

## Splendours of Rajasthan



~ Highlights of North India & Rajasthan~

~ 09 Nights / 10 Days ~

~ Itinerary at a Glance ~



Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Jodhpur - Udaipur -  
Mumbai

Splendours of Rajasthan brings you close to the opulence of India in its royal forts & palaces. Its almost like living a fairy tale and staying in some of the most authentic palaces converted into Hotels. The Tales of the bards, The Folklore, the costumes , the colour , it's a must do for any first time visitor wanting to experience the true essence of India.

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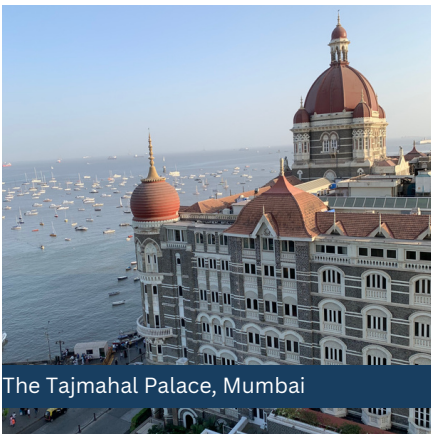
The Tajmahal, Agra



Qutab Minar, New Delhi



Explore Horizons



The Tajmahal Palace, Mumbai



Palace of Winds, Jaipur



Amber Palace, Jaipur

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Day 01

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.

Day 02

New Delhi

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.

After that, go to 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

The Oberoi Hotel , Gurugram



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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 - Agra (205 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After an early breakfast, drive to Agra. A pleasant 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 and leather shoes.

Upon arrival, go to 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.

Also see Itmad-ud-Daulah (Baby Taj). Built entirely of white marble and inlaid with semi-precious stones, their mausoleum on the bank of the Yamuna River, exhibits a strong Persian influence.

Day 04

Agra - Jaipur (242 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.

Come back to the hotel for breakfast.

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 Jaipur, check into the hotel.

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Day 05

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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Day 06

Jaipur - Jodhpur (334 kms / 5.5 Hrs)

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.

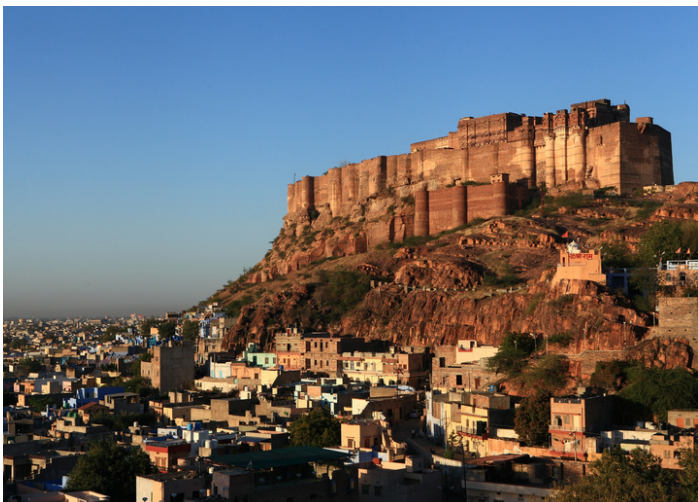
Day 07

Jodhpur - Udaipur (250kms / 5 Hrs)

In the morning, after breakfast, drive to Udaipur (**optionally Flight connections are also available**). 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 08

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 09

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.

Rooms for wash and Change & dinner at Hotel.

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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Toyota Innova Crysta

## HOTEL OPTIONS

CITY	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury	Nights
Delhi	Vivanta by Taj	The Lalit	The Oberoi Gurgaon / The Leela	02
Agra	Courtyard by Marriott	The Trident	The Oberoi Amarvilas	01
Jaipur	Alsisar Haveli (Heritage Hotel)	Samode Haveli (Heritage Hotel)	The Oberoi Rajvilas / Taj Rambagh Palace	02
Jodhpur	RatanVilas Palace	Ranbanka Palace	Ummaid Bhawan Palace / Raas Jodhpur	01
Udaipur	Udai Kothi	The Trident	The Oberoi Udaivilas/ Taj Lake Palace / The Leela	02
Mumbai (Wash & Change rooms)	Lemon Tree Hotel	The Lalit	The Leela	01

### Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as indicated or similar on twin share bed and breakfast basis.
- Air conditioned surface transportation (Toyota Innova Crysta ) including Transfers, sightseeing tours and excursions as indicated in the itinerary.
- Good knowledgeable English / German or requested foreign Language speaking local guides
- 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

