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## **FOREWORD**

Book entitled “Udaipur- Rajasthan Ka Kashmir” written by Dr. Prabhat Singhal is helps you unleash the possibilities of travel by providing the insightful tools you need to experience the trips you want. While you’re at the helm, Udaipur - Rajasthan Ka Kashmir’s offers the assurance of our expertise, the guarantee of selectivity, and the choice details that truly define a destination. It’s like having a friend in Udaipur!

This Book introduces you about Honeymoon Destination in Udaipur. Specially Sunset Terrace (Witness the Stunning Sunset), Lake Pichola (Take A Romantic Boat Ride), Ambrai Ghat (For A Romantic Night), Camel Safari (Witness The Beauty Of Desert), Paragliding (Fly With Your Loved One), Manek Chowk (Mewar Light And Sound Show), Historical Sites (Know About The Glorious Past), Shilpgram (Head Off To The Countryside), Jag Mandir (A Romantic Stay), Fateh Sagar Lake (Sunset Ferry Ride), Crystal Gallery (Witness The Ancient Crystal Products), Palace Garage (For Idyllic Vintage Cars), Jagdish Temple (For Praying Your Hearts Out). There’s a hard-to-find kind of romance, peacefulness, and so many romantic things to do in Udaipur that attract people in love. The majestic havelis and cobbled streets of this romantic lake city offer a glimpse into its glorious past. Udaipur, one of lesser known and underrated romantic getaways in India. They offer regal ambiance

and impeccable hospitality that perfectly complement the peaceful, starry nights, and beautiful hills, forts, and gardens.

The Charm of Udaipur lakes is unmatched. Ruins of grand palaces, enveloping Aravalli Hills, and surrounding piles of striking white salt make the lakes more beautiful. Add a dash of dazzle to your next trip to Rajasthan by visiting some of the most mesmerizing lakes in Rajasthan. The city of Udaipur is also known as the city of lakes and is one of the most exquisite in terms of palaces and princely lakes. Situated in the State of Rajasthan in India, the city offers a glimpse into the past through the various palaces and lakes that have been preserved through the centuries.

The word 'Udaipur' literally translates into the 'city of lakes'. It is truly Rajasthan's gems. Udaipur is an ideal destination for all kinds of trips. From boating to sightseeing, there are several things to do in Udaipur. There are 7 cities of lakes in India. They are Udaipur, Bhopal, Shillong, Kodaikanal, Nainital, Thane, and Srinagar.

Think Udaipur and visualize sparkling serene waters, a palace that sits regally in the center of a lake and a medieval fortress that rises along the shore. Udaipur, or the City of Sunrise, has been built around four man-made lakes and is one of the most romantic cities in India. Spend your time in Udaipur cruising the picturesque Pichola Lake, admiring ancient temples, gardens and the old Havelis that surround it. Other lakes in Udaipur are the Fateh Sagar, Udai Sagar, Jaisamand and the Dudh Talai Lake. Lake lovers can also take short day trips out of Udaipur to check out lakes beyond city

limits.

Picturesque and elegant, Udaipur is known by many names, including “the City of Lakes”. Undoubtedly one of India’s most romantic cities, it nestles between the glassy waters of its famous lakes and the ancient Aravalli Hills. Although it is one of Rajasthan’s largest cities, modern Udaipur manages to retain a charming small-town vibe. At the heart of the city lies the serene Lake Pichola, with the Old City sprawled along its east bank. When talking about the beautiful cities of India, Udaipur can never be left behind. The sparkling waters of Udaipur make it one of the most enchanting locations of Rajasthan. The lake palace of this city is famous for how marvelously it has been constructed, and during the evening when the lake lights up with shimmering lights, the sight is one that can’t be forgotten. The Pichola Lake is like a cherry atop the cake of Jaisamandh, Fateh Sagar, Udai Sagar, and Dudh Talai lakes. The banks of the lakes in Udaipur are nothing short of captivating.

Is it interesting to see a city only filled with buildings? The beauty of the place is enhanced by its nature. Be it artificially created lakes, big rivers or a forest cover. They’ve to be protected to maintain an ecological balance. Here are some city of lakes which have preserved their water bodies in India. The lakes in these cities are also some of the prominent tourist attractions of India. Any water sources play a major role in the life of people. They help regulate the overall climatic conditions of the region. Among various tourist places, the lakes are some of the important attractions in Udaipur.

Udaipur is known for its gigantic palaces and forts. Some lakes were also constructed during the reign of the

Mewar Kingdom. Today, there are also popular tourist places in Udaipur. To name a few Pichola Lake, Fateh Sagar Lake, Swaroop Sagar Lake, Udai Sagar Lake, and Lake Badi are the prominent ones. Udaipur is a western state in India and is a land of royalty. Kings of different eras reigned over the place and had left a mark, an intangible bond with the this 'City of Lakes'. Numerous palaces beautify the surrounding mountains and these mountains are home to beautiful lakes. Famous among those are the Pichola Lake, Jaisamand Lake, Rajsamand Lake, Swaroop Sagar and so on. Pichola Lake is a natural lake formed during the 12th century by Pichu Banjara during his reign. This majestic lake is the oldest of this state and also the largest one.

The city of Udaipur is located in the southern end of Rajasthan, a fertile valley bounded by hills. Owing to the mountainous divide of the Aravalli ranges in the state, the region of Mewar, characterised by rocky hills, dense forests, elevated plateaus and alluvial plains, presents a geographical scenario almost opposite to the sandy, arid landscape of Marwar. While the south-west monsoon winds, running parallel to Aravalli, surpass the region causing very little rainfall, Southern Rajasthan captures low-velocity winds obstructed by hills, causing humid conditions. Mewar's unique topography is drained by two main rivers – Banas and Berach, the floodplains of which have been home to ancient Ahar cultures dating back to the time of Harappan civilisation. (Aquatic Resources: A Case Study of Udaipur 'City of Lakes', Rajasthan – Hemant Mangal and Sandhya Pathania). Udaipur's ancient synonymy with lakes began as early as 1568 when Rana Udai Singh decided to move his capital here, after Chittorgarh had succumbed to Akbar's forces. He strategically ordered the royal palace to be built on the east of the artificial embankment of Lake Pichhola,

securely surrounded by scrub-forested hills. (The City Palace Museum Udaipur: Paintings of Mewar Court Life – Andrew Topfield)

Book “*Udaipur- Rajasthan Ka Kashmir*” For those planning their honeymoon in India, Udaipur can be one of the perfect destinations. Enriched with beautiful culture and a lot of other things, Udaipur promises an absolutely royal honeymoon for the newlyweds. As the state of Rajasthan itself bears testimony to the reign of different Maharajas, this ‘city of lakes’ is also home to several architectural remnants of the era. So, isn’t it a perfect place for you and your partner to explore life the royal families once lived? Well, if you still are having certain doubts, then let us give some awesome reasons that will tempt you to go to Udaipur for your honeymoon. So, let us begin.

Udaipur- the City of Lakes And Palaces often referred to as the 'Venice of the East', the city of lakes Udaipur is located around azure water lakes and is hemmed in by lush green hills of Aravallis. The famous Lake Palace, located in the middle of Lake Pichola is one of the most beautiful sights of Udaipur. It is also home to Jaisamand Lake, claimed to be the second largest man-made sweet water lake in Asia. The beautiful City Palace and Sajjangarh (Monsoon Palace) add to the architectural beauty and grandeur of the city. The city is also known for its profusion of zinc and marble. Solar observatory in Lake Fateh Sagar is the only observatory in India located on an island and has been made on the pattern of Big Bear Lake in Southern California. The ten-day Shilpgram Festival which starts from 21 Dec to 30 Dec pulls in a large number of people interested in arts and crafts. Udaipur was founded in 1553 by Maharana Udai Singh II as the new capital of Mewar Kingdom. It is

located in the fertile, circular Girwa Valley to the southwest of Nagda, which was the first capital of Mewar.

*.....a delightful Honeymoon guide with full of important information for those of us who want to enjoy the companionship of our best travel partners and our parents." Dr.Prabhat Singhal has written a must-read primer for anyone considering to travel udaipur... Read this book - and learn from one of the best."*

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## P R E F A C E

Natural beauty, Romantic gardens, charming lakes, boating, Ropeway ride, untold beauty of Aravilis, traditional puppet show, folk performance at night, modern resorts and supper deluxe Heritage hotels with many facilities, entertainment and enthralling locations attract the Honeymooners in Udaipur. Here Royal Palaces, unsung architecture of Temples, different cult as tribal and folk life, archeological sites, Royal life, puppets and wax museums, Aquarium are also main attractions for tourist to come to Udaipur.

Rosy mornings and electric nights make the city the most charming place where tourist can be seen everywhere, specially around the twinkling lakes. The sophisticated and ever-flowing lakes of the city resound their timeless beauty in drizzling rain. In winters, the fog studded mountains and lakes are really breath taking. In the lap of fog, the whole scenario looks very beautiful and charming. When the colourful rays of sun fall on mountain, it makes the surrounding very romantic and alluring.

With all these qualities, Udaipur is known as "Kashmir of Rajasthan", "Venice of East", "City of Lakes" and "The Jewel of Mewar". Tourist specially Honeymooners, when back from Udaipur, will always be cherishing the romantic, Joyous and never-ending memories.

While on the visit to Udaipur, we do discover other attractions in the vicinity. Within periphery of 200 Kms, The formidable Chittorgarh Fort and Kumbhalgarh Fort, Jain temple of Ranakpur, Haldighati, Ekling ji, Jaisamand Lake, Jagat Temple, Shrenath Temple Nathdwara, Gogunda, Chavand, Rishabhdeo ji are the

memorable palaces. In summer, tourists can go Mount Abu, only the hill station of Rajasthan.

I have visited Udaipur, it's adjoining areas and various tourist places so many times during my service of three years there. With memorable experience, I have written this book for tourist interest.

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Hope the creation will be helpful to Tourists and play a vital roll in enhancing the tourism in Rajasthan.

Readers suggestions are welcome.

 Dr. Prabhat Kumar Singhal

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