



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

India Golden Triangle & Royal Rajasthan

14-Day, 13-Night Journey

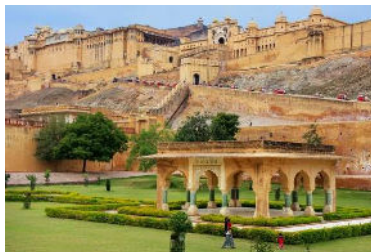
Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur

Delhi, the capital of India, blends its rich colonial heritage with vibrant, bustling markets. Journey on to Agra, home to the Taj Mahal which is an architectural masterpiece and poignant monument to enduring love. Next is Rajasthan, where Jaipur the Pink City and former Mughal capital awaits you. Be awestruck by the majestic hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and Amber Fort. Delve into the vast Thar Desert, a treasure trove of golden sands, and immerse yourself in the desert kingdom's history by exploring ancient trading centers, historic forts, and yellow sandstone Jain temples. Experience the magic of a camel safari, a sunset dinner amidst the dunes, and the serene beauty of Rajasthan's stunning lakes.

This is a golden odyssey through India's royal past.



Taj Mahal, an iconic symbol of love



The majestic Amber Fort and palace with large ramparts



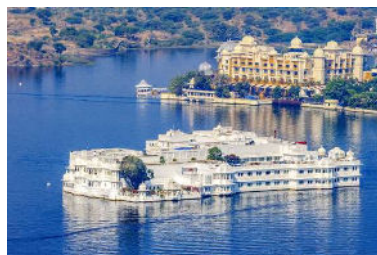
Mehrangarh Fort and Blue City



Gadisar Lake



Camels on the Sand Dunes, Thar Desert



Lake Palace, Udaipur

Inclusions

- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ Private Airport Transfers
- ▶ Local guide per itinerary
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International and Domestic Airfare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL)

Udaipur - Maharana Pratap Airport (UDR)

Itinerary

2 NIGHTS IN DELHI

DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI (DEL)

Upon arriving at **Delhi airport**, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Delhi is the capital of modern India. It has also been the capital of at least seven previous civilizations as well as the British Raj, and each have left behind a trail of monuments.

[Meals: None]

DAY 2: DELHI | OLD AND NEW CAPITAL CITY

With your local guide (8 hours @9am), explore the beautiful chaos of both Old Delhi and New Delhi, including **Jama Masjid** - India's oldest and largest mosque. Experience a busy and bustling local bazaar on a cycle rickshaw through **Chandni Chowk**. Next is **Qutab Minar** - the world's tallest brick tower, **Humayun's Tomb** of the Mughal Emperor, **India Gate**, **Parliament Street** and **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (President's Residence). Visit the most prominent Sikh temple, **Bangla Saheb Gurudwara** and **lunch at the temple**.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN AGRA



DAY 3: DELHI – AGRA | TAJ MAHAL SUNSET VIEW

Following breakfast, we depart for Agra, the former Mughal capital and home of the Taj Mahal (4-hour drive @9am)

Watch a breathtaking fully symmetrical **sunset view of the Taj Mahal** from across the river at **Mehtab Bagh** (Moonlight Garden). (3 hours @3pm)

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: AGRA | TAJ MAHAL & AGRA FORT TOUR

After breakfast, we visit the legendary **Taj Mahal** with your local guide. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan in loving memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz who tragically died in childbirth in 1631.

Visit **Agra Fort** (Red Fort), a 16th-century Mughal fortress which also contains the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. It offers splendid views across the river towards the Taj Mahal.

Visit **Itmad-ud-daulah**, nicknamed the Baby Taj. Light penetrates to the interior of this Mughal mausoleum through delicate jali screens of intricately carved white marble. (8 hours @8am).

Enjoy an **Agra Food Trail lunch** and taste mouthwatering and authentic delicacies.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN JAIPUR

DAY 5: AGRA – JAIPUR | FATEHPUR SIKRI (CITY OF VICTORY)

After breakfast, we drive to Jaipur (4 hours @9am).

En route, a guided tour (4 hours @1pm) of the ghostly historic Mughal capital of **Fatehpur Sikri** (City of Victory) which has been deserted for over four centuries. Thanks to the very durable red sandstone from which it was built, Fatehpur Sikri remains well-preserved and is a fascinating place to explore.

Continue to Jaipur. In 19th century, the Maharaja painted the entire Jaipur city pink to welcome the future King Edward VII.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: JAIPUR | THE PINK CITY OF JAIPUR

With your local guide, tour this pink city of Jaipur (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 embellishment 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]

1 NIGHT IN BIKANER

DAY 7: 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 8: BIKANER - JAISALMER

After breakfast we drive to Jaisalmer (6 hours @9am).

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 the Taj Mahal of Jodhpur.

[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN UDAIPUR

DAY 12: 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 15th 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 13: 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 14 – 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.