

# Royal Rajasthan Tour: 13 Nights / 14 Days

<u>Delhi - Mandawa - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Jaipur - Delhi</u>

# Day 01: Arrive Delhi

A warm welcome awaits you at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi followed by transfer to your hotel for overnight stay.

### Day 02: Delhi

After a delicious breakfast, you will go for a guided sightseeing tour of Delhi, the capital of India. The Tour will be in two halves – New Delhi and Old Delhi.

**The New Delhi Tour:** Drive past the daunting British era monuments such as **Rashtrapati Bhawan** (President's Palace), **Parliament House** and **India Gate**, built in the memory of Indian martyrs. Visit relics from the past such as



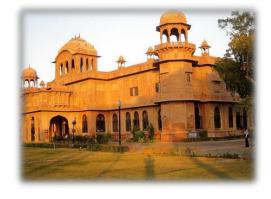
Humayun's tomb and Qutab Minar.

**The Old Delhi Tour:** Visit the sprawling stronghold of Mughal Era - **The Red Fort**. Another important site to visit is **The Jama Masjid** - India's largest mosque. **The Raj Ghat** - memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, Father of India.

Overnight stay at hotel in Delhi.

#### Day 03: Delhi - Mandawa (280 kms - 6 hrs drive)

In the morning, drive to Mandawa, an interesting village in the Shekhawati region. Check in at the hotel. Enjoy the evening with some traditional Rajsthani cuisine and folk dance with live music. Overnight stay at the Haveli now used as a heritage hotel.



# <u>Day 04: Mandawa – Bikaner (190 kms - 4 hrs</u> drive)

After breakfast, visit the famous 18th and 19th century Havelis, famous for their beautiful frescoes and paintings. Drive to Bikaner that will take about 4 hours. Arrive Bikaner and check-in to the hotel. Spend the evening at leisure and overnight stay in the hotel at Bikaner.

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# Day 05: Bikaner

Breakfast at Hotel. Embark on a sightseeing tour of Bikaner - Visit Junagadh Fort with 986 m long wall with 37 bastions and 2 gateways and the 16th century; Bhand Sagar Jain Temple with its beautiful carvings and pictures of Jain Tirthankars as its highlights. Visit to the local bazaar, famous for its snack shops — you may taste the famous sweets and snacks of Bikaner. Afternoon, visit Lalgarh Palace — 3 kms north of the city



centre, this red sandstone palace was built by Maharaja Ganga Singh, in the memory of his father Maharaja Lal

Singh. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Bikaner – Jaisalmer (325 kms – 7 hrs drive)

Breakfast at Hotel. Drive to Jaisalmer in the morning that will take about seven hours. Spend the evening at leisure or go for shopping in the city market. Overnight stay at the hotel in Jaisalmer.

## Day 07: Jaisalmer

After breakfast at Hotel, Go on a guided sightseeing tour of Jaisalmer. The highlights of the tour are the **Jain temples** and the **Museum** displaying the robes and artifacts belonging to the royal family inside the **Sonar Quila**, the beautifully carved **Patwon ki haveli, Gadisar Lake,** the mesmerizing views of **Sam sand dunes** at sunset. Dinner & overnight stay at the **tented accommodation** in camps.



# <u>Day 08: Jaisalmer – Jodhpur (310 kms –</u> 6 hrs drive)

Leave for Jodhpur after breakfast and enjoy the views of the real desert life such as rural Rajasthani women in their colorful long skirts and number of pots balanced on their head and men in colorful turbans tied in different ways to represent their caste and community. Overnight stay at the hotel in Jodhpur.

#### Day 09: Jodhpur

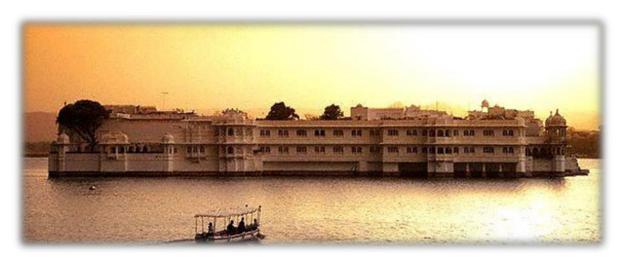
After breakfast in Jodhpur at the Hotel, visit the **Mandore gardens** and **Umaid Bhawan Palace**, which is still serving as the private residence of the royal family of Jodhpur. Visit the **Mehrangarh Fort**, the **Clock Tower** and the **local markets**. Evening at leisure. Overnight stay at Hotel.

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# Day 10: Jodhpur - Udaipur (270 kms - 5.5 hrs drive)

After breakfast at Hotel, drive to Udaipur. Arrive Udaipur and checkin to Hotel. Overnight stay at Udaipur.



# Day 11: Udaipur

After breakfast go on a sight seeing tour of Udaipur. Visit the **City Palace** - largest complex palace in Rajasthan; **Jagdish Temple** - Built in 1651 by Maharana Jagat Singh. The temple is located at about 150 metres north of the entrance to the city palace. The temple is designed in Indo-Aryan style and is the largest and most beautiful temple of Udaipur; **Lake Palace** Founded in 1568 by Maharana Udai Singh, a fantasy island palace shimmering on mirror-calm Lake Pichola, the Lake Palace is one of the most romantic hotels in the world. You can also visit **Sahelion ki badi**, **Jag Mandir**, **Pratap Memorial** and the **Fateh Sagar Lake**. Overnight stay at Hotel in Udaipur.

#### Day 12: Udaipur – Jaipur (405 kms – 9 hrs drive)

Early morning leave for Jaipur. A very long drive – about 9 hrs. Arrive Jaipur, check-in to Hotel and rest. Overnight stay at Jaipur.

#### Day 13: Jaipur

After the breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Jaipur, the Pink City. See the 18th century astronomical observatory called **Jantar Mantar**, the elegant **City Palace** - which serves as the private residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur and houses a heritage hotel and a royal museum with a rich collection of royal paintings, costumes, jewelry, arms and ammunitions. Afternoon – Free for Shopping, you can go for exploring the markets of Jaipur to find the



famed tie-and-dye apparels, paintings, blue enameled pottery and jewels. Overnight stay at the hotel.



# Day 14: Jaipur - Delhi (260 kms - 5 hrs drive)

After a mouth-watering heavy breakfast, drive back to Delhi; enroute visit the **Amber Fort** in the morning, where you will also enjoy the royal elephant ride upto the Fort. The highlights of the fort are its several palace complexes, a royal museum, 17th century Shish Mahal that presents a delectable fusion of Hindu and Islamic architectural

styles, Diwan-e-Aam and Maharaja Man Singh's Palace.

At Delhi you will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight for onward destination.

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#### **INCLUDES**:

- Transportation as per Itinerary by Standard Air-conditioned car
- Hotel accommodation in a Standard Double Room as per Itinerary for 12 nights in the chosen category of Hotels.
- 01 night Accommodation in a Swiss Tent on Twin sharing basis at the camp in Sand Dunes, Jaisalmer.
- 01 Breakfast and 01 Dinner at Sam Sand Dunes
- 01 Camel ride to Sam Sand Dunes
- 12 Breakfasts at Hotel

#### **DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Meals other than specified
- Sight Seeing Guides
- Monument Entrance Fees
- Elephant ride charges at Amer Fort
- Video and Camera Fees
- Expenses of personal nature such as Tips, Drinks, Laundry etc.
- Any other item not detailed in inclusions
- Flights (Domestic / International)

Note: The above is only a suggestive itinerary; changes can be made as per requirement. A quotation can be offered depending upon the no. of passengers travelling together and the category of hotels required.