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City Palace on Lake Pichola in Udaipur

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UDAIPUR

Founded in 1553 by Maharana Udai Singh II, Udaipur is also known as the City of Lakes thanks to its numerous water bodies hemmed in by the lush green hills of the Aravallis. These include the likes of the beautiful Lake Pichola and Jaisamand Lake. Among the architectural wonders of the city are City Palace and Monsoon Palace. If you are in the city at the end of the year, do enjoy the 10-day-long Shilpgram Festival devoted to arts and crafts. There are many other attractions and places to visit and explore while in Udaipur. To begin with, there is the stunning Fateh Sagar Lake. This artificial lake is connected to Lake Pichola by a canal. Located just outside the city is the 19th century Monsoon Palace. It offers an awe-inspiring sight of the Udaipur skyline. The Ahar Museum has an impressive collection of earthen pottery. Also within the premises of the museum is a 10th century attractive metal figure of the Buddha.