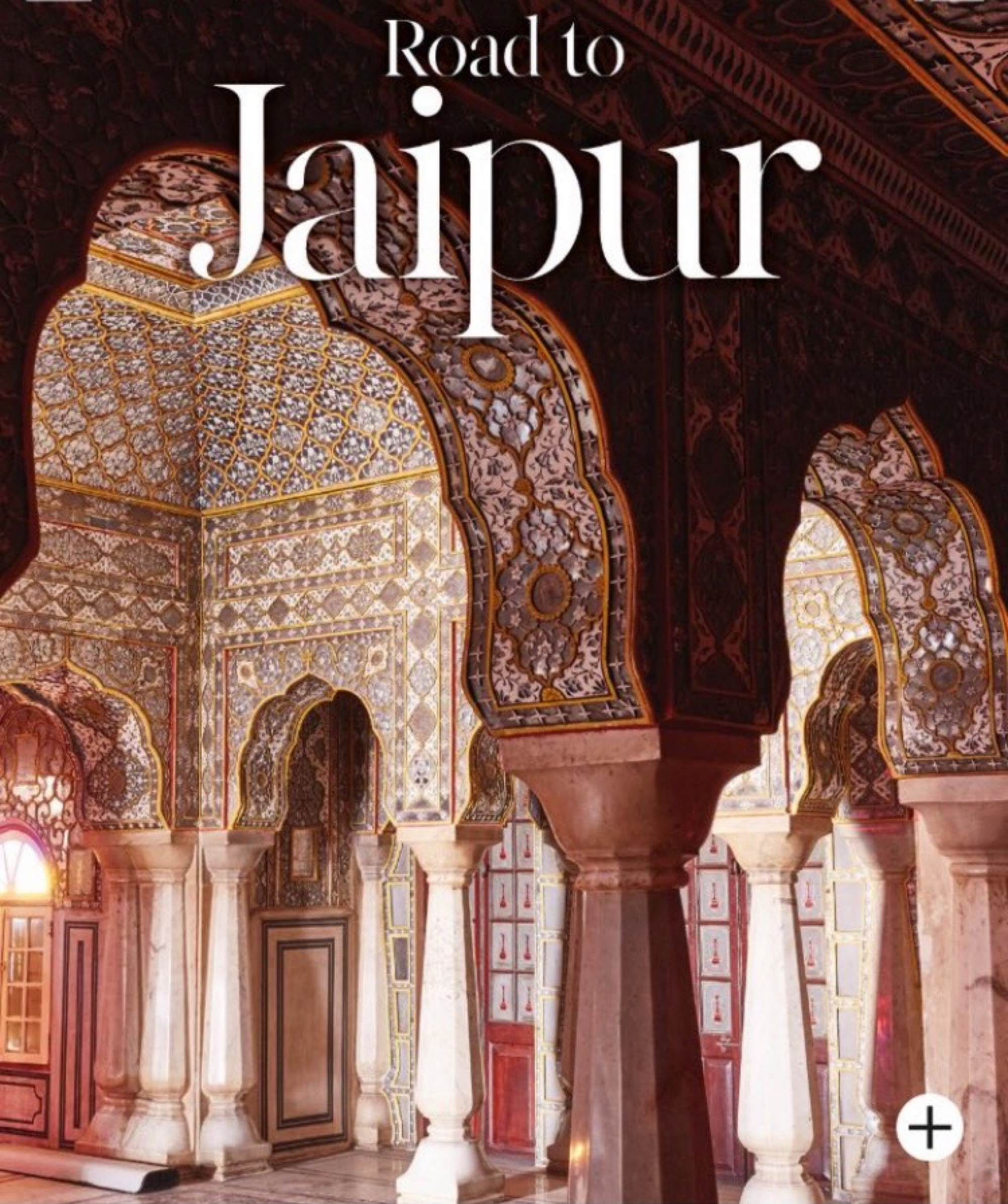


Road to Jaipur



A vital hub for commerce since the 18th century, Jaipur has blossomed into a majestic world-class destination topping everybody's travel hotlist.

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EAT & DRINK

1135 AD This establishment is in the Amer Fort and its decor is matched only by its food. Try the Rajasthani-style Thai platter. (+91) 98290 37170

Bar Palladio You've probably seen it on Instagram but nothing will quite prepare you for the romantic charm of this Rajasthani-meets-Venetian-style mashup of a bar. Inspired by the blue-and-white wind room in the City Palace, Italian owner Barbara Miolini and Dutch designer Marie-Anne Oudejans have created an expat haunt worthy of pilgrimage. *bar-palladio.com*

Caffé Palladio This apricot confection of a lunch spot is the sweet little sister of the iconic Bar Palladio, with the design also done by Miolini and Oudejans. *bar-palladio.com/caffe*

Dera Amer Elephant Camp Dinner among the pachyderms? Yes, this is one of the great Jaipur experiences. Watch as the gentle staff care for the animals then fire up the tandoor for a twilight feast in their company. *deraamer.com*

EXPLORE

Amer Fort Walk the ramparts and survey the Mughal Gardens in one of India's most famous landmarks.

City Palace The Rajasthan royal family are still in residence at this foreboding palace in the heart of the city. Check out their collections of exquisite costumes, textiles, art and artefacts. *royaljaipur.in*

Jain Mandir This beautiful temple of the Jain sect south of the city is full of intricate carvings

It's not too much of a stretch to declare that what Milan is to design and Paris is to couture, Jaipur is to craftsmanship. And the global desire for, and appreciation of, quality and true handiwork in the luxury fashion, interiors and jewellery industries means that more and more of us are discovering the many roads leading to it.

