

12 Days Rajasthan Experience
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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.

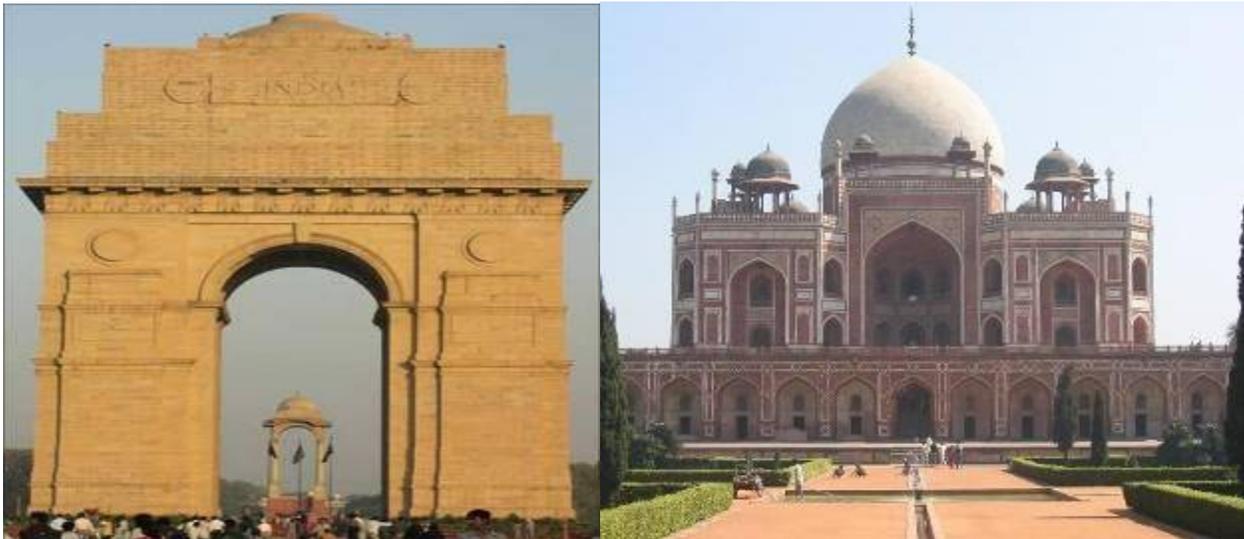
Day 01 Arrival Delhi

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-16th 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 17th 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.



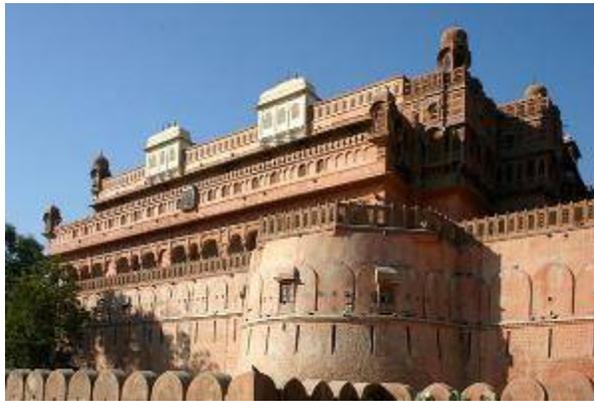
Later visit the some the fascinating havelies of **Mandawa** – lies in the Shekhawati region which called the open air art gallery of Rajasthan havelies here with lavish facades and colourful fresco paintings on the walls tells the bygone glory of this region.

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 14th 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/Dinner)

Breakfast. Visit Jaisalmer-Founded in 1156, looks as if it has 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 12th to 15th 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.**

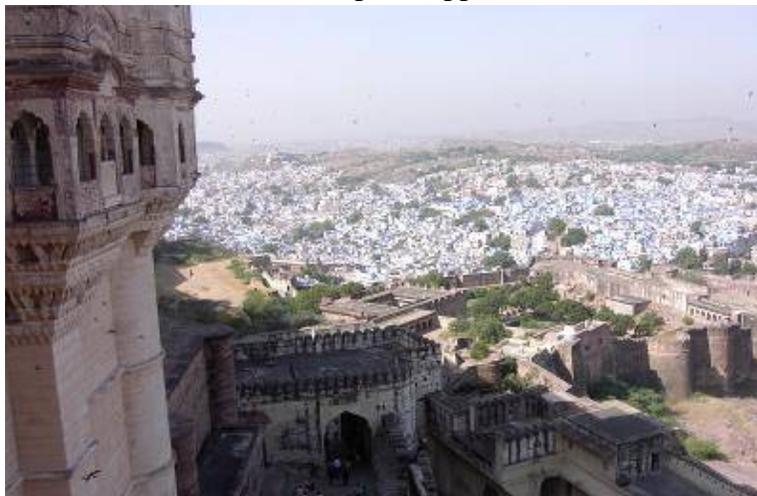
Evening excursion to Sam sand dunes (approx. 1 hour). Take short camel ride on the dunes – stay on to view sunset on the Thar Desert.

Return to Jaisalmer city. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 09 Jaisalmer-Jodhpur

(Breakfast/Dinner)

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

Dinner and overnight in hotel.

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.



Arrive Udaipur and check in to hotel. Evening is free at leisure.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

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.

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.

Days	Night's	City Name	<u>Cat "A" (3 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "B" (4 Star)</u>	<u>Cat "C" (5 Star)</u>
01/02	1	Delhi	Africa Avenue	The Royal Plaza	The Metropolitan
02/03	1	Agra	Taj Vilas	Mansingh Palace	Trident Agra
03/05	2	Jaipur	Regenta Hotel	Park Regis	Trident Jaipur
05/06	1	Mandawa	Sara Vilas	Castle Mandawa	Castle Mandawa
06/07	1	Bikaner	Karni Bhawan	Gajner Palace	Gajner Palace
07/09	2	Jaisalmer	Fort Rajwada	Gorbandh Palace	Suryagarh Palace
09/10	1	Jodhpur	The Fern	Ranbanka Palace	Ajit Bhawan Palace
10/12	2	Udaipur	Rajdarshan	Ramada Udaipur Resort	Trident Udaipur
2/3pax	11	Twin Sharing	USD 1268 PP	USD 1474 PP	USD 1882 PP
		In single room	USD 1673 PP	USD 2075 PP	USD 2698 PP

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/Jeep ride at Amber Fort (Jaipur).
- Camel ride in Jaisalmer.
- Boat ride in Lake Pichola (Sharing basis).
- All **PRESENT** applicable government taxes. **(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**.

Above cost valid from 01 Oct 17 to 31 Mar '18 (Not valid from 20 Dec-10 Jan '18)

Cost exclusions:

- Any expenses of personal nature such as telephone calls, laundry, aerated drinks or bottled water used in room, 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
- Tips/ gratuities paid to drives, guides, room boy, bellboys etc.
- Airport departure tax.
- Domestic airfare extra.

Above cost DO NOT include any surcharge for X'mas and New Year Eve hotel might have for Gala Dinner.

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