The Indian states of Gujarat are Rajasthan are known for their varied cultures, vibrant art, village handicrafts, jaw-dropping stone temples, and stately palaces. From the embroidery traditions of Kutch to the bustling markets of Ahmedabad to the white palaces of Udaipur, this is India at its most colorful and awe-inspiring. Join IFAM Assistant Director and Santa Fe-based tour operator Josh Schrei as we journey into the heart of Gujarat and Rajasthan for twelve days of awe-inspiring travel, folk art immersion, and temple and palace hopping.

October 15th - 27th, 2020
$3,900 includes all meals, transportation within India, hotels, tips, park entrance fees.

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full itinerary

October 15th
Arrive in Udaipur. Welcome Dinner. Stay at the beautiful Lalit Laxmi Palace, overlooking the lake.

October 16th
Sightseeing in Udaipur. Morning visit to Udaipur palace. Afternoon visit to miniature painting studios. Overnight, Lalit Laxmi Palace.

October 17th
IFAM Artist visits in Udaipur. Blue pottery with the Saini family, textiles and fabrics with Santosh Rathi. Evening celebrations for first night of Navaratri. Overnight, Lalit Laxmi Palace.
October 18th
Drive to Mount Abu. Sightseeing in Mount Abu — the Dilwara Jain temples featuring some of the most spectacular marble work in India, and Nakki Lake. Overnight at the Palace, the Rajputana, or the Hillock.

October 19th
Drive from Mount Abu to Ahmedabad. On the way, stop at Ambaji, one of the most important goddess temples in India. Continue on to House of MG hotel in Ahmedabad. Dinner at Agashiye, one of the best restaurants in India.

October 20th
Morning visit to Calico textile museum in Ahmedabad. Afternoon visit to IFAM artist Kartik Chauhan + additional artists in Ahmedabad, dinner at Vishalla, a true folk dining experience. Stay at House of MG.

October 21st
Morning heritage walk in Ahmedabad old city, a UNESCO world heritage site. Afternoon free. Evening visit to neighborhood Navaratri celebrations. Stay at House of MG.

October 22nd
Drive to Patan to visit the Rani-Ki-Vav step well, a UNESCO world heritage site. Then visit Patan Patola museum to see true double Ikat weaving. Lunch at Patan Patola. Afternoon visit to the sun temple of Modhera, and then on to Rann Riders Hotel. Overnight at Rann Riders.

October 23rd
Morning wildlife/village safari at Rann Riders. Lunch at Rann Riders. Drive to Bhuj, Stay at Regenta Hotel or City the Village Resort

October 24th
Bhuj, morning presentation from IFAM artists at the Qasab embroidery collective. Lunch at Hotel Prince. Afternoon visit to Bhujodi and IFAM textile artist Shamji Vankar. Overnight at Hotel.

October 25th
Bhuj. Drive to Hodka to visit remote craft villages. Lunch at Shaam-e-Sarhaad resort. Afternoon visit bellmakers and castor oil painting artisans in Nirona village. Overnight at Hotel.

October 26th

October 27th
Morning flights from Bhuj.

$3,900 includes meals, accommodations, flights within India, ground transport within India, monument entry fees. Single room available for $1,200 additional. Itinerary is subject to change.