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Welcome to Maheshwar

9th - 12th Nov 2024

On this tour, you will experience Maheshwar through the eyes of textile practitioner, designer and entrepreneur Hema Shroff Patel, who has spent her over 30 years working with the community weavers. Your stay at the enchanting Ahilya Fort, once the seat of the powerful Holkar dynasty under the visionary reign of Queen Ahilya Bai Holkar, offers you a unique glimpse into history. Today, the fort welcomes you as a guest of Prince Richard Holkar.



The iconic Maheshwari textiles weave a story of livelihood through generations. As you sit at the loom alongside the weavers, Hema takes you on a journey of the rich history of the textile craft, revealing the traditional patterns, the inspirations behind them and engages with the design process as well. You will marvel at the Maratha architecture of Maheshwar and, just a short journey away, the splendid architectural structures of Mandu, a city once bathed in glory. You will partake in traditions over 250 years old, glide along the sacred Narmada River, and approach the mystical "center of the universe", Baneshwar Temple.

This tour is a carefully woven tapestry of Maheshwar's history, culture, and artistry, inviting you to immerse yourself in the many stories that make this land so extraordinary.



What's in store

Nov 9th Saturday

Arrive at the stunning Ahilya Fort, a scenic two-hour drive from Indore Airport. After settling in, you'll take a guided tour of the fort, followed by an introduction to the journey ahead over cocktails.

Nov 10th Sunday

Immerse yourself in Maheshwar's rich heritage with an expert-led tour. Delve into the legacy of handloom weaving during a special workshop, where you'll learn the design process of the traditional Maheshwari saree. The day concludes with a private dinner hosted by Prince Richard Holkar.

Nov 11th Monday

Embark on a guided exploration of Mandu, a breathtaking heritage site brimming with history and stories of its past dynasties. Upon your return, enjoy a special presentation of the "Mandu Collection," a unique range of textiles inspired by this magnificent city. The evening will be crowned with a farewell dinner in a magical riverside location, honoring the beauty and history of Maheshwar.

Nov 12th Tuesday

Depart for Indore for your return flight, taking with you, memories of this unforgettable journey.