“SUJÁN Rajmahal Palace should be high on your list.”
JOURNEY TO JAIPUR

Rajasthan’s magical capital is an epicenter of possibility, a pink city that looks like a mirage but has the power to realize your wildest dreams. Ajesh Patalay meets three of its tastemakers who open the doors of Jaipur’s sunset-shaded palaces, bazaars and hidden corners, unlocking the secrets of India’s sparkling jewel in the crown.

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From sitting on a hooglah, or boat, in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake to sunsets in the corner, this memoir is a love letter to the city’s greatest sights and sounds. The perfect take by the sea is a true story that has been passed down from generation to generation. At the afternoon’s snug light, it takes on the color of a silvery apple, an artistic gemstone that is a beauty from within.

Hopping onto the jay pole (or pole in the garden), which is the palace’s secret (Chandni Ghaut garden), one can witness the city’s hidden corners. It’s a testament to the city’s rich history and its people, who continue to preserve it for future generations. It’s a journey that celebrates the city’s artisans and their craft, their legacy of making art and decoration for the world and its people, based on Indian miniature paintings.

It’s a celebration of the past, present and future, a testament to the city’s resilience and its people’s ability to continue to inspire awe and wonder. It’s a journey that takes one on a trip through the city’s hidden corners, filled with stories of the past and present.

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The honeycomb spirals to the left, right, and center. A tower of jewels gleams in the center, surrounded by a ring of diamonds. The view is breathtaking.

As the sun sets over the city, the metallic hues reflect off the water, creating a mesmerizing display of light and color. The aroma of spices fills the air, mingling with the scent of the sea. It is a sensory overload, each element working in harmony to create a symphony of the senses.

The city is a true masterpiece, a testament to the skill and creativity of its builders. Each detail is carefully crafted, down to the last stitch of fabric and the last stroke of paint. It is a place where art and nature coexist, creating a balance that is both refreshing and invigorating.

As the night falls, the city transforms into a spectacle of light and color. The streets come alive with the rhythm of music and the hum of conversation. The aromas of the street food fill the air, inviting passersby to indulge in the culinary delights of the city.

The city is a true gem, a treasure thatshould be savored and appreciated. It is a place where history and culture meet, creating a unique blend that is both fascinating and inspiring. It is a place that should not be missed.
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Anita Kaushal, Go-finder of Suján Hotels, whose daughters live in the slightly faded-townscapes and vibrant Rajasthani culture (see our cover), is an amazing astrologer.

EAT A home-cooked meal from Bangalore’s coast, and meet your mother, (who is an amazing astrologer). 09999294000

SHOP For antiques and rugs in Jaipur (Jaipur) source on Aman Road (Jaipur), or Jaipur, India.

Escape to Jaipur’s flower market. A shop named after women, outside making marigold wreaths and jasmine garlands.

At night, visit Jantar Mantar – an open observatory with huge astrolabes – which is the best place to see the North Star.

Like Disneyworld for creative people, the Jai Vilas Palace, built in 1756 by Rao Jivaji Singh (who was also the first prime minister of India), is a marvel of engineering.

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