

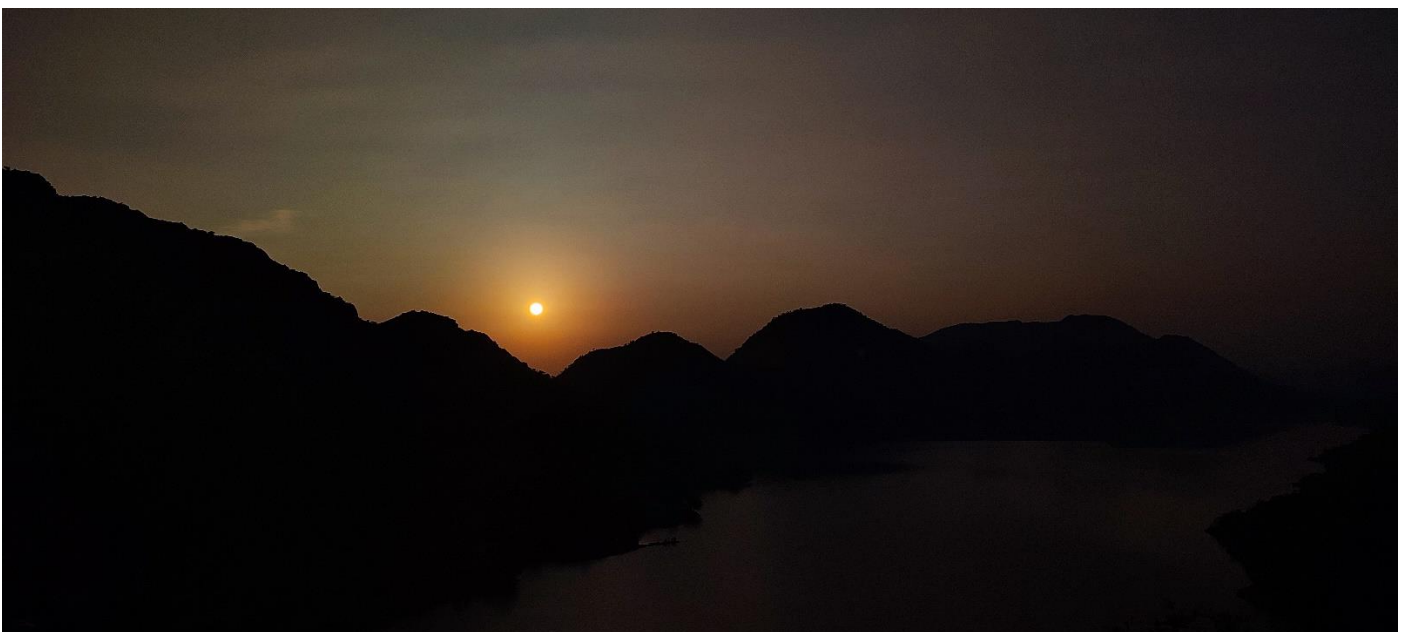
This is my first travel blog written two years back

UDAIPUR- CITY OF LAKES

After a long tiring week of office work, my friend and I decided to go on a weekend trip on Christmas to Udaipur from Vadodara. It was a seven hrs. night journey by bus from Vadodara. We booked our stay in Dream yard hostel and café, which is one of the best hostels with good food and a view from the terrace café. Since we reached early morning on Saturday, we decided to go to **Bahubali hills** for sunrise on a bike, which is around 15 km from Udaipur and a short hike to witness the breathtaking view from the top. Bahubali hills stand tall on the Badi Lake and Aravalli ranges in the backdrop.



Bhaubali hills



Sunrise at bahubali hills

Our second stop was Saheliyon Ki Bari, which is a major garden and an attractive tourist spot in Udaipur. The garden offers mesmerizing views of handsomely carved marble pavilions, kiosks in the pool, a lotus pond and rain fountains.



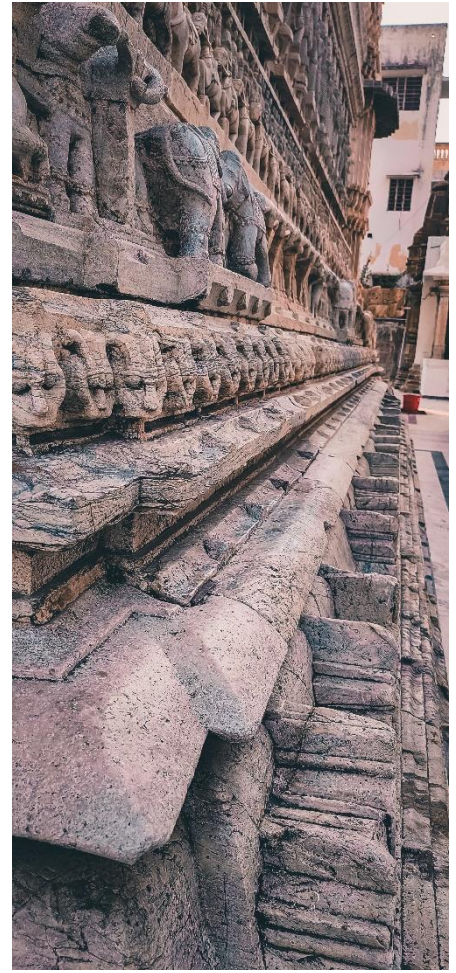
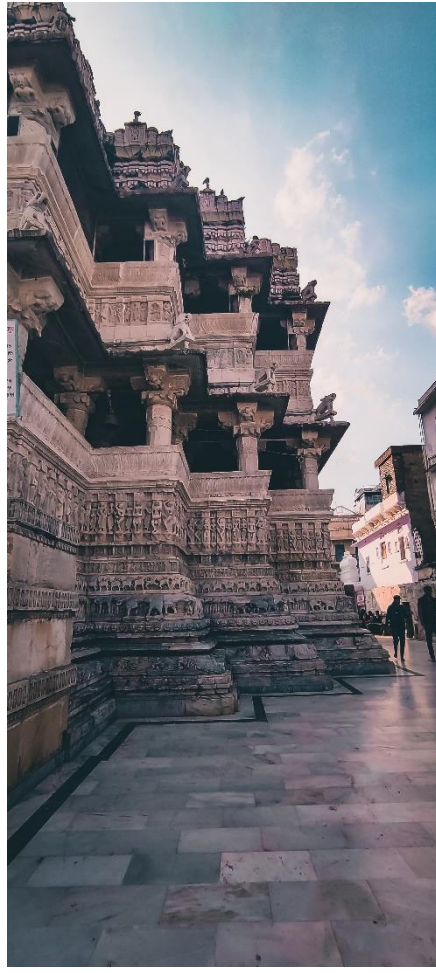
Saheliyon ki Bari

After visiting Saheliyon Ki Bari we went to the hostel to get freshen up, and have coffee and some breakfast while enjoying the beautiful view of the lake from the hostel's rooftop cafe.



View from dreamyard hostel

Our third stop was the **Jagdish temple** situated right in the middle of Udaipur. Built by the Mewar dynasty this three-story temple is an architectural wonder with its beautifully carved pillars, ornate ceilings, painted walls and lush halls.



Jagdish temple

After visiting the temple, we went to **Gangaur ghat** to experience the serene beauty of Lake Pichola. Ghats hosts festivals and rituals and is a famous spot for shooting movies (YJHD, love aajkal, Ram Leela, etc.)



Gangaur ghat

Near to ghat lies **Bagore ki Haveli Museum**. There are over a hundred rooms in the palace, with displays of costumes and modern art. Haveli's work includes the glass and mirrors in the interiors. It also retains a Mewar painting on the walls of the Queen's Chamber. Glasswork can be seen in the two peacocks made from small pieces of colored glass.



Bagore ki Haveli

The haveli lights up in the evening and presents a delightful display of Rajasthani traditional dance and music. In the evening, the haveli appears magnificent with glowing lights. The Bagore Ki Haveli is the ideal location to view the historical buildings and royal family lifestyle.



cultural dance show

After attending the cultural show, we next went to Ambrai ghat to enjoy the peaceful night view of the city, at midnight there was a celebration of Christmas on the rooftop of the hostel.

The next day we started with the **City Palace** the main architectural marvel of the city. It takes around three hrs. to complete the tour of the palace and I would suggest you hire a guide if you are interested in history, architecture and facts about the palace. After visiting, the palace had a boating experience in Lake Pichola.



City Palace



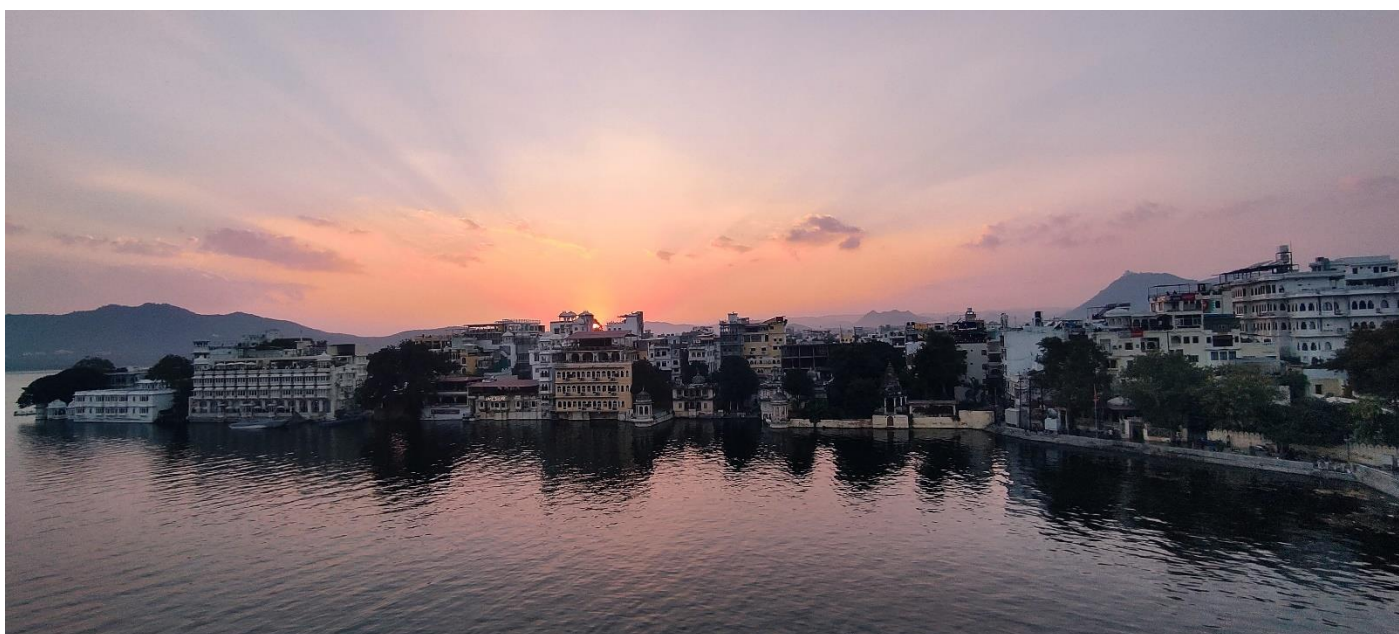
City palace view from boat in lake pichola

Visited Fateh Sagar Lake in the afternoon. The events and activities around Fatehsagar Lake can help you add some thrills to your lazy afternoon.



Fatehsagar lake

In the evening did some shopping, enjoyed the sunset at jheel ginger café and gangaur ghat, and later at night took the bus back to Vadodara.



Sunset from jheels ginger cafe



gangaur ghat night view

It was an amazing experience spending the weekend at Udaipur and it is worth visiting the place at least once. By seeing the beauty of Udaipur I can only say my heart drowned somewhere in the city of lake.

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