



ULTIMATE RAJASTHAN TOUR

DAY ONE: Arrive Delhi

Today you will arrive at Delhi International Airport, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the contemporary metropolis of Delhi.

DAY TWO: Delhi

After a buffet breakfast, you will embark on a city tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. You will begin your tour in traditional Old Delhi, with a visit to Raj Ghat, before continuing by bicycle rickshaws to one of Asia's biggest mosques, the Jama Masjid. You will then be driven to bustling New Delhi, and experience the city's unique blend of influences from bygone eras and modern city living. Your tour of Imperial Delhi will also include Qutub Minar, the tallest stone tower in India, and the precursor to the Taj Mahal, Humayun's Tomb.

DAY THREE: Delhi – Mandawa

Following your buffet breakfast, you will be driven from Delhi to the remote town of Mandawa. Spend the afternoon exploring and discovering Mandawa's colourful frescoes on a variety of subjects – religious depictions, erotic paintings, copies of popular English prints, witty social satire – and gaily-painted murals that adorn the walls of every home.

DAY FOUR: Mandawa – Bikaner

Today you will travel from Mandawa to Bikaner. In the afternoon you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bikaner, visiting Junagarh Fort, one of the most interesting forts in Rajasthan with its sumptuously decorated interiors. Late in the afternoon, you will visit the National Camel Breeding Farm, and see the herd return from grazing, silhouetted against the spectacular desert sunset.

DAY FIVE: Bikaner – Jaisalmer

After breakfast you will be driven from Bikaner to Jaisalmer. Etched in yellow sandstone, Jaisalmer stands tall against miles of gleaming sand, and because of its location was almost untouched by outside influences. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

DAY SIX: Jaisalmer

This morning you will embark on a walking city tour of Jaisalmer. You will explore the Fort, one of the oldest in Rajasthan, and enjoy wandering the narrow streets, dotted with ornate Hindu and Jain temples. In the late afternoon, you will drive to the Khuri/Sam Sand Dunes for a camelback ride into the desert to watch the sun set over the golden city, and experience the rich desert culture and colourful tribal people.

DAY SEVEN: Jaisalmer – Jodhpur

After breakfast you will drive from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur. In the afternoon you will visit Mehrangarh Fort, with its palaces, delicate friezes, and fabulous views over Old and New Jodhpur. You will then explore the fascinating jungle of winding streets of the old city, before returning to your hotel by Tongas (horse-drawn carriages).

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DAY EIGHT: Jodhpur – Ranakpur – Udaipur

Today you will journey from Jodhpur to Udaipur. En route, enjoy an exceptionally beautiful excursion through the rugged, wooded hills of Rajasthan to the grandiose Jain Temples of Ranakpur. Later you will continue on to Udaipur, a lakeside city steeped in romance and local legend.

DAY NINE: Udaipur

Spend your day discovering the fairytale city of Udaipur. First you will visit the City Palace, overlooking Lake Pichola, and its maze of courtyards, decorated hallways, frescoes and mosaics. In the afternoon, sample the spices, jewellery and local produce in the old market. Later you will enjoy a boat ride on the placid waters of Lake Pichola, visiting the bathing ghats to see evening ritual ceremonies, and views of the city from the water.

DAY TEN: Udaipur – Pushkar

Today you will drive to Pushkar, a village that lies on the edge of the desert, with one of India's most sacred lakes at its heart. You will spend the afternoon exploring the city, visiting the Pushkar Lake Ghats and the Brahma Temple, the only one of its kind left in India today, which attracts pilgrims year-round. Being a religious town, alcohol and non-vegetarian food are taboo here.

DAY ELEVEN: Pushkar – Jaipur

After a leisurely breakfast, you will proceed from Pushkar to Jaipur. The city of victory, Jaipur is surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned with a formidable fort. You will spend the afternoon at leisure, discovering the beautiful palaces, gardens and timeless bazaars of the "Pink City".

DAY TWELVE: Jaipur

This morning you will see the elaborate façade of the Palace of the Winds, en route to the ancient capital of Amber. Here, an elephant (or jeep) will spare you the climb to the fabulous Amber Fort, to explore its sprawling courtyards and famous Hall of Mirrors. In the afternoon you will proceed to the exquisite City Palace and the Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory.

DAY THIRTEEN: Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra

After breakfast you will be driven from Jaipur to Agra, en route visiting the deserted red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Your first afternoon in Agra begins with a tour of the majestic Taj Mahal. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as an elaborate expression of love for his wife, the white marble Taj Mahal took 22 years and 20,000 men to build.

DAY FOURTEEN: Agra – Delhi

Following your buffet breakfast, you will visit another outstanding example of Mughal architecture, Agra Fort. In the afternoon you will be driven to Delhi, where you will be met and transferred to the International Airport for your flight.

DAY FIFTEEN: Depart Delhi

Today you will farewell India, and board your flight home.

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INCLUSIONS:

- All accommodation on twin share basis
- Daily buffet breakfast, except in Pushkar, which is on full board basis
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours, by air-conditioned transportation
- Entrance fees at all monuments, local taxes
- A local English-speaking guide for sightseeing & excursion tours

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