

# Art Adventures India

Inclusions B : breakfast L : lunch D : dinner

day	itinerary
1	Arrive in Delhi. Airport pickups. Welcome dinner. (D)
2	Visit the Museum of Modern Art (art that parallels India's Independence of 1947, up to the recent international stage of contemporary paintings) on the way to the rural Shekawati region. An evening of traditional music while you relax in the green garden of our hotel. (BLD)
3	Visit Shekawati haveli (merchants' homes on the caravan route) to discover the rich history of wall frescoes (a combination of traditional subjects of religion and mythology and the inventions of planes and motor cars). Afternoon free to explore a local town before a cooking class enlightens you on the secret herbs and spices of authentic Rajasthani cuisine. (BLD)
4	Full day painting class with a village chitraker (painter) focusing on traditional haveli decorative painting. (BLD)
5	Bus trip to Bikaner with drawing stops along the way. Tonight's hotel will blow you away! (BLD)
6	Start the day with a 2 hr miniature painting class and learn to mix natural paint using saffron, gold leaf and mineral ores etc before heading off to magical Jaisalmer with its multi-turreted sand castle fort. (BLD)
7	Investigate the incredible intricate sandstone carving of the screens, windows and balconies of the architecture of this desert oasis, including a visit to the stonemasons, gathering visual resources for a 2 hr mixed media workshop. Afternoon free to explore the narrow alleyways before dinner in the fort overlooking the lights of the town below. (BLD)
8	A free morning in my favourite town (shopping and sights) leads onto a busy afternoon with a house painting workshop with nearby villagers in their Thar Desert homes of mud and straw. A camel ride at sunset allows us to build up an appetite for a campfire dinner with singing before sleeping in the sand dunes. (BLD)
9	Discover the beauty, elegance and arrogance of camels in a workshop utilising stained and bleached paper. A bus trip to Jodhpur is rewarded with a Hindu script class. (BLD)

10	The Mehrangarh Fort that sits over the blue rectangles that comprise the town of Jodhpur attracts our attention in the morning before a 'blue' pigment painting workshop on the top of a city building (think 4 floors not 44) and then onto the refreshment of the heavy/intense texture and flavour of a saffron lassi and free time to walk it off. (BLD)
11	A bus trip to the wooded valley of Ranakpur is a quiet break from busy towns, with its intriguing and beautifully coloured dhurrie weaving and monkey filled gum trees. An evening workshop allows us to capture the movement and sparkle of dancers in traditional costume. (BLD)
12	The morning spent in amongst the 1444 carved pillars of India's largest and most important Jain temple will amaze you. The bus trip today will hardly give you enough respite before the next amazing experience of beautiful lakeside Udaipur. (BLD)
13	A full day workshop with a contemporary artist at his studio. (BLD)
14	A free morning (the palace is intriguing) ahead of a 3 hr painting work with a traditional Bombay village figurative painter. (BLD)
15	The bus trip to the lakeside town of Bundi gives you the afternoon free to explore it as you wish. (BLD)
16	A full day workshop with a contemporary artist. (BLD)
17	Onto the capital Jaipur, the pink city, then a block printing workshop. (BLD)
18	A free day to visit all that Jaipur offers; the Amber Fort, royal cenotaphs, Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), City Palace museum (inspiring artefacts and audio information), Jantar Mantar (striking geometric design of a 1728 astronomy observatory) and great shopping in numerous markets. (B)
19	A full day workshop with a contemporary artist. (BLD)
20	Onto the nearby Chand Baori which will inspire our creativity using mixed media to respond to this amazing step well. Then onto Agra. (BLD)
21	Up early for the amazing site of love - the Taj Mahal at sunrise. The bus back to Delhi and a farewell dinner. We will help you pack up your numerous artworks with cylinders and flat packs. (BLD)
22	Return home with transport to the airport or explore more of India. (B)