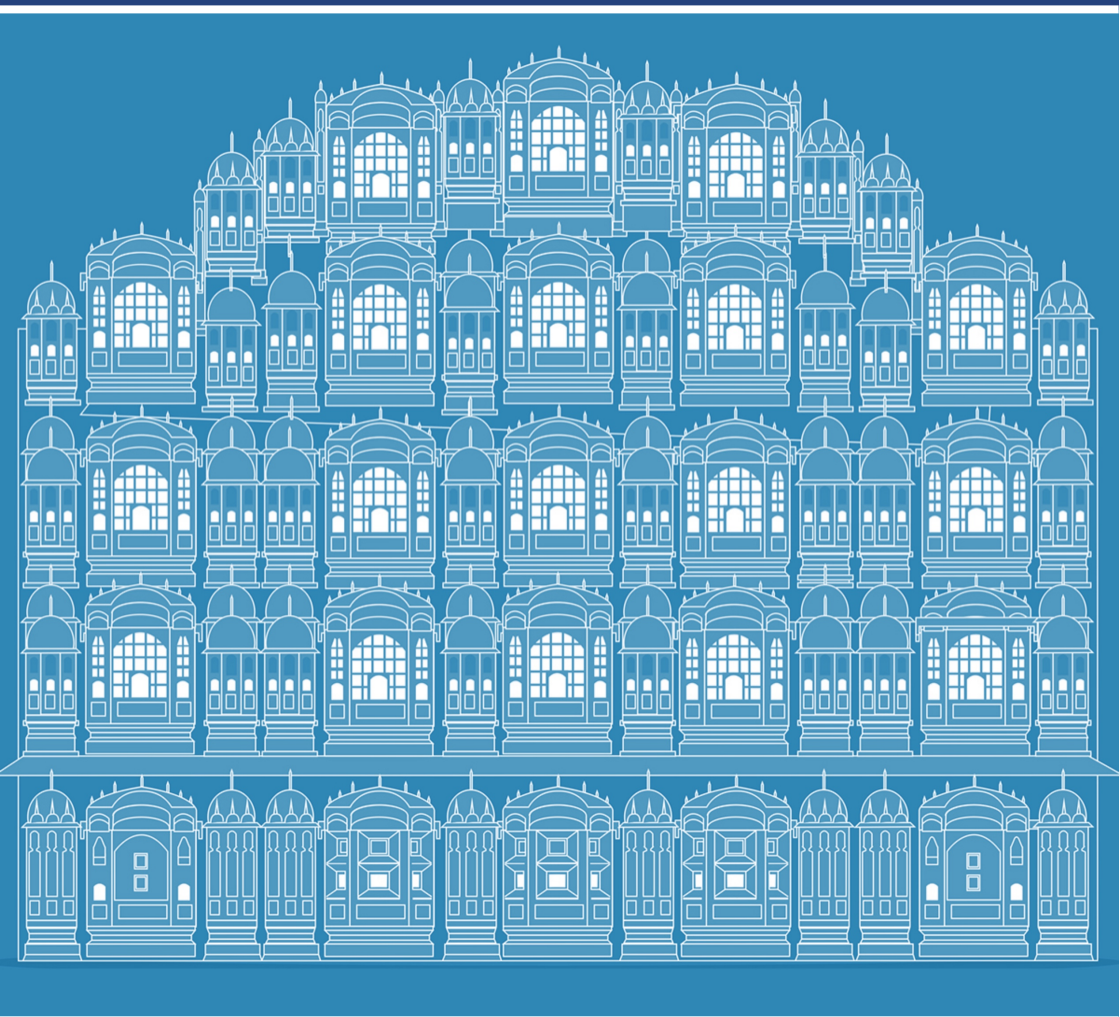


Welcome to

2020 ICMA International Regional Conference

— Jaipur, February 2020 —



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About Jaipur



Jaipur is the capital and the largest city of the Indian state of Rajasthan. Jaipur is also known as the *Pink City*, due to the dominant color scheme of its buildings.

In July 2019, Jaipur was inscribed as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

The city that houses a population of almost 3.5 million is the tenth most populous city and one of the earliest planned cities in India. In 1727, it was planned by the erstwhile king of Jaipur- Jai Singh.

Jaipur is a major tourist destination in India forming a part of the Golden Triangle. In the 2008 Conde Nast Traveler Readers Choice Survey, Jaipur was ranked as the 7th best place to visit in Asia.

Visitor attractions include the Hawa Mahal, Jal Mahal, City Palace, Amer Fort, Jantar Mantar, Nahargarh Fort, Jaigarh Fort, Birla Mandir, Govind Dev Ji Temple, Garh Ganesh Temple, Moti Dungri Ganesh Temple, Sanghiji Jain Temple.

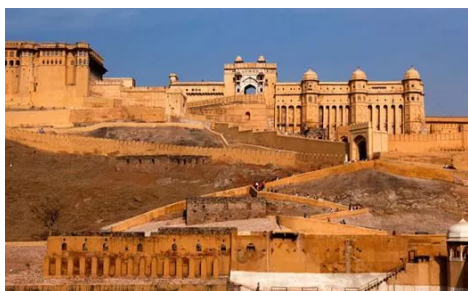
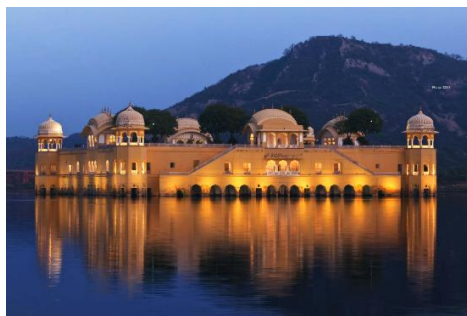
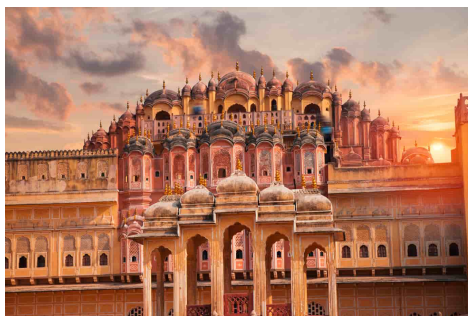
The City Managers' Association of Rajasthan (CMAR), is an affiliate of ICMA and is an association of cities of Rajasthan. Formed by ICMA and UMC through USAID support in 2004, CMAR actively undertakes training and capacity building programs for city managers in the state of Rajasthan.

Track 1: Jaipur, Draft Agenda

Time	Agenda	Venue/ Notes
12th Feb, Wednesday		
All day	Arrival at Jaipur, Rajasthan, India	
19.30	Welcome Dinner	ITC Rajputana Hotel (On your own)
13th Feb, Thursday		
8:30-10:00	Understanding Indian Urban Local Governance and challenges-by Urban Management Centre	Conference Room (ITC Hotel)
10:00-13:00	ICMA International Committee Meeting India City Links Experience sharing by ICMA	Conference Room (ITC Hotel)
13:00-14:30	Lunch	Hosted by ICMA (ITC Hotel)
14:30-16:00	Meeting with Mayor and Commissioner at Jaipur Municipal Corporation (JMC) Office Understanding Jaipur city's services and key projects underway	JMC Office
16:00-18:30	Free time (shopping)	On your own
18:30-19:00	Travel to dinner venue	
19:00 onwards	Traditional Rajasthani Dinner (Welcome to Rajasthan) Meet and Greet with Mayor, Commissioner and other officials of Jaipur, City Managers' Association of Rajasthan	Chowkhi Dhani (Hosted by the Govt. of Rajasthan)
14th Feb, Friday		
6:30-7:30	Engage in a Group Meditation & yoga (optional)	Hotel Terrace
9:00-13:00	Workshop by City Managers' Association of Rajasthan on "Strengthening Operations and Maintenance of Urban Infrastructure" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Infrastructure improvements in Indian cities and need to sustain O&M, Ravikant Joshi, former city manager Challenges of O&M in Rajasthan, Secretary LSGD or Director, DLB, Govt. of Rajasthan Karnataka presentation on municipal reforms cell City Manager 1 from ICMA on setting up Standard Operating Procedures City Manager 2 on "financing O&M" , Setting realistic user charges 	HCM RIPA, OTS
13:00-14:00	Lunch	By Govt. of Rajasthan
14.00-16.00	Workshop on sanitation mapping -optional for ICMA delegates	
14.00 -18.00	Visit to Amer Fort	Amer Fort
18.00 onwards	Walking around the City Dinner on your own	(Free time)

Track 1: Jaipur, Draft Agenda

Time	Agenda	Venue/ Notes
15th Feb, Saturday		
6:30-7:30	Conducted Heritage Walk in the Walled City Jaipur	Jaipur
9:00-12:30	Check out from Hotel and Travel to Neemrana Fort (2 hours drive from Jaipur), lunch on the road	Hosted by ICMA
12:30-14:00	Check in Neemrana Fort	
14:00-16:30	Workshop with heritage mgmt. experts on using heritage for local economic development, heritage conservation in Rajasthan	Hosted by UMC
14:30-18:00	Free time	
18:00 onwards	Gala Dinner	Hosted by UMC
16th Feb, Sunday		
13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegates going to Agra- depart via road to Agra (4 hours bus journey) Delegates going to Ahmedabad- travel back to Jaipur to catch flight to Ahmedabad (Ahmedabad is 1.5 hours flight from Jaipur) 	



Track 2, Agra



Agra and Fatehpur Sikri

Agra is situated on the banks of the Yamuna river in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It is 206 kilometres (128 miles) south of the national capital New Delhi and is 230 km away from Jaipur. Agra is the fourth-most populous city in Uttar Pradesh and 24th in India.

Agra is a major tourist destination because of its many Mughal-era buildings, most notably the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri, all of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Agra is included in the Golden Triangle tourist circuit, along with Delhi and Jaipur; and the Uttar Pradesh Heritage Arc, a tourist circuit of Uttar Pradesh, along with Lucknow and Varanasi. Agra is in the Braj cultural region.

Track 2, Agra, Draft Agenda

16th February, Leave from Neemrana Fort and reach Agra
(by road, 4.5 hours journey, Arrive in Agra at 17:00)

DAY-1

17th February

9.30

Departure from the Hotel

10.00 – 13.00

Visit to the Taj Mahal

13.00 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30-17.30

Taj Museum Visit/ Red Fort
Visit/ Akbar's Tomb- Sikandra
Visit

17.30 onwards

Time for Self and Dinner

DAY-2

18th February

9.00

Departure from the Hotel

9.30 – 13.30

Fatehpur Sikri Visit

- Buland Darwaza
- Jama Masjid
- Jodha Bai Palace
- Panchmahal
- Diwan-i-Khas
- Diwan-i-Am
- Archaeological Museum

13.30 - 15.00

Lunch

15.00 – 16.45

Sheesh Mahal

17.30

Depart for Delhi

Places to Visit in Agra and Fatehpur Sikri

Jama Masjid

Jama Masjid in Agra is opposite the Agra Fort and overlooking the Agra Fort Railway Station. The Jama Masjid is also popularly known as the Jami Masjid or "Friday Mosque". It is one of the largest mosques in India



Akbar's Tomb-Sikandra

Akbar's tomb is the tomb of the Mughal emperor Akbar. This tomb is an important Mughal architectural masterpiece. It was built in 1605–1613 by his son Jahangir and is situated in 119 acres of grounds in Sikandra, a sub of Agra.

Jodha Bai Palace

Jodha Bai was an Empress of the Mughal Empire. The largest of all the palaces, Jodha Bai's Palace housed Akbar's queens. Here architectural elements of Gujarat, Mandu and Gwalior are blended with traditional Islamic designs.



Fatehpur Sikri

Fatehpur Sikri is a town in Agra. The city itself was founded as the capital of Mughal Empire in 1571 by Emperor Akbar. The name of the city is derived from the village called Sikri which occupied the spot before. Red sandstone buildings cluster at its center. Buland Darwaza gate is the entrance to Jama Masjid mosque. Diwan-E-Khas hall has a carved central pillar. Jodha Bais Palace next to the 5-story Panch Mahal.

Track 3, Ahmedabad



Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, in western India, is the largest city in the state of Gujarat. It has a population size of about 6 million spread over area of 466 Sq km. Ahmedabad has emerged as an important economic and industrial hub in India. This city lives from the 'heart' and one can feel it. The city has rich blend of Gujarati culture and Mughal Architecture. It is India's one of the first UNESCO World Heritage City. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation is responsible for providing basic services to citizens or Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad has many firsts to it –ranging from bringing out the country's first municipal bond to setting up a heritage management cell to provision of integrated services to slums.

The Sabarmati River divides the city into two. On the western bank is the Gandhi Ashram at Sabarmati, which displays Mahatma Gandhi's living quarters and artefacts. Across the river, the Calico Museum of Textiles, once a cloth merchant's mansion, has a significant collection of antique and modern fabrics.

Track 3: Ahmedabad, Draft Agenda

16th February, Leave from Neemrana Fort and reach Jaipur (by road, 2.5 hours)
Catch flight for Ahmedabad (Evening, 18.30 flight, 1.5 hours, Arrive in Ahmedabad at 20:30)

DAY-1

17th February

9.00

Departure from the hotel

9.30 - 11.30

Mahatma Gandhi Ashram Visit

11.30 – 13:30

Meeting with the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (Mayor and officials)

13.30 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

Visit to Smart City Control Center

16.00 - 18.00

Visit to a slum improvement program

18.00

Free time (shopping, etc.)

20.00 - 22.30

Dinner (MG House), visit to Siddi Saiyed Mosque

DAY-2

18th February

7:30-10:00

Heritage Walk of Ahmedabad

10:00-11:00

Freshen up at the hotel

11.00 - 13.00

Adalaj Stepwell Visit

13.00 - 14.30

Lunch

15.00 - 16.30

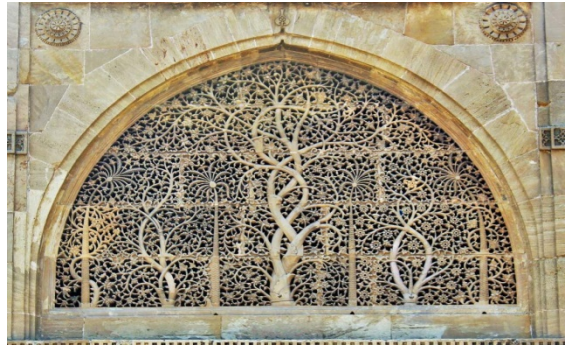
Interactions with ICMA Chapter at CEPT University
Exploring CEPT University Campus

Evening: Departure

Places to Visit in Ahmedabad

Adalaj Stepwell

Adalaj Stepwell or Rudabai Stepwell was built in 1498 in the memory of Rana Veer Singh by his wife Queen Rudadevi. It is a fine example of Indian architecture work. Step wells like the one in Adalaj were once integral to the semi-arid regions of Gujarat, as they provided water for drinking, washing and bathing. These wells were also venues for colourful festivals and sacred rituals



Sidi Saiyyed Mosque

The Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, popularly known as Sidi Saiyyid ni Jali locally, built in 1572-73 AD, is one of the most famous mosques of Ahmedabad. As attested by the marble tablet fixed on the wall of the mosque, it was built by Sidi Saiyyid in the retinue of Bilal Jhajhar Khan

Sabarmati Ashram

Sabarmati Ashram (also known as Gandhi Ashram, or Satyagraha Ashram) is located on the banks of the River Sabarmati. The ashram was one of the residence of Gandhiji where he lived with his wife and children. It was from his base here that Gandhi led the Dandi march also known as the Salt Satyagraha on 12 March 1930.



Dandi Museum

Dandi Kutir is India's largest and only Museum built on the life and teachings of one man, Mahatma Gandhi- Father of the Nation. The Museum is housed within an edifice that recalls a mound of salt. It represents Gandhi's powerful idea of people across lines of class, gender, age and community asserting their common right to salt which inspired the society to march towards independence, Purna Swaraj.

Cost for Each Track

Tracks	Cost per person in \$	Notes
Track 1: Jaipur-Neemrana-Jaipur (12-16th Feb)	\$682	Includes lodging (double occupancy rooms with wifi, breakfast, mineral water), Entry fees to all heritage properties, some meals
Track 2: Jaipur-Neemrana-Agra (12-18th Feb)	\$951	Includes lodging (double occupancy rooms with wifi, breakfast, mineral water), Entry fees to all heritage properties, some meals, Transportation to and in Agra and drop off to the airport
Track 3: Jaipur-Neemrana-Jaipur- Ahmedabad (12-18th Feb)	\$1051	Includes lodging (double occupancy rooms with wifi, breakfast, mineral water), Entry fees to all heritage properties; some meals, Flight to Ahmedabad, Ground transportation in Ahmedabad

Weather: The weather in **February in Jaipur** is perfect. The maximum temperature goes up to 80F / 27C and in the morning, it drops to 66F / 19C.

Dress Code: Business casual attire for workshops and government meetings.

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