



*Panoramic view of Jaipur*

## Introducing Jaipur *Host City of IIPTF 2012*

Jaipur, also popularly known as the *Pink City*, is the capital and largest city of the Indian State of Rajasthan. Located 258 km south-east of New Delhi, the city has a population of more than 3.9 million. At present, Jaipur is a major business centre with all requisites of a metropolitan city. Besides being a thriving business centre, Jaipur is also a popular tourist destination of India lying at one of the points of what has become known as the *Golden Triangle* – Jaipur, Agra (home of Taj Mahal) and Delhi.

The city is remarkable among pre-modern Indian cities for the width and regularity of its streets which are laid out into six sectors separated by broad streets 111 ft (34 m) wide. The Palace quarter encloses a sprawling palace complex, (Hawa Mahal), formal gardens, and a small lake. Nahargarh Fort, which was once the residence of the King Sawai Jai Singh II, crowns the hill in the northwest corner of the old city. The observatory, Jantar Mantar, is one of India's World Heritage Sites.

**Climate:** The winter months of November to February in Jaipur are mild and pleasant, with average temperatures ranging from 15–18°C (59–64°F) and with little or no humidity. Unexpected colder snaps however, have been known to occur at times.

**Infrastructure:** In the 2008 Conde Nast Traveller Readers Choice Survey, Jaipur was ranked the 7th best place to visit in Asia and in another poll it was ranked third among twelve major Indian cities. Modern infrastructural facilities are developing fast, and in many cases surpass those of larger cities like Delhi and Kolkata. The city is expanding very rapidly and has become a hot spot for development in Rajasthan. Jaipur International Airport is located at a satellite location of Sanganer and offer's flights to Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata and Guwahati along with sporadic services to International locations such as Dubai. Jaipur has a well maintained road network with multi-story flyovers (overpasses) and traffic lights with closed circuit cameras. Police control room (PCR) vans are equipped with GPS to monitor locations and help maintain law and order.

Jaipur boasts of international living standards with well planned colonies of grid like patterns (sectors and blocks) and parks well maintained by JDA (Jaipur Development Authority). The various Shopping malls and Multiplexes offer urban lifestyles to Jaipurites and visitors alike.

**Getting There:** Popular domestic airlines of India include: Jet Airways; Kingfisher; IndiGo; and SpiceJet. All have flights between Delhi and Jaipur – Delhi being the most likely arrival point of foreign visitors to IIPTF. Jaipur is also accessible from Delhi by road (car/bus 4 hrs) or by rail.

### A Few Landmarks



Hawa Mahal



Lake Palace



Naragarh Fort



Jantar Mantar