

ITINERARY

Duration: - 13 Nights/14 Days

Destinations Covered: - Delhi-Mandawa-Bikaner-Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Pushkar –Ajmer - Jaipur –Delhi

Day 01: Delhi

Fly from your country and arrive in Delhi, India, the erstwhile capital of 8 empires and now the capital of India with all the evidences of its glorious past intact along with the present. Upon arrival you will be escorted to the well-maintained & prestigious hotel, designated for you. check into your hotel room. Freshen up and relax at the hotel. Spend rest of the day in comforts at the hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner organized at the hotel. Stay overnight in comforts at the hotel.

Day 02: Delhi

Have a very hearty breakfast at the hotel and then embark on a full day sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi. During your tour to Old Delhi you will see Raj Ghat – the memorial site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated; Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in India and the grand Red Fort – once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. Also enjoy the cycle rickshaw ride from Jama Masjid to bustling bazaars of Chandani Chowk.

During your sightseeing tour of New Delhi you will see the Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar, imposing India Gate – a war memorial, Parliament House, President House. Drive along the ceremonial avenue – Rajpath. After exploring the city of Old & New Delhi, return to the hotel. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. Stay overnight in comforts at the hotel.

Day 03: Delhi – Mandawa (275 kms; Approx 3hrs)

After very hearty breakfast at the hotel, drive to Mandawa located in the heart of Shekhawati region, Rajasthan, India. One of the small towns of the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan best set up for tourists, with plenty of forts, havelis and tourist attractions. Upon reaching Mandawa, check-in into hotel, recline a while and get ready for a trip around the town which can be very interesting and provides a varied sightseeing experience of Haveli's and Paintings. Come evening, spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay will be in a hotel.

Day 04: Mandawa – Bikaner(193 kms ; Approx 3hrs)

After breakfast, proceeds to visit Bikaner, founded by Rao Bikaji (1465-1504 AD) in the year 1488 AD. He was a Rajput prince, descendent of the founder of neighboring Jodhpur. It lies in the north-western part of Rajasthan & has a stark beauty of the desert



landscape with wide-spread sand dunes & thorny shrubs growing around. It is a royal city surrounded by a mammoth fortification wall, more than 5 km in circumference & about 5 to 9m high. Fort, Palaces & people with colorful traditional costumes are the chief attractions of the city. The Camel Breeding Farm in Bikaner is only one of its kinds in the whole Asia & so is the illustrious Camel Festival. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05: Bikaner – Jaisalmer (331kms ; Approx 4hrs)

Morning after Breakfast, drive to Jaisalmer, founded in the year 1156 by Bhatti Rajput ruler Rawal Jaisal. Often described as Golden City & rising from the heart of the Thar Desert like a golden mirage the commanding Fort etched in yellow sandstone, dominates the amber-hued city with its entire awesome splendor. Because of its strategic location it was an important ancient trading centre & camel caravans laden with precious spices & silk crossed the territory en-route India, Sindh, and Arabia & Europe. The merchants of the 19th century built Havelis (Mansions) that are exquisitely carved from golden-yellow sandstone & are still in a beautiful condition. The life within the Fortified town conjures up images of medieval majesty visible in its narrow lanes strewn with magnificent palace, Havelis, temples, & of course skilled artisans & ubiquitous camels. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Jaisalmer Local Sightseeing

Morning enjoy city tour visiting Jaisalmer Fort, built in the year 1156 by Rawal Jaisal. Perched on 80m high hill, housing the entire township within its ramparts, the golden hued Fort is standing like a sentinel in the bleak desert landscape. It is the only "Living Fort" in India & within its ramparts has an enchanting cow-web of narrow lanes dotted with some lovely Havelis (Mansions), Palaces & beautifully sculptured Jain Temples of the 12th-15th century AD & of course skilled artisans & ubiquitous camels.

Also visit magnificent Patwon Ki Haveli in the heart of the town. It was built by the rich merchant Guman Chand Patwa & his sons, whose business stretched between Afghanistan & China. It is the most elaborate & magnificent of all the Jaisalmer Havelis & is virtually the showpiece of Jaisalmer's legendary architectural wealth. The carving on stone far surpasses in beauty the work on brocade & gold. Later in evening visit Sam to take the Camel ride on the Sand Dunes. Overnight at hotel



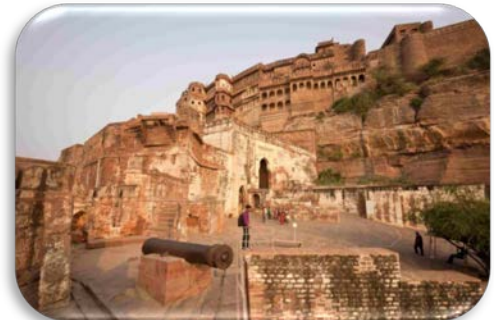
Day 07: Jaisalmer-Jodhpur (287kms; Approx 3hrs)

Morning proceeds to Jodhpur, bustling desert city are the second largest city in Rajasthan & has landscape dominated by the massive Mehrangarh Fort topping a sheer rocky ridge. Rao Jodha, a chief of the Rathore clan, founded the city in the year 1459 & it is named after him. It was formerly the seat of a Princely state, also known as Marwar. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Jodhpur Sight Seeing

Morning enjoy city tour of Jodhpur, visiting the Mehrangarh Fort (Majestic Fort), one of the most impressive & formidable structures anywhere in India. Built by Rao Jodha, this 5km long Fort is on a 125m high hill & has some magnificent palaces with marvelously carved panels' latticed window. The Fort Museum houses an exquisite collection of palanquins, howdahs (Elephant saddles), royal cradles, miniatures paintings, musical instruments, costumes & furniture.

Also visit Jaswant Thada, a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in the year 1899 AD in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Within the main cenotaph are the portraits of various Jodhpur rulers. It is an architectural landmark of Jodhpur. Overnight stay at hotel.



Day 09: Jodhpur – Pushkar

After breakfast, you would start your journey towards Pushkar. Once you reach Pushkar, the day is completely free. You can rest for the day or do some sightseeing around the city.

Day 10: Pushkar Sight Seeing

This day is especially dedicated to explore Pushkar in its entirety. As the place is historically rich, its deep intimacy with nature provides much relief to our senses taking into account the contemporary times. Later come back to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 11: Pushkar-Ajmer

If you liked Pushkar, wait till you get to Ajmer. The city of Ajmer surrounds the gorgeous lake of Ana Sagar, which is visible from almost everywhere in the city. Since it's a place of terrific Islamic history and heritage, you will come across a flurry of shops selling religious souvenirs or just fresh meat. You can park your vehicle by the main entrance of the lake and go inside to relax for a while. There is also a public boat that takes you till a small island in the middle of the lake and back for a meagre ticket price. Later you can also visit the magnificent Jain Temple, which is royal golden in colour. Here you can experience the life and times of a completely different religious sect compared to the one you would have visited in the morning. Also, Ajmer's *paani puri* is famous far and wide, so you know what you need to try while loitering around. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 12: Ajmer- Jaipur

Just after finishing our breakfast, we move towards the Pink City, Jaipur. As we go along our way, we take you through its most majestic aspects. As Jaipur is rich in every sense, we make you interact with its every nook and corner. This is what makes our journey all the more beautiful and worth enjoying. This day is also dedicated to make you interact with one of the

monuments, Fatehpur Sikri. There remains Buland Darwaza on charts as well. It is the largest gateway in the world. As we take you to Jaipur by road, we let you explore the mentioned places in style.

Day 13: Jaipur Sight Seeing

This is the day when we reach our destination, the Pink City of Jaipur. We take you through its vicinities in style and let you interact in the most apt manner. An excursion tour to Amber Fort also remains on charts. There is much joy in store for all. There are elephant rides, traditional bazaars, art and crafts, and much more. We also take you to Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal, and other important attractions in Jaipur. Dinner with perfect ambiance will be served along with overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 14: Jaipur-Delhi

After all those memories of travelling Rajasthan, Drive back to Delhi.

