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Festival of Colours Tour 2024



~ Travel through Rajasthan and experience the festival of colours ~

~ 14 Nights / 15 Days ~

~ Itinerary at a Glance ~



Delhi - Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur - Jodhpur -
Jawai - Udaipur - Mumbai

Rajasthan presents India at its best ,an Era foregone of a royal past but reminiscent of its glorious splendour ,giving the discerning traveler a glimpse of the royal past with its Forts and Palace Hotels. The festival of colours presenting to you the colours of india which are vibrant and clubbed with a tryst of the jungle book experience with Jawai Leopard. habitat and Ranthambore which is undisputably the best national park to chance upon the king of the Jungle , The royal Bengal Tiger

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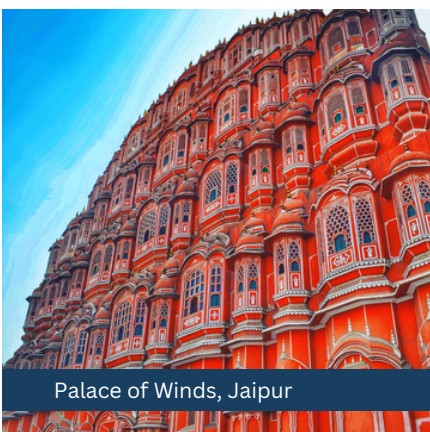
The Tajmahal, Agra



Qutab Minar, New Delhi



The Tajmahal Palace, Mumbai



Palace of Winds, Jaipur



Amber Palace, Jaipur

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19th March, 2024

Arrive into India / New Delhi

Arrival at New Delhi International Airport. Special VIP transfer assistance from the Aerobridge to your vehicle for transfer to the Hotel. (rooms shall be booked from 18th March to facilitate 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 was erected where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated and is an important place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world.

After that, visit 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.

Drive past the Red Fort, The red sandstone walls of Lal Qila, the **Red Fort**, extend for just over a mile and vary in height from 59 ft on the river side to 108 ft on the city side. Shah Jahan started construction of the massive fort in 1638 and it was completed in 1648.



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.

Lunch at a local Restaurant.

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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20th March, 2024

New Delhi - Agra (205 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After an early breakfast, drive to **Agra**. A medieval town with a comparatively slow pace, Agra is known for its superb inlay work on marble and soapstone by craftsmen who are descendants of those who worked under the Mughals. The city is also famous for Taj Mahal, gold thread embroidery famous as the "Zardozi" and leather shoes.

Upon arrival, visit the **Agra Fort**, the rust-colored, majestic, red-sandstone fort of Agra stands on the banks of the river Yamuna. The Red Fort in Agra encompasses a radius of three kilometers and is bordered by a wall, which is 70 foot tall. Two walls made of red sandstone surround the fort. The Red Fort has four gates.

Later in the Afternoon visit **The Tajmahal** at Sunset.

21st March, 2024

Agra - Ranthambhore (205 Kms / 4 Hrs)

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. For 22 years more than 20,000 workmen were employed to build the Taj. The building and its surroundings cost more than \$200,000,000 in today's currency.

Lunch at a local Restaurant in Bharatpur.

Come back to the hotel for breakfast. After that, leave for Ranthambore.

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 **Ranthambore**, check into the hotel.

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22nd March, 2024

Ranthambhore

Ranthambore National Park is positioned at the convergence of the Vindhyan plateau and Aravali hill, in the Eastern region of Rajasthan.

Ranthambore National Park is spread on an area of 1,334 sq kms. In this park, there are some areas earmarked for the tourists where they can wander at their heart's will and explore the fauna and flora housed here. In fact, this distinctive feature of the park is a much loved one, particularly among the tourists.

Morning and Afternoon **Jeep Safari** to explore the jungles of Ranthambhore and to take a fair chance of coming eye to eye with the King of the Jungle himself.

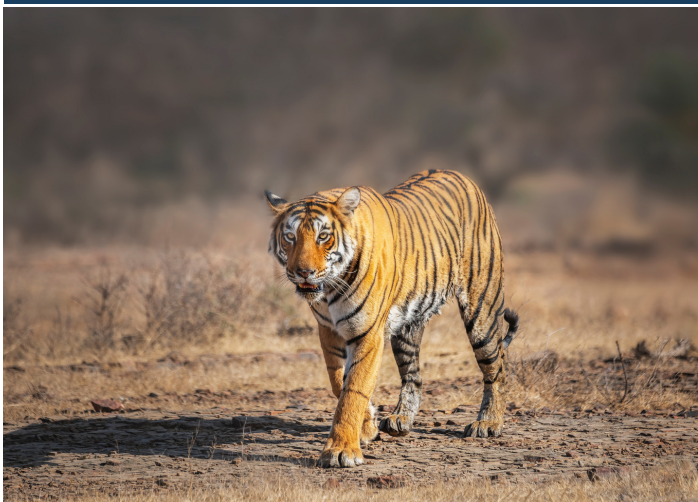
23rd March, 2024

Ranthambhore - Jaipur (180kms / 3.5 Hrs)

Post Breakfast drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

The city of **Jaipur** is famous for its hilltop fortresses, magnificent royal palaces and historic pink-painted sandstone architecture, earning it the affectionate nickname of the 'Pink City'. The buildings within the Old City district of Jaipur were first painted pink in 1876 to welcome the current Prince of Wales, and this tradition has remained ever since. Afternoon at leisure for individual activities.

Royall Bengal Tiger , Ranthambore



Jaipur City Palace

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24th March, 2024

Jaipur - Pink City of India

HOLI FESTIVAL : Post a leisurely Breakfast we prepare for the festival of colours. We participate in the joys of celebration or watch it from a distance.

Relaxed Day.

Holi is a vibrant and joyous festival celebrated primarily in India and Nepal. Also known as the "Festival of Colors" or the "Festival of Love," Holi marks the arrival of spring and the triumph of good over evil. The festival usually takes place in March and spans over two days.

During Holi, people come together to play with colors, symbolizing the breaking down of barriers and the spreading of love and harmony. Participants throw colored powders and water at each other, creating a spectacular display of vivid hues. It's a time when social norms are temporarily set aside, and people of all ages and backgrounds come together in celebration.

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



Holi Celebrations

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25th March, 2024

Jaipur - Pink City of India

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, Maatha 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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26th March, 2024

Jaipur - Pink City of India

This morning we visit **Dera Amer** to spend time with rescued Elephants and walk with them .

Lunch at Farm.

Afternoon at Leisure to enjoy individual activities at Hotel or indulge in shopping at Jaipur , which is also termed as the shoppers paradise.

27th March, 2024

Jaipur - Jodhpur

Post breakfast we drive to **Jodhpur** , the blue city of India has a lot more to offer than just the indigo hue. Home to the imposing **Mehrangarh Fort**, which Kipling describes as the works of Angel and Giants and also the **Jaswant Thada** , referred to as Tajmahal of Rajasthan.

Upon arrival check in to the Hotel. Rest of the Day at Leisure

28th March, 2024

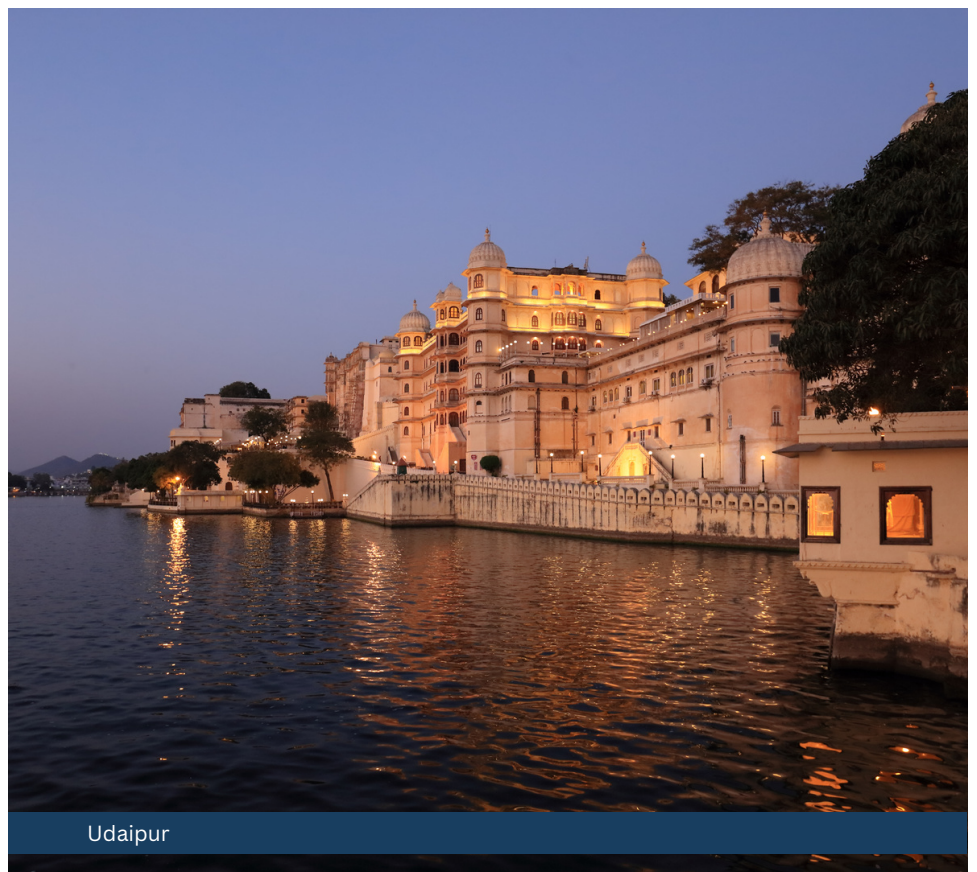
Jodhpur - Udaipur

In the morning, after breakfast, take a drive to Udaipur

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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29th March, 2024

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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30th March 2024

Udaipur - Mumbai (By Flight)

Early in the morning, take a flight to Mumbai.

Upon arrival in Mumbai, there would be a half-day sightseeing tour of Mumbai.

Mumbai, which was previously known as Bombay is a major metropolitan city of India. It is the state capital of Maharashtra. Mumbai city is known as the business capital of India, it being the country's principal financial and communications centre. The city has the largest and the busiest port handling India's foreign trade and a major International airport. India's largest Stock Exchange which ranks as the third largest in the world is situated in Mumbai.

Visit the **Gateway of India**, Mumbai's famous landmark built to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to India in 1911; the Mani Bhawan Museum, the memorial dedicated to the legendary freedom fighter of India & the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who stayed here between 1917 and 1934 during India's freedom struggle; **the Parsi Tower of Silence**; the **Hanging Gardens** also known as Ferozeshah Mehta Gardens, are terraced gardens perched at the top of **Malabar Hill**. They provide sunset views over the **Arabian Sea** and feature numerous hedges carved into the shapes of animals.

See the **Victoria Terminus**, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Modelled on the lines of St. Pancras Station in London, the Terminus boasts of a spectacular stone dome, turrets, stained glass windows, pointed arches and unusual ground plan, unlike the traditional Indian architecture. Its fine interiors, like wood carving, tiles, ornamental iron, brass railings, etc, reflect the efforts of students at the Bombay School of Art.

Also see the **Dhobi Ghats of Mumbai**. A unique feature in Mumbai, a dhobi is a traditional laundryman, who collects dirty linen, washes it, irons it and returns it to the owner. The laundries are called 'ghats'. Around 200 dhobi families work there together.

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31st March 2024

Mumbai - Elephanta Caves - Mumbai / Home)

Today morning we take an excursion to the **Elephanta Caves**. The elephanta caves are part of the **UNESCO** world heritage and are exceptional examples of the cave and rock cut architecture found in india. The caves themselves date back to 5-6th Century AD.

Return to Hotel by early afternoon for Lunch. Rest of the day at Leisure.

Evening Dinner at Hotel where we recapitulate memories of a holiday straight out of 1001 nights.

Later, you would be transferred to the Mumbai International airport for your flight back home (as per your International flight timings).



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Mumbai- Maximum City





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CITY	Superior	Deluxe	Nights
Delhi	Crowne Plaza Okhla	The Claridges	02
Agra	Courtyard By Marriott	Taj Convention Hotel	01
Ranthambhore	Dev Vilas	Sawai Vilas	02
Jaipur	Alsisar Haveli	Taj Jai mahal Palace	02
Jodhpur	Ratan Vilas	Taj Hari Mahal	01
Udaipur	Udai Kothi	Fatehgarh. Palace	02
Mumbai	Royal Orchid	Taj President Mumbai	02



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