

Visit the City of Lakes

Nestled within the Aravalli range, this water-charged city offers a plethora of activities in its historical palaces, charming havelis and whitewashed streets

Visit Shilpgram a living art museum and watch artists at work, enjoy traditional music, horse or camel rides and folk dances

Kumbhalgarh Fort



The puppet room at Bagore ki Haveli

1. Head to the City Palace

A beautiful palace complex dating back to nearly 400 years. The construction was begun in 1599 by Maharana Udai Singh II, the city's founder and extended by various maharanas with contributions from several rulers of the Mewar dynasty. Towering on the banks of Pichola Lake, this wonderful blend of Medieval, European and Chinese Architecture has various towers, domes and arches, which add to the flavour of heritage site. You can enter the complex through Badi Pol at the northern end, or the Sheetla Mata Gate to the south. Tickets for the City Palace Museum are sold at both entrances.

2. Enjoy a boat ride in Lake Pichola

Now that you are in The Venice of the East (that's what Udaipur is known as!) A boat ride is a must! Lake Pichola, offers just that. The City Palace complex, including the gardens at its southern end, extends nearly 1km along the lake's eastern shore. Boat trips leave roughly hourly from Rameshwar Ghat, within the City Palace complex. The trips make a stop at Jagmandir Island, where you can stay for as long as you like before taking any boat back.

A sunset boat ride can also be enjoyed from Gangori ghat. We advice book ing in advance.

3. Visit Jag Mandir

This palace built on an island is also called the "Lake Garden Palace"

Experience undisputed views of the city's beautiful vistas like Lake Pichola, Lake Fateh Sagar, the City Palace complex and Sajjangarh Fort and the Aravalli mountains on the Mansapurna Karni Ropeway. Once you reach the top, enjoy the sunset over the city

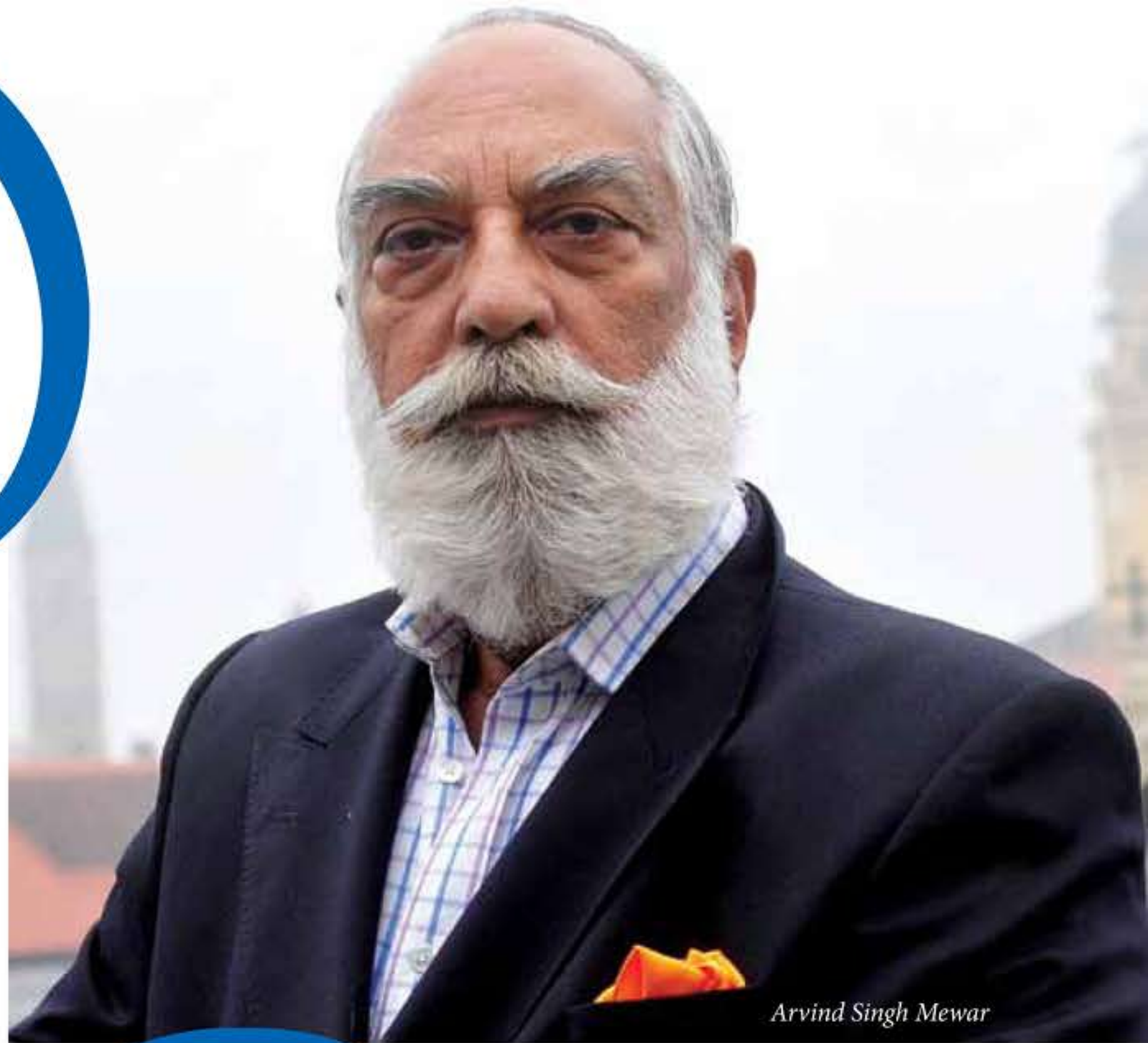
and has been partly converted into a hotel. One can see the famous row of enormous stone elephants right at the entrance, the island also has a 17th-century tower, the Gol Mahal, carved from bluestone and containing a small exhibit on Jagmandir's history, plus a garden and lovely views across the lake.

4. Shop some treasure

The numerous shops in the streets around the city offer brightly dyed Rajasthani saris, silver jewellery, paintings, kurtas, cushion covers, bags and many trinkets. The silver shops in Bara Bazar are interesting!

5. Bagore Ki Haveli

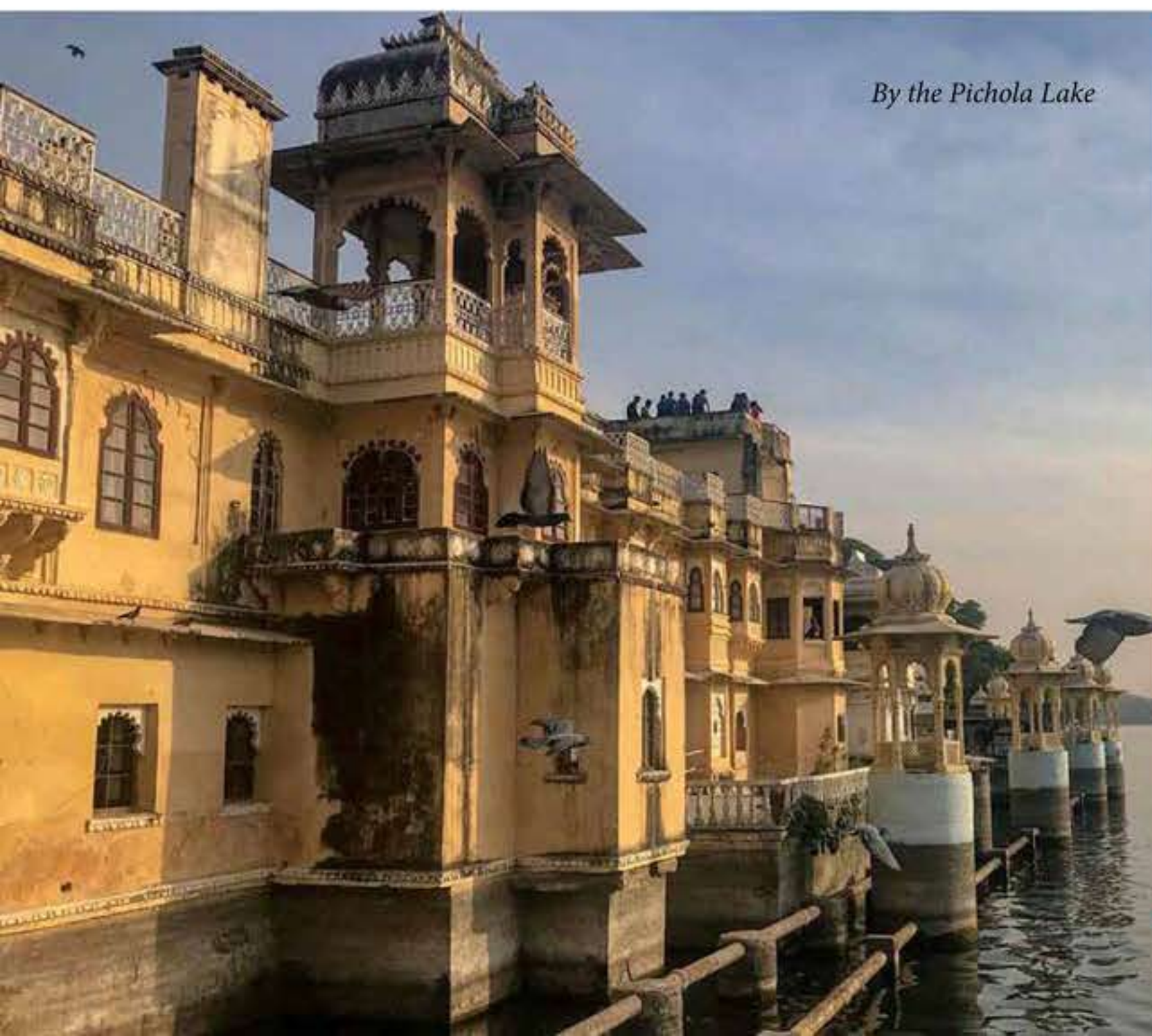
This ancient building stands on the platform of Gangori Ghat in the vicinity of Pichola Lake. The splendid architecture of the mansion boasts delicate carved work and excellent glass work. Now, a museum with more than 100 rooms with well-arranged balconies, terraces, courtyards and corridors, each room offers a peep into the patrician culture of Mewar. It has conserved



Arvind Singh Mewar

Head to Kumbhalgarh Fort, one of the biggest fort complexes in the world, a UNESCO world Heritage site, situated 100 odd kms from Udaipur

the premium mural paintings of Rajasthan designed in Mewar. The museum also displays the costumes of the royal kings and modern art. There are jewellery boxes, dice-games, hukkas, pan boxes, nut crackers, hand fans, rose water sprinklers, copper vessels and other items of the erstwhile rulers. The Queen's Chamber showcases fascinating original paintings of Mewar. Beautiful peacocks created with small pieces of coloured glass. The puppet room is the most interesting with hundreds of colourful puppets. There also is a dance show in the evening.



By the Pichola Lake

"The city of Udaipur, often branded as the 'Best City in the World' or one of the Smart Cities of India, goes beyond these epithets. Visitors today are encouraged to perceive its character, its soul which goes back in time when respect for mankind and nature were paramount. Our iconic palaces, ancient temples, eco-heritage and lifestyle reflect these core values. It is this living heritage of Mewar which we are continuously and constantly preserving, developing for today and tomorrow. Through the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation and The City Palace Museum we have optimised platforms for sustainable growth. This is 'Eternal Mewar' in thought, word and deed. Welcome to Udaipur, our home for the last 23 generations where we greet guests with open arms, joyous laughter and memorable feasts."

**-Arvind Singh Mewar
Chairman and Managing Trustee
Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, The
City Palace, Udaipur**