



MANGO SEASON IN MAHMUDABAD



*The main gate of the Qila of
Mahmudabad*

Mahmudabad is one of the oldest estates in Awadh (Uttar Pradesh). The family's ancestors settled in this area in the 16th century. The current fort was rebuilt after the uprisings of 1857. It was demolished by the British because Muqimuddaulah Nawab Ali Khan of Mahmudabad took up arms against them during the uprising and died as a result of his battle wounds.



MAHMUDABAD'S ORCHARDS



*Under the Taymuri Dussehri
tree in Lakhpeda*

Following our success last year, mangoes from the Mahmudabad and Bilehra estates as well as other local orchards will be available to purchase this season.

These mangoes are naturally ripened, and are tended for by experts whose knowledge has been handed down through generations. Each mango is hand-picked in the orchard, then quality-controlled by experts before being packed for delivery. In addition to these fine, naturally ripened mangoes, we are also offering the opportunity of sampling some of the region's famous arts and crafts (see below for details).

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*Mango orchard at the
Dargah in Mahmudabad*

There are a number of orchards (baghs) of varying sizes in Mahmudabad. Lakhpeda at one point had a 100,000 trees of different varieties.

Hazara a 1000 trees and Jubilee Bagh was planted in honour of Queen Victoria. Maharaja Park was planted by Maharaja Mohammad Ali Mohammad Khan.

Apart from this the sacred shrines in Mahmudabad have their own orchards (pictured above). Your mangoes will be sourced from some of the best orchards in the area. The soil and climate of our region is particularly suited to mango cultivation.

While most of the trees are of the Dussehri variety, there are also Chausa, Langda, Safeyda and Tukhmi trees. Many of these trees are more than a 150 years old.



*A box of assorted mangoes
being packed for the Qila*





Some Fun Facts about Mangoes

Mangoes are from the same family as pistachios, mombin and cashew nuts and mango trees can live for upto 300 years and grow upto 70 feet.

Mangoes originated in South Asia but by the 10th century travellers and monks had introduced it to parts of South-East Asia, the Middle East and Africa. By the 18th and 19th century it was taken to South and North America.

The famous poet Ghalib was a mango aficionado. Once a friend of his pointed out a donkey that had sniffed a mango peel but didn't eat it, saying 'look even the ass doesn't like mangoes. To this Ghalib replied, your are right 'Asses don't eat mangoes!' Ghalib also wrote entire poems about the 'king of fruits.'

Mangoes have numerous health benefits and contain an abundance of important minerals, vitamins and antioxidants. They are very low in saturated fats, cholesterol and sodium and are high in dietary fibre.

Every part of the mango tree has found its uses. The bark and leaves are used medicinally. Unripe mangoes are used to make chutneys and are also used as a tenderiser. Both ripe and unripe mangoes are used for various kinds of juices and drinks.

For recipes using mangoes email us:

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PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW

We will be taking pre-orders for home delivery with payment as cash on delivery.

Email or telephone us with your order and we will confirm the delivery date. This can vary by a maximum of 24 hours. Please send your exact address and telephone number. The minimum order is 5 kgs. We will only be delivering to New Delhi but for large enough orders we can deliver to other cities. Delivery charges differs area wise.

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MANGO BASKET:

RS. 1500/ 5KG

5 kgs of hand-picked, naturally ripened mangoes will be personally delivered to you in artisanal baskets which are handmade by ladies from Mahmudabad and Bilehra. The basket will be wrapped in red cotton, as was the court's tradition when presenting food as a gift. A wax seal of the Mahmudabad Estate will be affixed to the basket, guaranteeing authenticity and freshness. The minimum order is 5 kg (1 basket).

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ADDITIONAL OFFER- 'ITR-

RS. 750/ 2.5 ML

For every basket purchased, we also offer you the possibility of buying another famous product of the region: 'itr or perfume. The vials of seasonal perfume are hand-produced by the Mahmudabad family's perfumers using centuries old techniques. *Itr-e Khus* (vetiver) and *Itr-e Gil* are both used in the summer and monsoon months. *Khus* has naturally cooling properties while *Itr-e Gil* (*gil* is the Persian word for clay) captures the rich smell the scorched earth gives off after the first monsoon showers.



Box not included.



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ADDITIONAL OFFER- CALLIGRAPHY - RS. 1000

One of the dying arts in today's world of mechanised printing is calligraphy. The family has used and patronised a number of calligraphers over the centuries for everything from illustrating manuscripts to producing calligraphic manuscripts of poems. You can choose to help preserve this art form by acquiring a unique Urdu couplet composed about Mahmudabad's mangoes by our poet laureate. The calligraphy will come in a 6"/ 6" frame.

