

Textile Study Tour to Rajasthan & Gujarat

Dates: January 3–24, 2026

Organized by the Textile Society of America and Ai Kijima

Join artist [Ai Kijima](#) for a once-in-a-lifetime journey through India's vibrant textile landscapes. This immersive 21-day program will take participants across Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bhuj, and Ahmedabad, exploring centuries-old traditions, innovative practices, and deep cultural exchange.

Led by expert tour guides [Dr. Chiman Dangi](#) (Udaipur–Jodhpur) and [Shokat Ali](#) (Jaisalmer–Ahmedabad), participants will connect directly with artisans, designers, scholars, and cultural leaders who carry forward India's extraordinary textile legacy.

Program Highlights

- Guided tours with local experts and artisans
- Hands-on workshops in **Bandhani tie-dye, Ralli quilting, Ajrakh block printing, weaving, embroidery, and Rogan art**
- Cultural immersion: saree & ghagra-choli party, Sindhi singing and dance, henna ceremony, traditional attire fashion walk
- Visits to renowned museums, historic collections, and artisan markets
- Conversations with contemporary designers and educators, including a lecture at **NIFT Gandhinagar**, India's premier fashion and textile institute

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Udaipur

- Individual arrivals at Udaipur Airport (UDR)
- Individual or shared transfer to the hotel
- Stay at [Mahendra Prakash Hotel](#) in Udaipur
- Evening orientation and welcome dinner at [Art Junction](#)

Day 2: Udaipur

- Visit [Jagdish Temple](#) and other local temples
- [City Palace Museum](#) visits
- Fabric markets and optional tailor visits
- Visit basketry weaving workshops

Day 3: Udaipur (Badanga)

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- Trekking in the Aravalli Hills
- Visit Bhil tribal home for cultural immersion and textile viewing
- **Collaborative textile art project (Day1)** with local school children. Led by [Dr. Chiman Dangi](#): We will collaborate with Bhil tribal children creating environmental and heritage-inspired Gavri masks and costumes using eco-friendly materials like bamboo and repurposed old clothes.
- Evening satsang: devotional singing and dancing at Art Junction

Day 4: Udaipur (Badanga)

- Guided morning yoga
- Charpai Weaving Workshop with **Dr. Chiman Dangi** & friends at Art Junction
- **Collaborative textile art project (Day 2)** with local school children. Led by Dr. Chiman Dangi: We will collaborate with Bhil tribal children creating environmental and heritage-inspired Gavri masks and costumes using eco-friendly materials like bamboo and repurposed old clothes.
- Evening dance party at Art Junction

Day 5: Travel to Jodhpur

- Stay at [Haveli Inn Pal](#) in Jodhpur
- Visit Molela village for [terracotta plaque demonstration](#) and [Ranakpur Jain Temple](#)
- Cotton carpet weaving workshop in a village near Jodhpur

Day 6: Jodhpur

- Guided walk: Toorji Ka Jhalra, Clock Tower, Sardar Market
- Visits to Bandhani (tie-dye) workshop
- Saree or Rajasthani Ghagra–Choli Party
- Optional visit to [Mehrangarh Fort](#)

Day 7: Travel to Jaisalmer

- Stay at [Hotel Grand Khalifa](#) in Jaisalmer
- Drive to Jaisalmer 6.5 hours
- Stop for lunch en route
- Late afternoon walking tour of [Jaisalmer Fort](#)

Day 8: Jaisalmer

- Ralli quilt workshop with Sindhi women
- Henna, Sufi singing, traditional Sindhi attire fashion walk and dance
- Desert farm walk
- Participants receive henna from local women, learn Sufi singing, then dress in traditional Sindhi attire for a joyful fashion walk and dance

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- Sindhi traditional cooking class and dinner

Day 9: Jaisalmer

- Guided walk through homes showing Ralli quilts and embroidered costumes
- Demonstration & workshop by Sindhi women artisans
- Lunch at artisan's home

Day 10: Jaisalmer

- Morning textile market visit
- [Fort Palace Museum](#) and Jain temples
- Free time for lunch/shopping
- Camel ride or walk into the [Thar Desert](#) to see sunset and dinner

Day 11: Travel to Barmer

- Stay at [Hotel Kalinga Palace](#) in Barmer
- Travel to Barmer
- Visit Ajrakh block printing workshops
- Visit embroidery workshop
- Textile market walk

Day 12: Travel to Patan

- Stay at Hotel The Grand Piano in Patan
- Travel to Patan (6-7 hours)
- Visit to Patola weaving workshop

Day 13: Travel to Bhujodi and Bhuj

- Stay at in [Click Hotel Bhuj](#) in Bhuj
- Visit [Rani ki Vav](#) (The Queen's Stepwell), a UNESCO World Heritage site in Patan
- Transfer to Bhuj (6 - 6 1/2 hrs)
- Visit Bhujodi weaving village

Day 14: Bhujodi & Khamir

- [Salim Wazir](#) textile collection visit
- [Aina Mahal](#) and [Prag Mahal](#)
- Bhuj Haat artisan market

Day 15: Ajrakhpur & Bhuj

- Artisan tour and Ajrakh block printing demo & workshop
- Visit to [LLDC Museum \(Living and Learning Design Centre\)](#)

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Day 16: Nirona Village

- Nirona Village (Rogan Art demonstration)
- Optional visit to the [Bharatiya Sanskruti Darshan Museum](#)

Day 17: Travel to Ahmedabad

- Stay at [Hotel Nalanda](#) in Ahmedabad
- Group dinner at hotel or local restaurant

Day 18: Ahmedabad

- Visit to [National Institute Of Fashion Technology](#) Gandhinagar with a lecture by [Associate Professor Nilesh Shidhpura](#)
- Visit [Royal Brocades](#) studio with **Paresh Patel** (Ashavali brocade weaving) in Ridrol
- Jacquard weaving and indigo dye demonstration
- Woodblock carving workshop in Pethapur

Day 19: Ahmedabad

- Guided heritage walking tour of the old city
- Explore Swaminarayan Temple, pol neighborhoods, Jama Masjid, and traditional havelis
Includes stops at historic fabric markets
- Visit [Arvind Indigo Museum](#) & [Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum](#)
- Guided tour of the [Calico Museum of Textiles \(Chauk Galleries\)](#)
- Evening in the old city for local dinner and night market visit

Day 20: Ahmedabad

- Guided tour of the [Calico Museum of Textiles \(Haveli Galleries\)](#)
- Free time for rest, shopping, or revisiting favorite textile markets
- Farewell group dinner

Day 21: Departure from Ahmedabad

- Check out and airport transfers from hotel to AMD airport

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