandit Kulfi:** This little shop, on Hawa Mahal road, surrounded by crumbling, salmon-coloured structures has to be the best place for kulfi in Jaipur. The



smooth ice cream comes in a variety of flavours, from the traditional whole milk to cardamom and saffron.

**Rawat Misthan Bhandar:** Another Jaipur landmark, this restaurant makes up in atmosphere what it lacks for in ambience. Dip your spoon into dishes like mirchi badas, kachoris, and various chaats. RMB's most famous dish is its pyaz ki kachori, which is so good it has people queuing up twice a day.

### Places to shop:

**Anokhi:** 2nd Floor, K square, C11, Prithviraj Road, C Scheme 0141 2530226 (open 10-8 pm)

This textile house sells and exports its hand-block fabrics by the yard and in an array of products from sarongs to beaded jackets. All of their products are finished by artisans on a farm outside of Jaipur but are now sold in boutiques throughout the country.

**Soma**—Block print house that sells clothing and linen. Cool collection of Men's kurtas.

Soma House, 2-B Girnar Extn. Khatipura , Jaipur

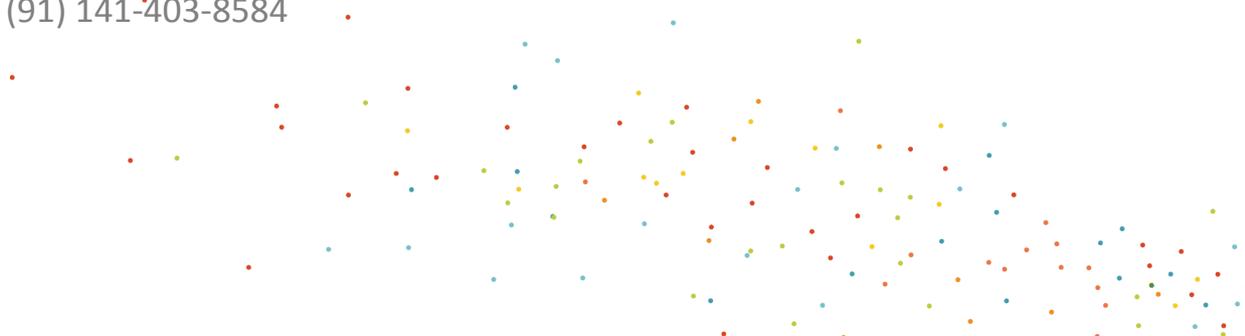
**Nayika:** Tholia House, M I Rd, for Indian Textiles, Scarves, Stoles and long/short Jackets

**Kripal Kumbh** - B18a Shiv Marg, Banipark 0141-2201127—See artists at work and look out for the unique lotus design. This is the private residence of late master potter Kripal Kumbh. His daughter runs the studio who herself is a potter.

**Brigitte Singh:** Narad Ka Bagh, Amber (91) 141-253 0229

Among the most sophisticated hand-blocked fabrics being made in India are those designed by the French born Brigitte Singh - *by appointment only* - 1.30pm-4.30pm.

**Rasa:** C Scheme S-55 Ashok Marg, (opp St Xavier's School, near Saroj Antiques) (91) 141-403-8584



Designers, Madhulika and Manish (Tibbs) Tibrewal create outstanding, contemporary and sophisticated block print textiles. The chic boutique features their home and fashion collections. The bedding is beautiful as is the loungewear. Women's fashion includes saris and western silhouettes. Indian crafts like hand-painting and intricate embroidery from regions around Jaipur and across Rajasthan form an integral part of their product story."

**Jaipur Modern** – find an eclectic mix of accessories, art and apparel, a combination of Indian and Italian technique. Address: 51, Sardar Patel Marg, C Scheme, Dhuleshwar Garden, Opp India Post Bhavan, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302007

**Anantaya by AKFD** : For Contemporary Indian Craft

Vatsalya, B-6/A1, Prithviraj Rd, C Scheme (91) 141-236-4863, (91) 141-236-4864 Also at Narain Niwas

This is one of the best places anywhere in India to buy contemporary Indian craft. The shop, which is just a few years old, is a by-product of the very successful interior design and architectural business that was started by Ayush Kasliwal, and his architect wife, Geetanjali in 1996. Living and working in Jaipur, the designer duo make full use of Rajasthan's arts and crafts, be it beaten brass, stone carving, *dhurrie* weaving or mirror work. Signature products include the *Trinetra* 'third eye' candle holder, a cluster of beaten brass pods, *Rohida* wooden bowls, traditional vessels made from a native Rajasthan tree, used by Jain priests and the *Tazia* wooden sculptures."

**Shop at Hot Pink:** Housed inside the Amber Fort and conceived of by French jewellery designer Marie-Hélène de Taillac and the late Munnu Kasliwal, who owned Gem Palace, Hot Pink offers fine hand-stitched kurtas for women, colourful Nehru jackets for men, pashmina cushions, and stunning accessories in a vibrant setting of paper lanterns and copper pots filled with rose petals.

**Couture at Miraangi:** Jaipur's latest couture destination is located right in the centre of town. Miraangi is a clothing and accessories store that stocks some of India's best designers, including Anamika Khanna, Manish Arora, Namrata Joshipura, Bansri, and Rehane.



**New Idli:** inside Hotel Narain Niwas Palace. Created by French designer Thierry Journo, a lifestyle store with apparel for men and women and funky home accessories.

**Tokree:** Sanyukta Singh's apparel and accessory store at Alsisar Haveli.

**Snack and shop at Ambika Concept – Café and Store:**

Ambika Concept blends Indian fabrics with western designs. Browse through its collection of dresses and carefully draped kimonos. And the best part: it comes with an Indo-Portuguese café, where you can enjoy some homemade tapas in a garden setting.

**Benu's Collection**—52, Gopal Bari, 0141 2369709—For exquisite gota pati work

**Ridhi Sidhi textiles**—from block print kurtas to embroidered bedcovers to tribal Afghani clutches, the place is crammed with beautiful stuff.

9, East Amber Palace Road Outside Zoravar Opposite Khandaka Marriage Hall, Jorawar Singh Gate, Amber Rd, Govind Nagar East, Chokdi Gangapol,

**Vrisa**-- created by Rahul and Shikha Mangal, Vrisa sells sustainable clothing for women, with a strong focus on natural fabrics & embroidered detailing. F-6-A, Ramesh Marg, C Scheme

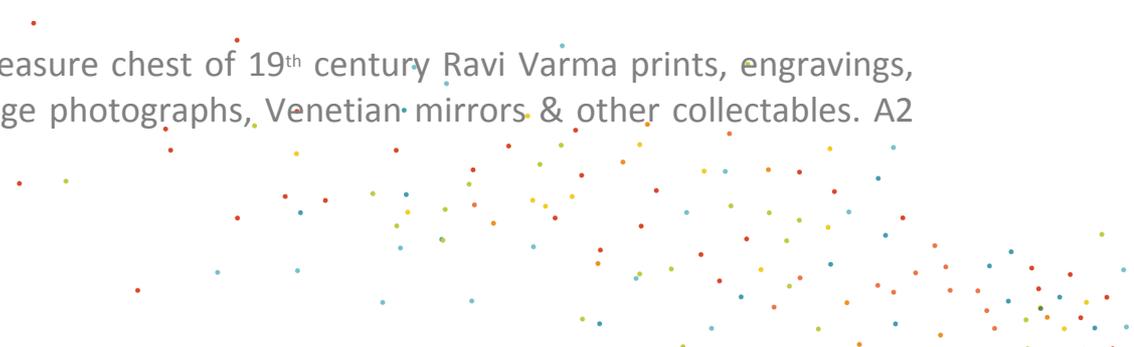
**Shilpi** - Owners Brij Udaiwal and his son Trilok are happy to show you around. You can see the work being done. They work with natural dyes using the traditional patterns of the Mughal court. Nr Silliberi, Shilpi Rd, Sanganer, 0141-2731106/9887281611

**Pichwai Painting**

**Shan Bhatnagar** - creates watercolor paintings and works inspired by Pichhwai paintings that were traditionally hung behind the deity in temples. By appointment only: 52 Gopal Bari, Lane no 2 (behind Country Inn Hotel) 0141 2369709/9829213065.

**Antiques**

**Saroj:** This is a treasure chest of 19<sup>th</sup> century Ravi Varma prints, engravings, lithographs, vintage photographs, Venetian mirrors & other collectables. A2



tilak Marg, Nandanam Apts, Ground Floor C-Scheme (opp CBI office, Nr Park Plaza Hotel) 0141 5110927/9829019297 (Chetan)

**Ninety one degree**—founded by Israeli designer Alon Molay, this is a haven of home furnishings & accents including hand-blown glass vases, wire bowls and graphic rugs. J-50-B, Sarojini Marg, C Scheme, Punch Batti, Ashok Nagar.

### **Handmade paper**

Kalpana: They produce some of the finest papers in India and visitors are welcome to see the complete production process. Their artists' range of papers is superb and in high demand, wise to order in advance.

kalpanahandmadepaper.co.in, Bawari ka Bas, Jain Hostel Rd, Sanganer 0141 2732115/9829053242 (Ram Prasad)

### **Jewelry**

Amrapali: Mirza Ismail Rd, Paach Batti

Silver centre (Sangeeta Boochra) : 234, Johari bazaar

Kuber Tholia: Tholia Building, M.I.Road, Jaipur, Phone:0141 237 7416

Gem Palace: MI Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan, Mirza Ismail Rd, Jayanti Market, New Colony

Sunita- for Jadau jewelry - B-6b, Prithviraj Road, C-Scheme, Jaipur, T +91 141 2361385 / 95; M +91 99297 77005 / +91 98290 50043, Sunitashekhawat.com - by appointment only

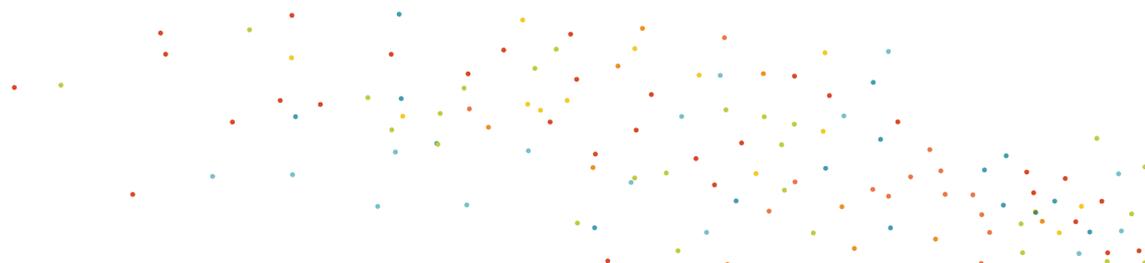
The best store for silver, with trinkets embellished with semi-precious stones, is Silver Mountain - 141 MI Rd (corner of Subhash Marg); 0141-4001609/9829062226

Maneeka

H 10 Chameliwala Bazaar 0141-2375913—genuine old tribal silver jewelry and rare pieces such as opium boxes or walking stick handles.

### **Ceramic**

Neerja Pottery: A great source for Indian ceramics, in particular the region's famous Indo-Persian blue pottery. The company was founded in 1978 by a



native of Calcutta, Leela Bordia, as an enterprise to help local people earn money by practicing their craft. You can find tiles, dishes, bowls and even toothbrush holders in traditional blue pottery patterns.

S19, Bhawani Singh Rd, C Scheme Ext, (91) 141-222-4395; cell: (91)-98290-52646

**Spa:**

**O2 Spa** : jaipur Marriot Hotel, Ashram Marg, 0141 4567777

**Jiva Grande Spa:** Rambagh Palace Hotel, Bhawani Singh Road, 0141 2211919

