

Classic Rajasthan



~ Highlights of North India & Rajasthan ~

~ 13 Nights / 14 Days ~

~ Itinerary at a Glance ~

Delhi - Mandawa - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur
- Udaipur - Pushkar - Jaipur - Agra
- Delhi

The Splendour's of Rajasthan Tour presents the highlights of Rajasthan in 11 days encompassing experiences ranging from the Golden Triangle of India which includes the Tajmahal and the beautiful cities of Agra & New Delhi and Jaipur along with a twist of adventure with game Safari in perhaps the most famous Tiger National Park of India.

A perfect recipe for the first time visitor asking for more !

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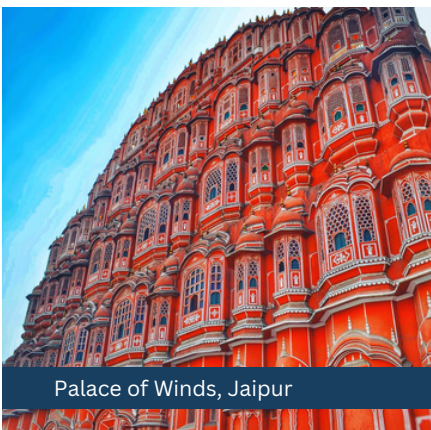
The Tajmahal, Agra



Qutab Minar, New Delhi



Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur



Palace of Winds, Jaipur



Amber Palace, Jaipur

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Day 01

Flight into India / New Delhi

Flight to India

Day 02

New Delhi

Arrival at New Delhi International Airport. Meet & Greet at the Airport. Transfer to the Hotel. (Rooms shall be booked from 11th November, 2023 for immediate check in)

Post Breakfast , embark on a sightseeing tour of the Historic City of Delhi

The city where one can experience the influence of the many rulers who ruled this region, a city built and destroyed and re-built over seven times. The guided tour takes to the monuments that depict the different eras.

Begin with the Rajghat, a monument where Mahatma Gandhi was erected on the site of his funeral pyre and an important place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world.

Drive past the Red Fort towards the Jama Masjid, the great mosque of Old Delhi. It is the largest in India and the final architectural extravagance of Shah Jahan.

Begun in 1644, the mosque was not completed until 1658. It has three great gateways and two minarets standing 130 ft high and constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. The courtyard of the mosque can hold 25,000 people, and broad flights of steps lead up to the imposing gateways.



Tomb of Humayun., New Delhi

President's Palace, New Delhi



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Continue to see the bustling and colourful Chandni Chowk bazaar. In this old market area of winding, narrow walkways, you will find entire streets devoted to the sale of a particular item - a street for silver, one for gems, etc. and some excellent examples of Mughal architecture on the upper floors of the buildings.

The grand plans for the new city by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Sir Herbert Baker can be seen in the results; the Rajpath and the Janpath (the two main avenues), Connaught Place, the India Gate, Parliament House, the Secretariat and the President's Palace. The new capital was inaugurated in 1931.

Continue to Humayun's Tomb, a 16th century monument to the Mughal Emperor Humayun who reigned between 1530 and 1556. The structure represents a combination of Persian and Indian styles, the result of part of Humayun's rule being spent in exile in Afghanistan and Persia.

Later, visit the Qutub Minar, a five-storey sandstone tower, built to commemorate the victory of Muhammad Ghuri and Qutb-ud-Din over the infidel Chauhans of Prithvi Raj in 1192. Built in 1199 by Qutb-ud-Din, who later became the first Sultan of Delhi, the tower is inscribed with quotations from the Koran.

Overnight in hotel.



Qutab Minar, New Delhi

Jama Masjid, Delhi



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Day 03

New Delhi - Mandawa(256 Kms/5.5Hrs)

After an early breakfast, drive to Mandawa.

Mandawa, a small town located in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan, India, is renowned for its exquisite havelis (mansions) adorned with stunning frescoes and intricate artwork. It is often referred to as an open-air art gallery due to its beautifully painted walls, depicting scenes from mythology, legends, and daily life. Walking through the narrow lanes of Mandawa is like stepping back in time, as the town showcases the opulent lifestyle of wealthy merchants during the 18th and 19th centuries. Besides its architectural splendors, Mandawa also offers a glimpse into rural Rajasthan, with vibrant local markets, traditional Rajasthani cuisine, and a welcoming atmosphere that captivates visitors with its cultural heritage.

Upon arrival , check in to the Hotel.

Day 04

Mandawa - Bikaner

After breakfast , visit the town of Mandawa.

The town is famous for its beautifully adorned havelis, showcasing intricate frescoes and artwork. Some notable havelis to visit include the Hanuman Prasad Goenka Haveli, Murmuria Haveli, and Jhunjhunwala Haveli, each displaying unique designs and craftsmanship.

Stroll through the bustling streets of Mandawa Bazaar, where you can explore local markets selling traditional handicrafts, textiles, and jewelry. It's a great place to purchase souvenirs and immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture.

Later post. arrival in Bikaner visit the Junagarh Fort and explore the vibrant old city of Bikaner on a Tuk Tuk ride.

later check in at hotel.

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Day 05

Bikaner - Jaisalmer

Drive to Jaisalmer.

Jaisalmer, located in the heart of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan, India, is a mesmerizing city that epitomizes the charm of the desert. Known as the "Golden City" due to its honey-colored sandstone architecture, Jaisalmer offers a captivating blend of rich history, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes.

Jaisalmer's rich cultural heritage comes alive during festivals like the Desert Festival, where folk music, dance performances, and camel races take center stage, showcasing the vibrant traditions of Rajasthan.

Day 06

Jaisalmer

Post Breakfast sightseeing of Jaisalmer.

The main attraction of Jaisalmer is its magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rising majestically from the golden dunes, the fort is a living testament to the city's medieval past, with narrow winding lanes, intricately carved havelis (mansions), and bustling bazaars.

later in the afternoon, excursion to Sam Sand dunes for a beautiful sunset and Camel Safari.



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Day 07

Jaisalmer - Jodhpur

After Breakfast, drive to the Blue City of Rajasthan” Jodhpur”. Even Today the entire old City sports the blue Indigo colour. Set at the edge of the Thar Desert, the imperial city of Jodhpur echoes with tales of antiquity in the emptiness of the desert .

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jodhpur and visit the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, Mandore and Jaswant Thada. Overnight stay in Jodhpur.

Day 08

Jodhpur - Udaipur

In the morning, after breakfast, drive to Udaipur Enroute visit the Ranakpur Jain Temple.

Udaipur is one of the most beautiful cities of Rajasthan. It is located on the banks of Lake Pichola, also known as a 'Jewel of Mewar'. The most romantic city of India can take the tourist into paroxysm of heaven. The center of attraction vibrates around the shimmering blue waters and the royal white marble palaces constructed with unique artistic insight.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Rest of the Day at Leisure.



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Day 09

Udaipur

This morning begin with the sightseeing of the Historical City Palace. Built on one side of the Pichola Lake, it actually brings your imagination to a level above and helps you relive a fairytale Moment.

The magnificent and awe inspiring citadel is, in fact, a complex of several buildings that were added at different times by different rulers spanning nearly three hundred years. City Palace boasts of the wonderful blend of Medieval, European and Chinese Architecture. The Palace has various towers, domes and arches, which add to the flavor of heritage site.

Stop off next at the three-storey Jagdish Temple, a wonderful Indo-Aryan temple built by Maharana Jagat Singh in 1651. Climb up stone steps flanked by sculpted elephants and admire the intricate pillars, carved ceilings, stunning frescoes and the massive black, stone image of Vishnu as Jagannath, Lord of the Universe.

Later in the afternoon , visit to Saheliyon ki Bari. As per the legends, the garden was designed by the king, Sangram Singh, himself in 1710 and he presented this garden to his queen.

Later , enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola which would bring you closer to the world famous “The Lake Palace Hotel” made famous by the James Bond Movie “Octopussy”.

Overnight at Hotel.

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Day 10

Udaipur - Pushkar

After Breakfast, drive to small religious town of Pushkar.

Pushkar, a small town in the Ajmer district of Rajasthan, India, is a revered pilgrimage site and a fascinating cultural hub. It is famous for its sacred Pushkar Lake, which is believed to have been created by Lord Brahma, according to Hindu mythology. The town attracts thousands of devotees who come to take a dip in the holy waters and visit the Brahma Temple, one of the very few temples dedicated to Lord Brahma.

Day 11

Pushkar - Jaipur

After Breakfast, drive to Jaipur .

Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan, India, is a captivating destination that embodies the grandeur and vibrancy of the state. Known as the "Pink City" due to its stunning pink-hued buildings, Jaipur is a treasure trove of architectural wonders, including the iconic Hawa Mahal and the majestic Amer Fort. The city's bustling bazaars offer a sensory feast, where one can explore vibrant markets for textiles, jewelry, and handicrafts. Jaipur is also famous for its cultural festivals, royal heritage, and delectable cuisine. With its rich history, royal palaces, and a perfect blend of tradition and modernity, Jaipur is a must-visit city for travelers seeking an immersive experience of Rajasthan's essence.



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Day 12

Jaipur

Early morning, visit the Amber Fort, the old capital of Jaipur rulers. The Amber Fort looks stunning, all-built in white marble and red sandstone. To add to its charm, Maota Lake makes its foreground. The crystal mirror image of the Fort, on the still waters of the lake, seems to be a beautiful illusion.

The outer appearance of the Fort, being rough and craggy is totally different from its core. The interior of the Fort provides a soothing and warm ambience, which is least expected from its outer appearance. The marvelous decoration of the Amber Fort is influenced by both, the Hindu and Muslim manner of ornamentation. Exquisite paintings of hunting scenes on the walls depict the temperament of the Rajputs, who were adventurous, revolutionary and self-indulgent.

The intricate carvings on the walls and ceilings simply astonish the visitors. The minute mirror work adds to the grand appearance and royalty of the halls. The Amber Fort undoubtedly captivates the tourists with its artistic quality of delicate work. The mighty walls guarantee the protection of the Fort against the invasion of the enemies.

Afternoon sightseeing tour of Jaipur includes City Palace, Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory and Hawa Mahal.

City Palace forms one of the most famous tourist attractions and a major landmark in Jaipur. The foundation of City Palace was laid at the time when the city of Jaipur itself came into existence. Sawai Maharaja Jai Singh, who founded Jaipur and also laid the foundation of the City Palace, set apart two out of nine segments in which the city was divided, for the purpose of constructing this beautiful palace. The area covered by the City Palace is around one seventh of total area of the Jaipur. Though the foundation was laid in the 18th century itself, further additions and modification in the palace complex continued for the next two centuries. City Palace complex is divided into a series of gardens, courtyards and buildings. A part of the exquisite Palace still makes home for the former Maharaja/ King.

Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

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Day 13

Jaipur - Agra

After Breakfast, drive to small religious town of Agra. Enroute, visit Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO world heritage site. Built during the second half of the 16th century by the Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri (the City of Victory) was the capital of the Mughal Empire for only some 10 years. It is a complex of monuments and temples, all in a uniform architectural style.

Upon arrival in Agra, check into the hotel. Afternoon visit the Fort of Agra

Day 14

Agra - Delhi - Flight back home

Early in the morning, begin with the sightseeing of Taj Mahal. "Taj Mahal" - one of the Seven Wonders of the World & surely the most extravagant expression of love ever created.

Many architects have rated it as the most perfect of all buildings standing on earth. Three artists designed it: a Persian, an Italian, and a Frenchman. But the design is completely Mohammedan. Even the skilled artisans who built it were brought in from Baghdad, Constantinople, and other centers of the Muslim faith.

Enroute to Delhi visit The Tomb of Itimad ud Daula also known as the Baby taj. Upon arrival in agra check in to the Hotel for Rooms for wash and change. Post evening Dinner transfer to Airport to connect to your Flight back Home.



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HOTEL OPTIONS

CITY	Superior	Deluxe	Nights
Delhi	The Crowne Plaza	Vivanta By Taj	02
Mandawa	Castle Mandawa	Castle Mandawa	01
Bikaner	Lallgarh Palace	Narender Bhawan	01
Jaisalmer	Mandir Palace	Taj Rawalkot	02
Jodhpur	Ratan vilas	Taj Hari Mahal	01
Udaipur	Udai Kothi	Fatehgarh Palace	02
Pushkar	Jagat Niwas Palace	Pratap Palace by IHCL	01
Jaipur	Alsisar Haveli	The Hilton	02
Agra	Radisson	Courtyard by Marriott	01
New Delhi	Lemon Tree	Vivanta by Taj	wash & change

Price Offer

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as indicated above or similar on twin share basis. Single room Supplement quoted separately.
- Accommodation on Bed & Breakfast basis. Dinner Supplement has been shared separately
- Air conditioned surface transportation (Toyota Innova Crysta) including Transfers, sightseeing tours and excursions as indicated in the itinerary. Supplement for Tempo Traveller quoted separately
- Good knowledgeable German / English speaking accompanying Tour Manager not staying in the same hotels.
- Entrances to the Monuments as mentioned in the Programme.
- Boat ride at Udaipur
- All around Local Support through our network of local offices in all the cities
- 24 x 7 reachable Phone Contacts for any query / Clarification / Assistance during the whole Tour
- All prevailing Taxes.

Exclusions

- Meals not indicated above
- Room Service, Drinks and beverages, housekeeping & Laundry, Telephone calls, expenses of personal nature.
- Tips and Gratuities

Please note

- The rates are based on the above hotels and we are currently not holding any bookings.
- The above price offer is based on minimum 3 Guests travelling. Any change in the minimum Guest numbers may require a revised cost .
- Bookings shall be made upon confirmation of Hotel & Tour Options.
- 30% advance to be paid upon confirmation and Balance to be paid atleast 65 days before arrival.
- Any cancellation received
 - 45 days before date of arrival would have a 100% refund less banking charges
 - 45 - 30 days before date of arrival would attract 20% cancellation charges. 80% of amount paid shall be refunded less banking charges.
 - 30 - 15 days before date of arrival would attract 50-100% cancellation charges.
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Notes

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