

ITINERARY

Duration: - 09 Nights/10 Days

Destinations Covered: - Delhi-Mandawa-Bikaner-Jaisalmer-Jodhpur- Jaipur-Fatehpur Sikri-Agra-Delhi

Day 01: Delhi – Mandawa (275 kms ; Approx 3hrs)

After arrival meet our representative and drive to Mandawa, check-in the hotel and proceed to visit “Mandawa”, 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 02: 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 03: 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 04: 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



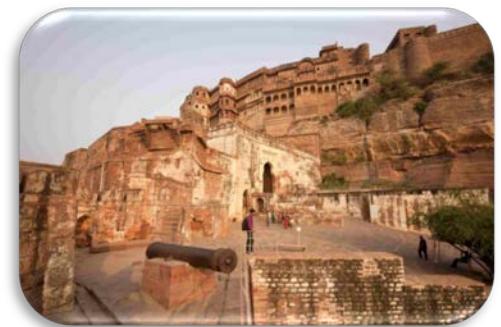
Day 05: Jaisalmer-Jodhpur(287kms ; Approx 3hrs)

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 06: 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 at hotel.



Day 07: Jodhpur-Jaipur

After hearty breakfast at the hotel, drive to Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. On arrival, Visit India representative will assist you to transfer you to the hotel. In the afternoon visit Jaipur's signature landmark, the multi storied Hawa Mahal with the bustling bazaar below, the Jantar Mantar observatory built in 1728 and the City Palace Complex and prosperous museum. Sumptuous dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel.

Day 08: Jaipur Sight seeing

After hearty breakfast at the hotel, visit the grand Amber fort, which encloses superb palace and beautiful temple in marble dedicated to the fearsome goddess Kali. Enjoy an elephant ride up the fort's ramparts. Spend rest of the day at leisure. Sumptuous dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel.

Day 09: Jaipur-Fatehpur Sikri-Agra

After hearty breakfast at the hotel, drive to the ['City of the Taj', Agra](#) in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India. En route, [visit the Imperial 'Ghost City' of Fatehpur Sikri](#) constructed of sandstone and built by Emperor Akbar. On arrival, Visit India representative will assist you to transfer you to the hotel.

In the afternoon take a city tour and [visit one of the 'wonders of the world', the Taj Mahal](#) with its majestic marble domes and elegant minarets. Thereafter, [visit the Agra fort](#) built by Emperor Akbar in 1565 and [the marble tomb of Itimad-Ud-Daulah](#), if time permits. Sumptuous dinner and overnight stay will be at the hotel.



Day 10: Agra- Delhi

After a hearty breakfast and a wonderful tour, proceed to Delhi.