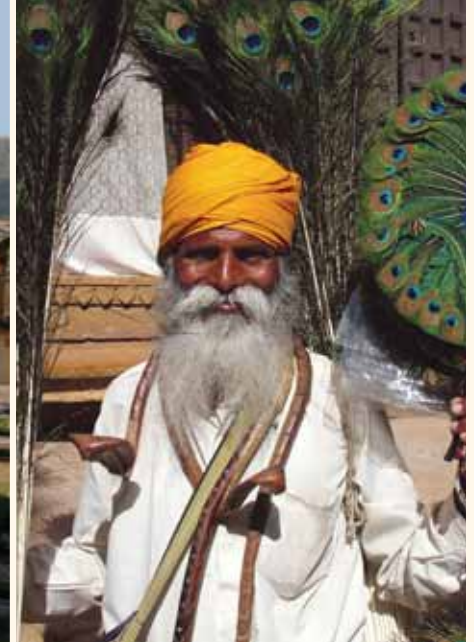




Amber Fort, Jaipur © Jean Maxwell



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RAJASTHAN

Romantic Rajasthan, land of the Maharajas, is famous for its colourful history and stunning architecture. Discover opulent palaces, delicate temples, gardens, pavilions, and huge fortresses which dominate the rugged hilltops. Towns like Shekhawati, once on the silk route to China, are famous for their lavishly decorated 'havelis', with their paintings on religious, historical, folk and social themes.

Against a background of desert scenery and rugged hills the people dress in vibrant colours of bright pinks and blues, rich reds and golds, and are known for their wonderful craftwork.

PALACES AND FORTS OF RAJASTHAN

14 days/13 nights

Hotels

Departs daily ex Delhi

Price per person twin*	Cat AA	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
20 Oct-19 Dec 2010 [^]	\$6135	\$3302	\$3031	\$2470
20 Dec 2010-10 Jan 2011 [†]	\$6521	\$3512	\$3206	\$2470
11 Jan-31 Mar 2011	\$6135	\$3302	\$3031	\$2470
01 Apr-15 Apr 2011	\$6135	\$3302	\$3031	\$2177
16 Apr-31 Aug 2011	\$4488	\$2669	\$2268	\$2177

Optional upgrade to superior transport per person: \$187

*Minimum two people. Single travellers prices on request.

[^]If staying at Pushkar during the 2010 Camel Fair from 13 Nov-22 Nov 2010 (inclusive) per person twin price will be: Cat AA \$6627, Cat A \$3794, Cat B \$3523, Cat C \$2962.

[†]Surcharge for Xmas/New Year will vary from hotel to hotel and will not be known until hotel is booked. Details on request.

Price per person includes: Transfers, city tours and excursions in private air-conditioned vehicle with English speaking driver, local guides, entrance fees, accommodation inclusive of taxes on a B&B basis (full board in Pushkar), 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel.

Price excludes: Airfares from Udaipur to next destination and camera fees.

- AA** The Imperial (Imperial Room), Amarvilas, Rambagh Palace, The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room, Gajner Palace, Surya Garh, Umaid Bhawan Palace, Lake Palace
- A** Le Meridien, ITC Mughal, Jai Mahal Palace, The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room, Gajner Palace, Fort Rajwada, Taj Hari Mahal, Fateh Garh Palace
- B** Svelte, Trident Agra, Country Inn & Suites, The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room, Laxmi Niwas Palace, Taj Rawal-Kot, Ajit Bhawan Palace (Dlx Rm), Rockwood
- C** Hotel Vikram, Utkarsh Vilas, Golden Tulip, The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room, Bhanwar Niwas, Royal Court, Karni Bhawan, Paras Mahal

Visit the glorious Taj Mahal in Agra before touring romantic Rajasthan with its royal palaces, walled cities, medieval fortresses, temples and richly decorated havelis.

Day 1 Delhi
Arrive Delhi. Transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Delhi
Full day tour of Delhi including Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid, Humayun's Tomb, Chandni Chowk bazaar (closed Sun) and Raj Ghat. B

Day 3 Agra
Morning departure by road for Agra (5 hrs) via Akbar's tomb at Sikandra. Afternoon tour of the Taj Mahal (closed Fri), before visiting the magnificent 16th century Agra Fort. B



Rajasthani Kalbelia performance

Day 4 Jaipur
Drive to Jaipur (7 hrs) via the amazingly well preserved city of Fatehpur Sikri built in 1570 and abandoned 15 years later. Overnight in Jaipur. B



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Fateh Garh Palace, Udaipur



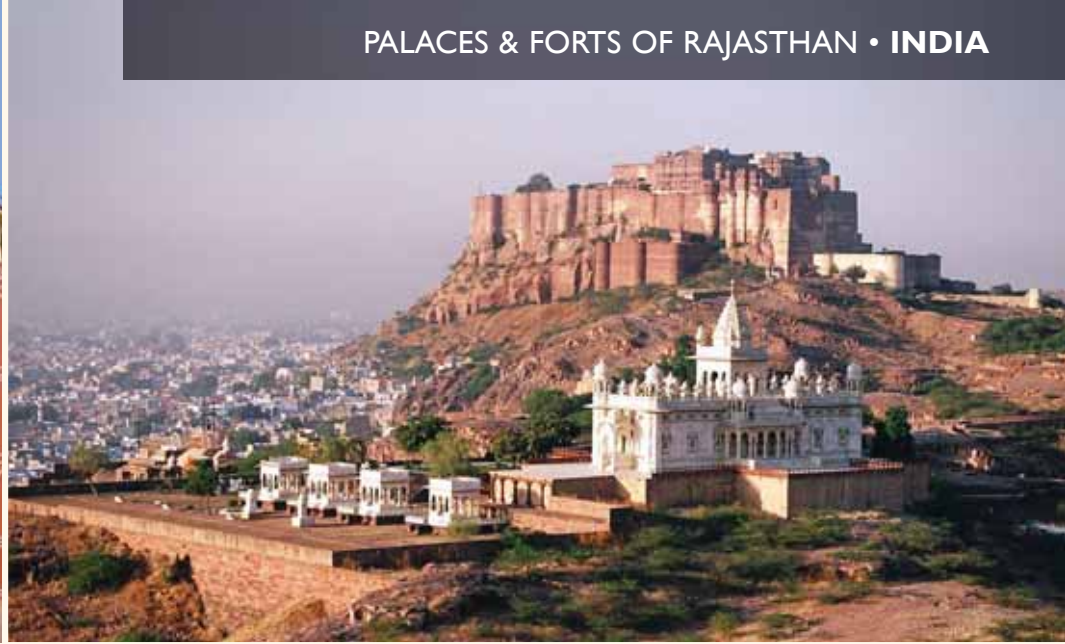
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Lake Pichola, Udaipur



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City Palace, Jaipur



Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada, Jodhpur © Ian Cowe: www.flickr.com/iancowe

Day 5 Jaipur

Full day tour of Jaipur including the famous Amber Fort, Palace of Winds, the Solar Observatory and the City Palace. B

Days 6/7 Pushkar

Today we drive to Pushkar (3.5 hrs), home to the only temple in the country dedicated to Lord Brahma ("The Creator" in the Hindu Trinity of Gods). On day 7 you have time to explore the village. Between Oct - Mar, accommodation is at The Orchard Tented Camp. Apr - Sep is at the Pushkar Palace or Jagat Palace. BLD.

Day 8 Bikaner

Depart for the royal walled city of Bikaner (4 hrs). Sightseeing tour visiting the imposing Junagarh Fort built between 1589 and 1594, and encircled by a moat. Inside is a picturesque ensemble of courtyards and beautifully decorated palaces. B

Days 9/10 Jaisalmer

Drive to the medieval city of Jaisalmer (6 hrs) with its narrow streets and intricately carved buildings. Next morning enjoy sightseeing, including Jaisalmer Fort, Jain Temple, Patwon-ki-Haveli and Salim Singh-ki-Haveli. B

Day 11 Jodhpur

Drive to Jodhpur (6 hrs), founded by the Rajput Chief Rao Jodha in 1459. Afternoon free to explore the sights of this interesting walled city. B

Day 12 Udaipur

After breakfast we visit the Mehrangarh Fort and the local bazaar. In the afternoon we leave for romantic Udaipur (8 hrs) visiting the Ranakpur Temples en route. Udaipur is a picturesque city of white marble palaces, lakes and lush green hills. B



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An Inspirational View

Day 13 Udaipur

Morning tour of Udaipur visiting the City Palace and the Sahelion-ki-Bari. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola (water levels permitting). In the evening enjoy an amazing sound and light show. B

Day 14 Tour ends Udaipur

Transfer to the airport. Tour ends. B



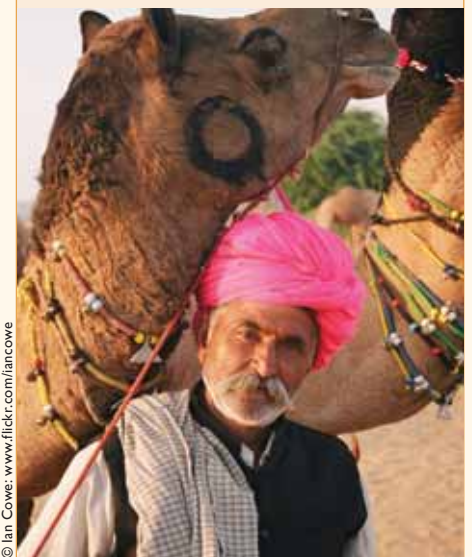
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PUSHKAR CAMEL FAIR 2010

13 Nov - 22 Nov. Book Now!

This famous camel and cattle fair takes place every November, as part of the holy Hindu festival culminating in a full moon. The town becomes a riot of colour, sites and sounds as thousands of desert peoples gather to buy, sell and race camels, and take part in the huge handicraft market.

Thousands of pilgrims come, searching for salvation by bathing in beautiful Pushkar Lake and floating marigolds and rose petals on the water in the moonlight. For tourists it is an enthralling, almost overwhelming experience, and one which cannot be missed.



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