

## **12 Days Rajasthan Experience I** **Tour Code: CI 007**

*Rajasthan, the land of the Maharaja's, is India at its exotic and magical best, awash with searing, riotous color, built on myths and the Rajput tenet of death before dishonor. Like a legend that has come to life, it has an incredible array of mighty forts, elaborate palaces and fanciful cities.*

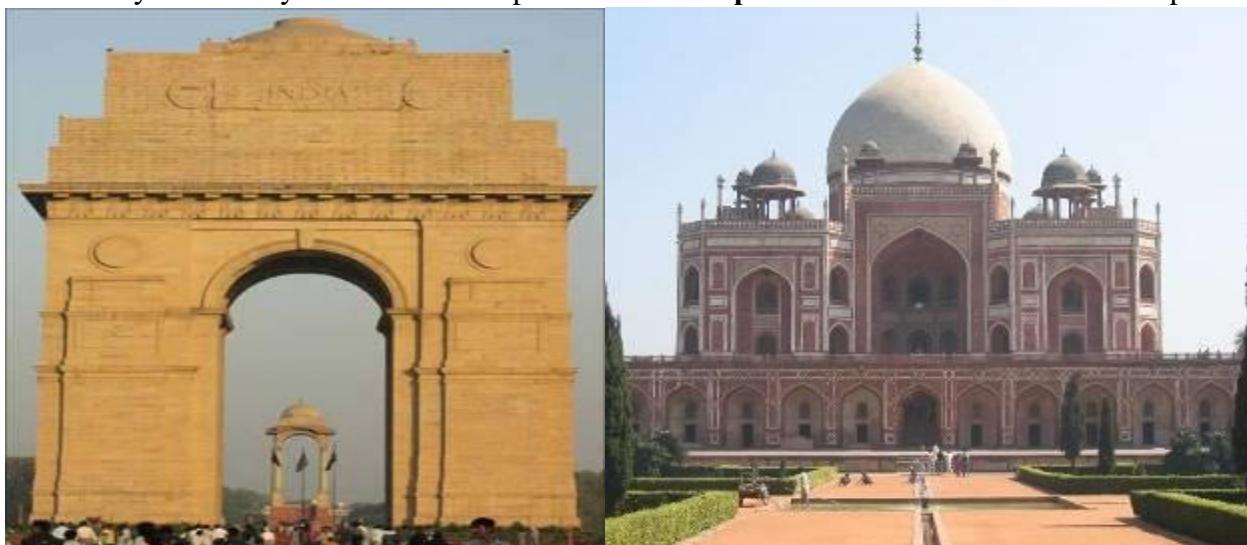
## **Day 01                      Arrival Delhi**

Meet upon arrival and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

## **Day 02                    Delhi-Agra**

## **(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Half day tour of New Delhi. **New Delhi:** India's capital and an important gateway into the country. Visit Lutyen's Delhi-drive past **President's palace** and also known as Rashtrapati



Bhawan, India gate, a World War I memorial.

Lutyen's city is characterized by wide, tree-lined avenues, parks and palaces built for important Indian Princes.

Visit **Humayuns Tomb**, built in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century by Haji Begum, the Persian born senior wife of Humayaun, the second Mughal emperor, this is wonderful early example of Mughal architecture.

Drive to Agra (approx. 4 Hrs.). Arrive and check-in to hotel. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

## Day 03 Agra-Jaipur

## **(Breakfast/Dinner)**



**At sunrise visit Taj Mahal:** - Described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love, this poignant Mughal mausoleum has become the de facto tourist emblem of India. It was constructed by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his second wife Mumtaz Mahal. Return to hotel for breakfast.

Later visit **Agra Fort**: - Constructed of the massive red sandstone Agra Fort on the bank of

River Yamuna, was begun by Emperor Akbar in 1565.

Drive to Jaipur (approx. 5 Hrs.). Arrive & check-in to hotel. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 04            Jaipur**

**(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Visit **Amber fort** built in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century; the palace is a distinguished specimen of Rajput architecture. Take a joy ride on an elephant back at Amber Fort. Set in a picturesque location, Amer is fascinating blend of Hindu and Muslim architecture.



Thereafter, Explore the city starting from the Pink **City Palace** which now houses a museum containing rare manuscript, painting and an armory; visit the **Palace of Winds**-a Landmark of Jaipur made of pink sandstone and of unique design.

| Evening is free for own personal activities. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 05            Jaipur-Mandawa****(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive to Mandawa (approx. 4 Hrs.- 180 Kms.). Arrive and check-in to hotel.

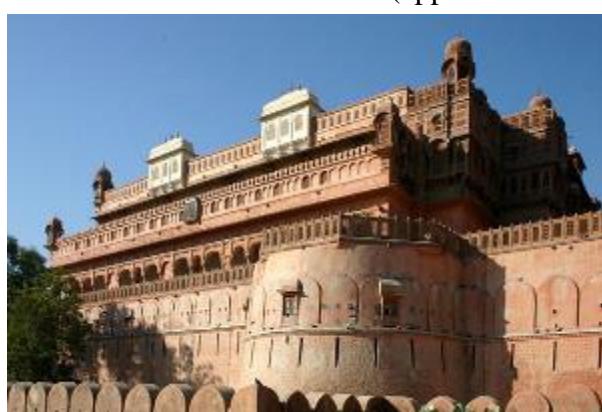


Later visit the some the fascinating havelies of **Mandawa** – lies in the Shekhawati region which called the open air art gallery of Rajasthan havelies here with lavish facades and colourful fresco paintings on the walls tells the bygone glory of this region.

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 06            Mandawa-Bikaner****(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive to Bikaner (approx. 3-4 Hrs.- 165 Kms.). Visit **Junagarh Fort** constructed between 1588 and 1593 by Raja Rai Singh- a general in the army of the Mughal emperor, Akbar-this most impressive fort has a 986m-long wall with 37 bastions, a moat and two entrances. The palaces within the fort are on the southern side and make a picturesque ensemble of the courtyards, balconies, kiosks, towers and windows. Highlights include; the diwan-i-khas; the phool Mahal, which is decorated with paintings and carved marble panels; and the hawa Mahal, Badal Mahal and Anup Mahal.



Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 07            Bikaner-Jaisalmer****(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive to Jaisalmer (approx. 6 Hrs.). Visiting en-route **Deshnok Temple**; Karni Mata temple is one of India's more disconcerting temples. According to legend, Karni Mata, an incarnation of Durga, who lived in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, asked the God of Death, Yama, to restore to life the son of a grieving storyteller. When Yama refused, Karni Mata reincarnated all dead storytellers as rats, in order to deprive Yama of human souls, which were later incarnated as human beings.



Arrive & check-in to hotel. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

## Day 08 Jaisalmer

Breakfast. Visit Jaisalmer-Founded in 1156, looks as if it has



### (Breakfast/Dinner)

grown out of the desert. Like a giant sandcastle, its golden fort thrusts skywards out of the surrounding barren landscape. Dubbed the “Golden City” because of its honey color, it is a place that should exist only in the imagination. Visit the **Jaisalmer Fort**-The fort is the most alive of any museum, there are homes and hotels hidden in the laneways, and shops and stalls are swaddled in the kaleidoscopic mirrors

and embroideries of brilliant Rajasthan cloth. Built in 1156 by the Rajput ruler Jaisala, and reinforced by subsequent rulers, the fort crowns the 80m-high Trikutta Hill. About 25% of the old city’s population resides within the fort walls. Visit inside the fort **Jain temples**-a complex of seven beautifully carved yellow sandstone Jain temples dating back from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. Also visit several of the finely sculpted sandstone buildings built by the wealthy merchants of Jaisalmer. Prominent ones are **Patwon-ki-Haveli, Salim-Singh-ki-Haveli and Nathmal-Ki-Haveli**.

Evening excursion to Sam sand dunes (approx. 1 hour). Take short camel ride on the dunes – stay on to view sunset on the Thar Desert.

Return to Jaisalmer city. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

## Day 09 Jaisalmer-Jodhpur

Breakfast. Drive to Jodhpur (approx. 6 Hrs.). Arrive



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& check-in to hotel. Later visit **Mehrangarh Fort** one of the most impressive forts in Rajasthan. Sprawled across a 125m-high hill, this is Rajasthan most formidable fort. A winding road leads up to the entrance from the city, 5 km below. Inside the fort there is a series of courtyards and palaces, a deep-terracotta latticed network. They house a museum, with a splendid collection of the trappings of Indian royalty, including some amazing elephant howdahs, miniature paintings and the inevitable Rajput

armoury and ephemera-from ivory inlaid ladies dumbbells to camel-bone carpet weights. At the southern end of the fort, old canons look out from the ramparts over the sheer drop to the old town beneath, with magical views.

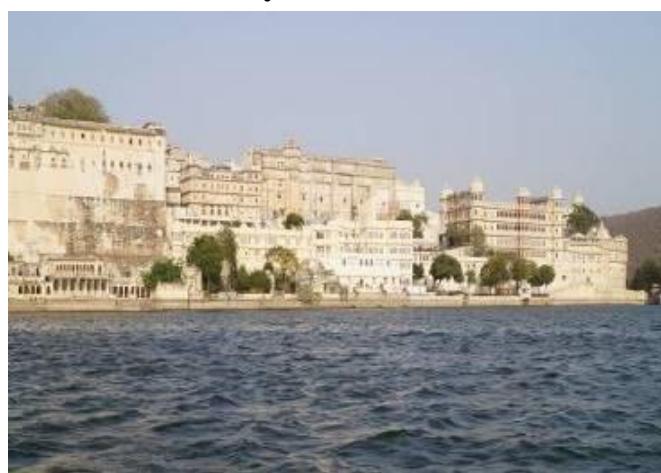
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**Day 10 Jodhpur-Ranakpur-Udaipur****(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Drive to Udaipur (approx. 06 Hrs.) visiting en-route Ranakpur- Visit Jain Temple of Ranakpur where its 1444 intricately carved pillars is unlike one another.

**Day 11 Udaipur****(Breakfast/Dinner)**

Breakfast. Visit **City Palace & Museums**-The imposing City Palace, surmounted by balconies, towers and cupolas, towering over the lake, is the largest palace complex in Rajasthan.



A conglomeration of buildings added by various Maharanas, it still manages to retain a surprising uniformity of design. The main part is now preserved as a museum. It includes the Mor Chowk with its lavish mosaics of peacocks. The Manak Mahal has a glass and mirror work, while Krishna vilas has a remarkable collection of miniatures. The other part of the palace is against the lakeshore and has been partly converted into two luxury hotels.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Evening boat ride at **Lake Pichola**. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

**Day 12 Udaipur-Delhi-Further destination****(Breakfast)**

Breakfast. Morning is free at leisure.

Transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Arrive and connect flight to further destination.

**End of our service**

<b>Days</b>	<b>Night's</b>	<b>City Name</b>	<b>Cat "A" (3 Star)</b>	<b>Cat "B" (4 Star)</b>	<b>Cat "C" (5 Star)</b>
01/02	1	Delhi	Africa Avenue GK	The Royal Plaza	The Metropolitan
02/03	1	Agra	Taj Vilas / Bhawna Clarks Inn	Mansingh Palace	Clarks Shiraz
03/05	2	Jaipur	Comfort Inn Sapphire / Clarks Inn	Park Regis / Mansingh Jaipur	Clarks Amer
05/06	1	Mandawa	Matsya Vilas	Castle Mandawa	Castle Mandawa
06/07	1	Bikaner	Maharaja Ganga Mahal	The Lallgarh Palace	Gajner Palace
07/09	2	Jaisalmer	Saira Fort Sarovar Portico	Gorbandh Palace	Fort Rajwada
09/10	1	Jodhpur	The Fern Residency	Ranbanka Palace	Ajit Bhawan Palace
10/12	2	Udaipur	The Fern Residency	Ramada Udaipur	Trident Udaipur
2pax	<b>11</b>	Twin sharing	<b>SGD 1720 PP</b>	<b>SGD 2066 PP</b>	<b>SGD 2290 PP</b>
3/4pax			<b>SGD 1635 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1981 PP</b>	<b>SGD 2205 PP</b>
5/8pax			<b>SGD 1596 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1942 PP</b>	<b>SGD 2166 PP</b>
8/10pax			<b>SGD 1488 PP</b>	<b>SGD 1834 PP</b>	<b>SGD 2058 PP</b>
		Single Supp	<b>SGD 870</b>	<b>SGD 792</b>	<b>SGD 1016</b>

**Cost inclusions:**

- 11 Night's accommodation at hotel mentioned, twin/double sharing.
- Meals as per the Itinerary.
- All transfers, sightseeing, excursions and drives using excellent AC vehicle.
- Service of English speaking local guides.
- All payable monument entrance fees. (As per the itinerary). Subject to change.
- Elephant ride at Amber (Jaipur) upto the Fort and return by Jeep after Fort visit.
- Camel ride in Jaisalmer.
- Boat ride at Lake Pichola (Udaipur)- Sharing basis.
- All PRESENT applicable government taxes. (**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**).

**Cost exclusions:**

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room/restaurant, items ordered on room service, mini bar etc..
- Meals apart from those indicated in the itinerary
- Camera fees are not included in the cost
- Cost incurred in obtaining visa or insurance.
- Cost incurred in case of hospitalization or evacuation.
- Internet charges- WI-FI (*where chargeable*).
- Tips/ gratuities paid to driver, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.

Airfare is extra- Udaipur/Delhi @ approx. SGD 70-110 PP on Economy class.

**Above cost valid from 01 Oct 19 to 31 Mar '20 (Not valid from 20 Dec-06 Jan '20).**

**Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner. Keep all clients informed of this.....**

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