



Shopping Options for Udaipur??

Udaipur, the city of lakes, offers an exciting shopping experience to its visitors. The city has innumerable small and big shops, offering a wide variety of items ranging from dainty folk toys to cloth lanterns and colorful printed garments to Jewellery and antique items. The city is also known for its local crafts, particularly miniature paintings in the Rajput-Mughal style.

Shopping in Rajasthan is a delightful experience. The land is traditionally rich in making handicrafts and handlooms. The tradition of art and crafts in Rajasthan actually developed and flourished under the direct patronage of the royalties. Different regions of the state specialize in different kinds of handicrafts, which would lead you to shopping spree in Rajasthan.

A visit to Udaipur wouldn't be complete without at least one shopping spree at one of the many bazaars. Udaipur is a Shoppers Paradise. For Art Lovers there are Paintings, Miniatures, Contemporary Art, Marble Handicrafts, Metal Furniture, Fabric and much more. Udaipur is also known for leather products, jewelry, rug weaving and marble work. Craftsmanship at its best can be seen in the rustic and chunky silver jewelry and wooden toys. The animated colours and themes painted on the pichwais or the wall hanging are also world-renowned.

The main shopping areas of Udaipur are located along the Lake Palace Road and around Jag dish temple. The two shopping complexes worth visiting in Udaipur include Rajasthali- the Rajasthan Government fixed price emporium- selling a variety of handicraft items, and Sadhna- an outlet for Seva Mandir (an NGO), offering a range of fixed-price textiles. Other important shopping places in Udaipur include Bapu Bazaar, City Market, Chetak Circle and Hathipole. The shopkeepers generally quote higher prices, so never forget to bargain and bargain really hard.



***Bazaar at the TAJ LAKE PALACE** is located next to the lobby area and offers a wonderful selection of the jewelry, handicrafts, textiles and clothing. The Bazaars spill with products and there is a magnificent glow of colours all over. Intricate work carved on handicrafts or the wonders of gems and stones, it has it all and even more like the colours dancing on the textiles and fabrics with silver or gold threads settings and complimented with the variety of Silk-threads, Beads, Gota, Zari, Zardosi, Banarasi, etc. designed by the age old families of skilled artisans. The Bazaar at the Palace has the following shops:*

Miniature Painting shop

Book shop

Textile Shop - Rajasthan and Kashmiri textiles.

Jewellery Shop – Traditional Rajasthani and Silver Jewellery

Jewellery

Udaipur is known for the art of silver smithy, beginning from anklets to earrings to head gears. A lot of effort goes into its making since most of the rural communities wear silver ornaments. Besides silver, it is known for its Lac bangles, Kundan and Mina Kari, enameled gold Jewellery, uncut diamonds and emerald-cutting. Another most exclusive art is 'thewa' from Chittaur popular for its gold work on glass. Some of the traditional adornments are Rakhdi (head ornament), Tussi (necklace), Baju Bandh (armlet), Adah (special necklace worn by Rajputs), Gokhrus (bracelets), Pajeb (anklets), etc. The jewellery market in Udaipur is Moti chotta and Clock Tower and easily accessible from the Lake Place.

The famous and the best store to buy them would be

Silver Art Palace, at Saheliyon Ki Bari Road.

Alankar Jewellers, Moti chotta, near clock tower.



Woodworks

Apart from other handicraft items, Udaipur is also known for its wood crafts. Wood, sometimes plain often painted, is used to make everything from furniture to artifacts. While the furniture ranges from the made-as old that is such a range all over the world, its contemporary variants include chairs with painted backs, camel-hide stools, marble-top tables and carved cabinets. Wooden artifacts include a range of animals-horses, elephants, parrots. All are beautifully painted. Besides animals, wooden artifacts also include boxes; chests snuff boxes and other interesting paraphernalia including dancing figurines and dwarfals or guardians of the doors.

One can go for shopping of the wooden articles in Hathipole which is one of the main market in the town and easily accessible from the Lake Place.

Textiles

The Textile of Udaipur has a fascinating range of dyed and block printing fabrics. Tie and dye is one of the most widely accepted and one of the very traditional methods of printing textiles in India.

Hand-block prints- the quilts of Sanganer, Bagru are the favorites.

Tie and dye- Bandhej, Bandani, Lehriya, Batik, Mothra, Ekdali, Shikari, and Cheent comes under this category.

Bandhej- Bandhej of Jodhpur, Sikar, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Pali, Udaipur, and Jaipur are more popular.

Zari- Gota, zardosi, Banarasi for formal and bridal ensembles, metallic and threaded embroidery.

The lehriya is an entire line of cloth is dyed in different colours. Udaipur's lehriya work is well known. Samdar Lehar, Phagun are the designs to be worn in the spring season. The entire collection is extremely fabulous which is not found in any other part of the world.

The famous and the best store to buy them would be

Mewar Art, Opp. Saheliyon ki Bari.

Unique Art & Textiles, at the Lake Palace Road.

Shilp Gram Udhog, opposite Vintage Car Museum on Lake Palace Road.



Handicrafts

The story of Indian Handicrafts comes from one the oldest civilizations of the world. The vast cultural and ethnic diversity has enabled a variety of motifs, techniques and crafts to flourish on this land. Exporters and manufacturers of brass handicrafts such as brass table lamp, brass wall plates, brass candle lamp, brass statues, brass buttons, brass key chains and decorative figurines. Also supply Christmas home decoration items. Exporter of Indian marble handicrafts, Indian soapstone handicrafts, crafted stone handicrafts that includes oil burner, aroma lamps, aroma diffusers, candle holders, candle lamps, incense holder, plates, jewelry boxes, ash trays and photo frames.

The handicraft shops are spread out across the main markets of Udaipur like Chetak Circle, Hathipole, and Shilp Gram.

Paintings

The paintings of Udaipur especially pahad paintings and Mughal miniature paintings reflect rich heritage and hold place of pride for the proud people of the state. These are contemporary paintings in water based paint. Brilliantly illustrated, these paintings glow as if illuminates from inside. These paintings are replica of original miniature paints from 19th century in natural water colours and old hand made paper. The paintings done at Udaipur were created on cloth as well as on walls of palaces (fresco) with the same style but with different theme. Miniature paintings and pichwais are in great demand all over the world.

Anyone who is fond of paintings can visit the location Saheliyon Ki Bari and also the lake palace road.

The famous and the best store to buy them would be:

Mewar Art Gallery, at Saheliyon Ki Bari Road.

Complete Art School, on Sajjan Garh Road.

Ali Baba Arts runs in a house outside city walls at Saheli Nagar.

Mayur Art, Opp UIT office Moti Mangri Scheme.