Exotic Rajasthan 13 Nights / 14 Days

Day 01 – Arrive Delhi

Arrival at Indra Gandhi International airport; meet and assist by our representative holding a plaque card at arrival lounge

Transfer to the hotel and check-in.

Delhi - the capital of India, is a fascinating city with complexities and contradictions, beauty and dynamism, where the past co-exists with the present. Many dynasties ruled from here and the city s rich in the architecture of its monuments. Delhi is not only the present metropolis of India but also a Necropolis. Because of its location, being on the banks of the River Yamuna, many cities have risen and fallen over the last five millenniums.

Overnight in Delhi

Day 02 - Delhi

Morning enjoy your breakfast at hotel After breakfast you will transfer to visit Old & New Delhi. Visit some of the interesting sites of Delhi such as, *Qutub Minar*, *Humanyun's Tomb*, Drive past *President's House*, *India Gate*, and *Red fort*. Later also visit *Jamma Masjid* & enjoy *Rickshaw ride* at Chandni Chowk, visit *Raj Ghat*-crimination site of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Nation. Late visit *Lakshmi Narayan Temple*.

Overnight at Delhi.

Day 03 - Delhi - Mandawa (Approx 270 Kms-6 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast transfer to Mandawa. On arrival, check in at Hotel. Later visit <u>The medieval fort of Mandawa</u>, founded in the 18th century, dominates the town with a painted arched gateway adorned with Lord Krishna and his cows. Visit the *Chokhani* and *Ladia havelis* and the street with Saraf havelis.

Overnight in Mandawa

Day 04 - Mandawa – Bikaner (Approx 190 Kms-4 Hrs)

Today depart for Bikaner. On arrival, check in at hotel.

<u>Bikaner</u> – If ever beauty has bloomed in a desert, it has been at Bikaner. Founded in 1488 AD by Rao Bika Ji, it's located in North West part of Rajasthan state in India. The imposing palaces, beautiful and richly sculptured temples of red and yellow sand stones display some of the finest creations of Rajput civilization. It's lust for "desert" or affection for "desert" that tickles every heart to visit Bikaner.

Later visit Junagarh Fort, Lallgarh Palace & Camel Breeding Farm.

<u>Junagarh Fort</u> - This fort was built by Raja Rai Singhji, the sixth ruler of Bikaner, who ruled form 1571 to 1612 AD. <u>Lallgarh Palace</u> - The architectural masterpiece in red sandstone was built by Maharaja Ganga Sing

(1881 AD-1942 AD) in memory of his father Maharaja Lall Singh between 1902 -1926. This magnificent palace is an example of pure Rajput martial architecture. The exotic palace has magnificent pillars, richly carved fire mantles, Italian colonnades and motif of lotus in full bloom, adding to the magic of this jewel of the desert. <u>Camel breeding farm</u> - This government-managed farm is unique and largest in Asia. There are hundreds of camels here and the scenario in late afternoon is great when camels come back from grazing. You can have some thick camel milk while listening to a Raika or Rebari, a camel breeder's tribe telling you about camels and camellore and how they are bred.

Overnight in Bikaner

Day 05 - Bikaner – Jaisalmer (Approx 330 Kms-7 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Jaisalmer. Arrive Jaisalmer check in at Hotel. Day is free for optional activities.

Overnight at Jaisalmer.

Day 06 - Jaisalmer

Morning have breakfast at Hotel, later take a tour of <u>Golden Fort</u> which is also known as Sonar Quila, the <u>Jain</u> <u>temples</u>, <u>Patwa-ki-haveli</u>, <u>Tazia Tower</u>, <u>Nathmal-ki-haveli</u> and <u>Salim Singh-ki-haveli</u>. Later visit <u>Sam sand</u> <u>dunes</u>. Also, take Short <u>CAMEL RIDE</u> on the dunes – stay on to view sunset on the Thar Desert. Evening return to the Hotel.

Overnight at Jaisalmer.

Day 07 - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (Approx 290 Kms-6 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast, drive to Jodhpur. This city was founded by Rao Jodha. Arrive Jodhpur check in to Hotel. Day is free for relax.

Overnight at Jodhpur.

Day 08 - Jodhpur - Ranakpur - Udaipur (Approx 275 Kms-6 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast start city tour of Jodhpur, visit <u>Mehrangarh Fort</u>, the best fort in India with its elegantly latticed windows, engraved panels & ornately decorated windows & museum, which has a good collection of weapons & canopies. Also, visit <u>Jaswant Thada</u>, <u>Royal cenotaph</u> which is very close to the fort & <u>Umaid Bhawan Museum</u>. Later drive to Udaipur enroute visit Jain temples at Ranakpur.

Overnight at Udaipur.

Day 09 - Udaipur

Morning have breakfast at Hotel, Later visit some interesting places of Udaipur- <u>City Palace</u> - Standing on the bank of lake Pichola, <u>Sahelion-ki-bari</u> and a <u>Museum of Folk Art.</u> Evening enjoy <u>Boat ride</u> on the <u>Lake</u> <u>Pichola</u>.

Overnight at Udaipur.

Day 10 – Udaipur – Chittorgarh – Ajmer – Pushkar (Approx 300 Kms-6 Hrs)

Monring after breakfast depart for Pushkar enroute visit <u>Chittorgarh Fort</u> - Chittorgarh Fort is an acknowledgement to the courage of the gallant Rajput rulers who sacrificed their life combating dominant rivals instead of surrendering before them. Continue drive to <u>Ajmer</u> - one of the most important pilgrimage centers of Muslims famous for mausoleum of <u>Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti (RA)</u>. Continue drive to <u>Pushkar</u> - Pushkar is a one of the ancient & most sacred cities of India. It is acclaimed for it <u>Religious and Spiritual importance</u>. Arrive Pushkar and check in to Hotel.

Overnight in Pushkar.

Day 11 – Pushkar – Jaipur (Approx 150 Kms-3 Hrs)

Morning visit famous <u>Brahma Temple</u>, which is an important pilgrimage, centres of Hindus in Indian Sub continental. Also Visit <u>Pushkar Lake</u>. Rest day is free to visit traditional market of Pushkar.

Afternoon drive to Jaipur - Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan, is colour washed pink - the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This Pink City of fairy tale palaces, rugged fortresses perched on barren hills and broad avenues are picturesque. The first planned city of its time, a formidable wall encircles Jaipur.. Upon arrival, check in at Hotel.

Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 12 – Jaipur

In the morning after breakfast, Excursion to <u>Amber Fort</u>. Drive past by <u>Hawa Mahal</u>; known popularly as the Palace of Winds, is a facade built for the Ladies of the Royal household in the 19th century. The Amber Fort, the capital of the erstwhile State of Jaipur until 1728 is perched on a hill. It has halls of Public and Private audience, a Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) various marble palaces which are marvelous examples of ancient Rajput architecture. The Temple of Amba (Mother Goddess), the patron deity of the Royal family is at the entrance to the palace. *Ride an elephant* to ascend the hill on which the Fort is situated.

Later City tour of Jaipur. Visit the <u>City Palace</u> - the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles which houses a museum with a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and armory of the Mughal and Rajputs, including swords of different shapes and sizes with ornate handles. It has an art gallery with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, carpets, royal paraphernalia and rare astronomical works in Arabic, Persian, Latin and Sanskrit. Also visit the <u>Jantar Mantar - an astrological and astronomical Observatory</u> built by Maharaja Jai Singh in 18th century, which is remarkable for its accuracy even at the present times.

Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 13 – Jaipur – Fatehpur Sikri – Agra (Approx 240 Kms-5 Hrs)

After early breakfast, drive to Agra en route visiting <u>Fatehpur Sikri</u>: This exquisite city built by Akbar the Great in 1569, in red sandstone; with its forts, palaces and mosques was abandoned 14 years after its creation due to political reasons. The Diwan-i-am - a vast courtyard in which the emperor gave daily public audience; Diwan-i-khas - a large quadrangle which contained all the major functions of the Palace, Pachisi court, the Emperors private living quarter, Jodha Bhai's Palace, Mariam's Palace, Birbal's Palace, Hawa Mahal and Panch Mahal are some of the important buildings of this residential complex. The Friday Mosque and the exquisite tomb of Sheik Salim Chisti are in the religious grounds set aside in a separate enclosure adjacent to the secular buildings.

Continue drive to Agra. Arrive Agra, check in at Hotel. Agra is famous as the home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World - the Taj Mahal. The architectural splendor of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces in Agra is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the legendary Mughal Empire. Agra was their capital for nearly a hundred years from 1564. A pleasant town, with a comparatively easy pace, Agra is known for its superbinlay work on marble and soapstone by artisans who are hereditary craft persons. The city is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather shoes.

Overnight at Jaipur.

Day 14 – Agra – Delhi (Departure)

Morning: Visit the <u>Taj Mahal</u> - the inimitable poem in white marble. Built over a period of 22 years, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630, for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains, it is one of the seven modern wonders of the World. The Taj is closed on every Friday

Visit the <u>Agra Fort</u>, built by three Mughal Emperors starting from Akbar the Great in 1565 AD, which is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings including the Moti Masjid, Jahangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal, Diwan-i-Am, Diwan-i-Khas and Musamman Burj, where Emperor Shah Jahan, the fifth Mughal Emperor, died a prisoner. Also visit <u>Itmad – Ud – Daula Tomb</u>.

Later provide in time transfer to Delhi. Arrive Delhi & transfer to international airport to board flight for onwards destination.

END OF SERVICES

Sketch itinerary for ready reference: -

Day	Itinerary	Hotels or Similar			Transport
		Economy	Standard	Superior	
Day 01	Arrive Delhi	Bonlon Inn	Sun Court Yatri	<u>Jivitesh</u>	Air
Day 02	Delhi	Bon Lon Inn	Sun Court Yatri	Jivitesh	
Day 03	Delhi/Mandawa	<u>Mandawa</u> <u>Haveli</u>	<u>Desert N</u> <u>Dunes</u>	Mandawa Kothi	Surface
Day 04	Mandawa/Bikaner	<u>Sagar</u>	Basant Vihar	<u>Narendra</u> <u>Bhawan</u>	Surface
Day 05	Bikaner/Jaisalmer	<u>Priya</u>	<u>Deoki Niwas</u>	Rang Mahal	Surface
Day 06	Jaisalmer	Priya	Deoki Niwas	Rang Mahal	
Day 07	Jaisalmer / Jodhpur	<u>Krishna</u> <u>Prakesh</u> <u>Heritage</u>	<u>Niky</u> International	<u>Ranbanka</u>	Surface
Day 08	Jodhpur/Udaipur	<u>Vishnu Priya</u>	Golden Tulip	<u>Lakend</u>	Surface
Day 09	Udaipur	Vishnu Priya	Golden Tulip	Lakend	
Day 10	Udaipur/Pushkar	<u>Master</u> <u>Paradise</u>	<u>Pushkar</u> <u>Heritage</u>	Pushkar Fort	Surface
Day 11	Pushkar/Jaipur	<u>Tara Niwas</u>	Hamston Park	Golden Tulip Essential	Surface
Day 12	Jaipur	Tara Niwas	Hamston Park	Golden Tulip Essential	
Day 13	Jaipur/Agra	Amar Yatri	<u>Royal</u> <u>Residency</u>	Clark Shiraz	Surface

Day 14 Agra/Delhi No Hotel No Hotel No Hotel Surface +
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Quotation Validity: 01st October'19 till 31st March'20 (Except 20th Dec'19 till 10th January'20) Note – Please note that these rates are not valid during Pushkar fair, Desert Festival or any other Fair/festival period.

Paying Pax	Amount in US Dollars Per Person				
	Economy	Standard	Superior		
02 Pax (Using AC Indigo Car)	876	949	1181		
03 Pax (Using AC Innova Car)	821	895	1126		
04 Pax (Using AC Innova Car)	758	831	1063		
05 Pax (Using AC Tempo Traveler)	797	870	1102		
06 Pax (Using AC Tempo Traveler)	759	832	1063		
07 Pax (Using AC Tempo Traveler)	731	804	1036		
08 Pax (Using AC Tempo Traveler)	710	784	1015		
09 Pax (Using AC Tempo Traveler)	694	767	999		
Single Room Supplement	519	606	856		
Supplement for Monument Entrance fees for Delhi, Mandawa, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Pushkar, Jaipur, Fatehpur Sikri & Agra	US\$ 132 per person				

Cost Include:

- Accommodation on twin sharing basis in above mentioned or similar hotels in Air Conditioned Room
- Accommodation in the Standard category of rooms
- All hotels on Bed & Breakfast basis
- All Transfers, sightseeing's and excursions by Air Condition Transport
- All Toll, Taxes, Parking, State / Border Taxes, Driver allowance/Food
- Camel Ride at sam sand dunes at Jaisalmer
- Boat at Lake Pichola, Udaipur
- Elephant ride at Amber fort, Jaipur
- Services of English speaking local guide at Delhi, Jaipur, Agra & Jodhpur
- Assistance on arrival by our representative at Delhi
- All applicable taxes at the time of quoting

Cost Exclude:

- Any Air Fare (international or domestic), Visa Fee & Medical Insurance
- Items of personal nature like telecom charges, laundry, beverage, tips, camera fee and gratuities.
- Monument entrance fees
- Any other services not mentioned in the Cost Includes Column.

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