

india for beginners



Shopping Recommendations

India is a shopper's paradise. Markets, malls, and bazaars burst with beautiful merchandise, much of it handmade, unique, and culturally significant. However... if you are planning to buy anything costly such as rugs, jewellery, furniture, or pashmina shawls, please have the items authenticated before purchasing. Sadly, many fakes are sold to unsuspecting tourists who don't know the difference.

I have published some general shopping guides on Breathedreamgo (see links below), and I am also sharing a list of trustworthy, credible stores. This is an ongoing list, which I will continue to compile.

India

[Guide to Shopping in India](#) on Breathedreamgo.

Delhi

[Guide to Shopping in Delhi](#) on Breathedreamgo.

In Delhi, I love **Khan Market**. It's a great one-stop market for hip cafes and high-end stores. You can trust pretty much every store at Khan Market, most are reliable chain stores.

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Many tourists go to **Dilli Haat** – a government-run, open-air market with fixed prices that supports local tradespeople. While Dilli Haat is reliable, I prefer **Dastkar Nature Bazaar**, near Chhatarpur metro station. I feel Dilli Haat has become quite commercial, while Dastkar Nature Bazaar truly supports artisans. They hold a *mela* (fair) every month, so it's best to time your visit with a *mela*. You can find out when their *melas* are here on their [website](#) or on their [Facebook page](#).



Jaipur

[Guide to Shopping in Jaipur](#) on Breathedreamgo.

Jaipur is probably the best place to shop in India and it's my favourite, along with Delhi. The city was founded to be a trading hub for artisans, and that tradition of creativity has carried on to this day. However, Jaipur is probably the most challenging place to shop in India, too, as many unscrupulous people will think nothing of taking advantage of naive and unsuspecting tourists. You really have to have your wits about you!

So, with those cautions in mind, I am recommending only stores that have a good reputation and / or that I have personally experienced.

This is a [good article on Jaipur stores](#).

Clothes and Textiles

- Anokhi
- Fabindia
- Soma
- Cottons
- Kilol
- Gulaab Chand
- Aashka (in The Kanota Courtyard shopping arcade adjacent to Bar Palladio and Narain Niwas hotel)

Jewelry

- Amrapali
- Gem Palace

Home decor

- Anantya and other stores at The Kanota Courtyard (shopping arcade adjacent to Bar Palladio and Narain Niwas hotel)
- Jaipur Rugs

The Pink City (the Old City)

- Lac bangles: Maniharon ka raasta is an entire laneway devoted to lac bangles and lac jewelry in Tripolia Bazaar
- Block print clothes: Hassan's, Johari Bazaar, Shop #166
- Moharis (and juttis): The traditional leather shoes of Jaipur, you can find a great selection in Ramganj Bazaar

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