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# India: Royal Rajasthan

# 10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Jaipur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur

This tour is a golden treat for everyone! Explore the rich history of Rajasthan and admire the beautiful features of its ancient royal era.

Awe at the magnificent hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and Amber Fort. The golden sands of the vast Thar Desert in Rajasthan are a true treasure waiting to be uncovered. Soak in the history of the desert kingdom by exploring the ancient trading centers, their historic forts and Jain temples in yellow sandstone. Take part in a Camel Safari and a sunset dinner on the sand dunes followed by bliss on the stunning lakes.



Mehrangarh Fort & Blue City



Gadisar Lake



Camels on the Sand Dunes, Thar Desert



Lake Palace, Udaipur



The majestic Amber Fort and palace with large ramparts



Junagarh Fort, Bikaner

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Exclusions
<ul> <li>International and domestic Airfare</li> </ul>
► Government Tourism Fee
► Travel Insurance
► Medical Expenses
► Visa Fee
► Gratuities
► Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Jaipur – Jaipur International Airport (JAI) Udaipur - Udaipur airport (UDR)

# Itinerary

## 2 NIGHTS IN JAIPUR

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE JAIPUR (JAI)

Upon arriving at **Jaipur airport**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. In 19th century, the Maharaja painted the entire Jaipur city pink to welcome the future King Edward VII. [Meals: None]



## DAY 2: THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

With your local guide, tour this pink city of Jairpur (8 hours @9am). Visit the stunning 16th century **Amber Fort** perched on a hillside overlooking the dusty plains, regal palaces, sleepy villages, and stone carved temples below. Reaching its summit on a jeep (or request an elephant ride during reservation) we enjoy a tour of the fort's well-preserved interior grounds including **Sheesh Mahal (**Palace of Mirrors) with its interior embellished of reflective glass tiles.

Visit the **City Palace** in Jaipur, an imposing blend of traditional Rajput and Mughal architecture. **Jantar Mantar** is an ancient open-air astronomical observatory and a UNESCO world heritage site. Photo op at **Hawa Mahal** (Palace of the Winds) where its high screen walls allowed women of the royal household to observe street life without being seen. Enjoy an authentic Rajasthan dinner with live entertainment at **Chokhi Dhani**, a Rajasthani cultural village. [Meals: Breakfast, Dinner at Chokhi Dhani]

#### **1 NIGHT IN BIKANER**

#### DAY 3: JAIPUR – BIKANER | JUNAGARH FORT

After breakfast we drive to **Bikaner** (6 hours @7am), then a guided tour to visit **Junagarh Fort (Old Fort)** (4 hours @3pm). Junagarh Fort boasts a formidable structure with intricate palaces and temples within its walls.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### 2 NIGHTS IN JAISALMER

#### DAY 4: BIKANER - JAISALMER

After breakfast we drive to Jaisalmer (6 hours @9am). [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: JAISALMER CITY TOUR, SAND DUNE SAFARI & DINNER

Today's guided tour is about 8 hours @9am. Visit **Jaisalmer Fort** (one of the very few "living forts" in the world), **Patwon ki Haveli** (an 1805 mansion converted to a heritage museum featuring intricate carvings, furniture and artwork) and **Gadi Sagar Lake (Gadisar Lake).** 

Explore the golden sands of the vast **Thar Desert** in Rajasthan on your **camel safari**, a once in a lifetime adventure! Enjoy your dinner in the sand dunes with a mesmerizing sunset.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner at Sand Dunes]

#### **2 NIGHTS IN JODHPUR**

#### DAY 6: JAISALMER – JODHPUR | BISHNOI VILLAGE SAFARI

Drive to Jodhpur (5 hours @8am). Being on the edge of the Thar Desert, **Jodhpur** is called the Gateway to Thar and is also known as the **Blue City** with many houses in the old city in shades of blue. Then savor a taste of rustic Rajasthani life on a **Bishnoi Village Safari**. (4 hours @3pm) [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 7: MEHRANGARH FORT & JASWANT THADA

Today's tour is about 4 hours @9am. We visit **Mehrangarh Fort** which was described by Rudyard Kipling as "the creation of angels, fairies and giants". This grand fort is perched dramatically atop a rocky hill offering breathtaking panoramic views of the Blue City.

Visit **Jaswant Thada**. This royal cenotaph exhibits exquisite architecture made of marble and the famous reddish pink Jodhpur sandstone. It is also called theTaj Mahal of Jodhpur. [Meals: Breakfast]

#### **2 NIGHTS IN UDAIPUR**

#### DAY 8: JODHPUR – UDAIPUR | RANAKPUR JAIN TEMPLE

Drive to **Lake City of Udaipur** (3 hours @9am) which is an oasis in the desert of Rajasthan. Udaipur has one of most romantic settings in Rajasthan snuggling the tranquil **Lake Pichola** and the purple ridges of the Aravalli Range. Fantastical palaces, temples, traditional mansions and colorful, bustling bazaars dot the city's timeless streets.

A guided tour to **Ranakpur Temple** (3 hours @3pm), a famous 15<sup>th</sup> century Jain temple on the western side of the Aravalli Range. This marble temple has a 48,000 sq ft basement and more than 1,400 exquisitely carved pillars.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 9: UDAIPUR CITY TOUR

We take a city tour of this walled city renowned for its palaces (8 hours @9am). We start with the 16th century granite and marble **City Palace**. This is the largest royal complex in Rajasthan and is made up of eleven different mahals (palaces). Part of the palace is now a museum.

Then we continue to **Sahelion-ki-Bari** (Garden of the Maidens) and **Jagdish Temple**.

**Cruise** on Lake Pichola with unforgettable views of Udaipur City Palace, and two palaces on their own islands namely Jag Mandir (Lake Garden Palace) and Jag Niwas (Lake Palace). [Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 10 - UDAIPUR AIRPORT

After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to Udaipur airport (UDR) for your flight home. [Meals: Breakfast]

\*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

\*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

