

**RAJASTHAN**

Rajasthan, land of the Maharajas, is famous for its colourful royal history and stunning architecture. Discover opulent palaces, delicate temples, pleasure gardens, airy pavilions and huge fortresses which dominate the rugged sandstone hilltops. Cities such as Jaipur and Jodhpur still boast many lavish 'havelis' or mansions, decorated with detailed frescoes featuring religious, historical and folk themes.

Locals often dress in hot pinks, deep blues, rich reds and yellow gold, their vibrant garb ensuring they stand out in Rajasthan's stark desert landscape. Rajasthani artisans are also renowned nationwide for their excellent craftwork.



Amber Fort, Jaipur © Shutterstock

**PALACES AND FORTS OF RAJASTHAN**

14 days/13 nights

From \$3476 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Delhi

Price per person from\*: Cat AA Cat A Cat B Cat C  
\$6609 \$4360 \$3737 \$3476

\*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

**INCLUSIONS**

Transfers, city tours and excursions in private air-conditioned Innova vehicle or similar with English speaking driver, local guides, entrance fees, accommodation on a B&B basis (full board in Pushkar), 1 bottle of water per person per day for all surface travel, standard still camera fees.

**AA** The Leela Palace/ITC Mughal (Royal Mughal Suite)/ Taj Rambagh Palace/The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room<sup>#</sup>/Narendra Bhawan/The Serai (Tented Suite)<sup>#</sup>/Umaid Bhawan Palace/Taj Lake Palace

**A** The Claridges (Dlx Rm)/ITC Mughal (Mughal Rm)/ Taj Jai Mahal Palace/The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room<sup>#</sup>/Narendra Bhawan/Surya Garh/Vivanta by Taj Hari Mahal/Fateh Prakash Palace

**B** Le Meridien/The Gateway Hotel/Samode Haveli/ The Orchard (Luxury Tent) or hotel room<sup>#</sup>/ Laxmi Niwas Palace/Hotel Rawal Kot/Ajit Bhawan Palace/Fateh Garh

**C** The Park/Crystal Sarovar Premier/Mandawa Haveli/ Pushkar Palace/Ganjer Palace/Fort Rajwada/Ratan Vilas/Jagat Niwas Palace

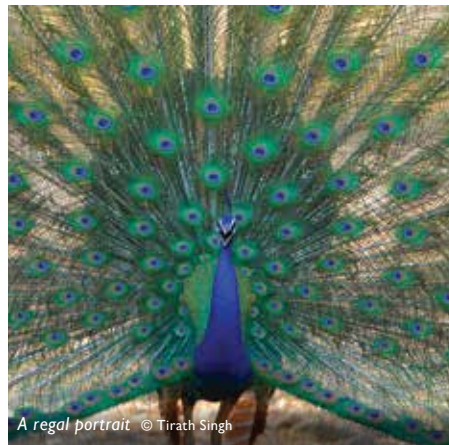
<sup>#</sup>The Orchard Resort in Pushkar is closed between 01 Apr-25 Sep. Guests will stay at Hotel Pushkar Palace or Jagat Palace. The Serai in Jaisalmer is closed 01 Apr-25 Sep. Guests will stay at Surya Garh.

**V**isit the glorious Taj Mahal in Agra before touring regal Rajasthan with its royal palaces, walled cities, medieval fortresses, fascinating 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



A regal portrait © Tirath Singh

**Days 4/5 Jaipur**

Drive to Jaipur (7 hrs) via the amazingly well preserved city of Fatehpur Sikri, built in 1570 and abandoned just 15 years later. Day 5 full day tour of the famous Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), Jantar Mantar observatory and the City Palace, an imposing blend of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles. Overnight in Jaipur. B

**Day 6 Pushkar**

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). Afternoon at leisure to explore the village. BLD



Spa at The Leela Palace, Udaipur © The Leela



Grande Deluxe Room - The Leela Palace Delhi © The Leela

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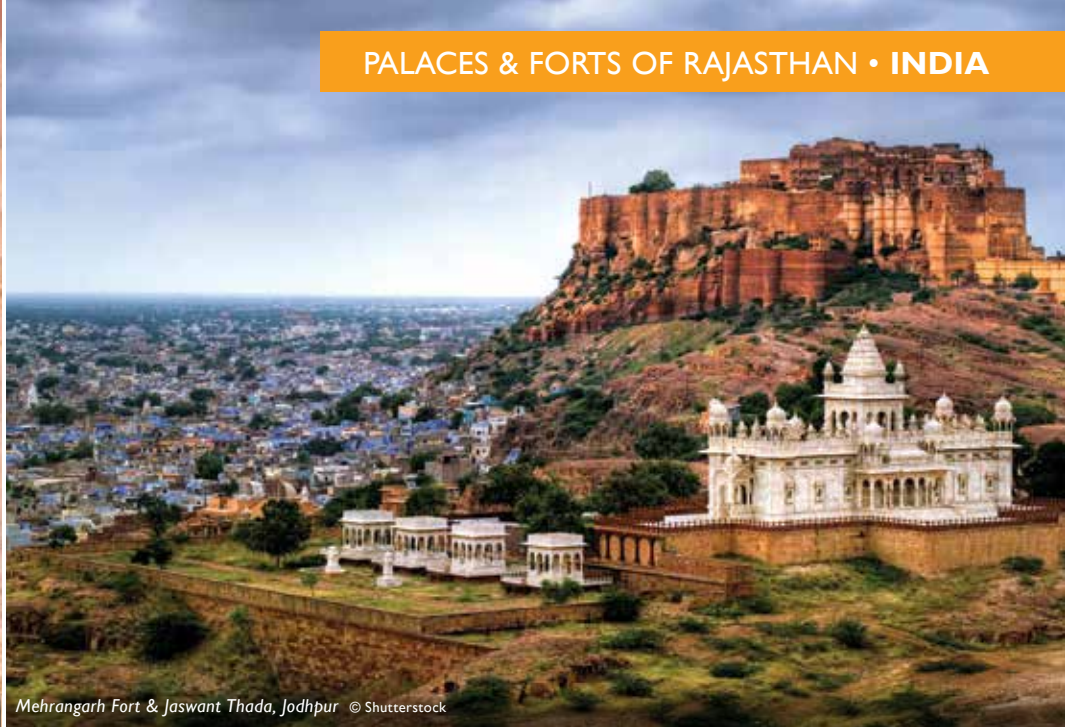
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Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada, Jodhpur © Shutterstock

**Days 7/8 Bikaner**

Depart for the walled city of Bikaner (4 hrs). Enjoy 2 days exploring the sites, including 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 Jaisalmer (6 hrs), a medieval city with 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**

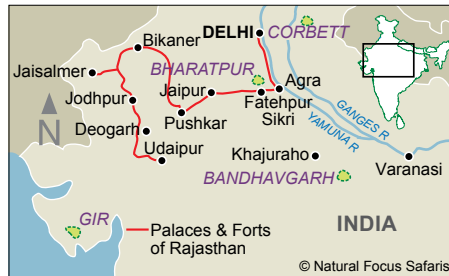
Drive to Jodhpur (6 hrs), founded by the Rajput Chief Rao Jodha in 1459. Afternoon free to explore the sights of this interesting fortified city with its striking blue buildings and imposing fort complex. B

**Days 12/13 Udaipur**

After breakfast, visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort and the local bazaar. In the afternoon, depart for picturesque Udaipur (6 hrs) visiting the 15th century Ranakpur Temples en route. Udaipur is a lovely city of white marble palaces, scenic lakes and lush green hills. On Day 13 embark on a morning tour visiting the City Palace, the Jagdish Temple and Saheliyon-ki-Bari, a tranquil garden retreat. Evening boat cruise on Lake Pichola (water levels permitting). B

**Day 14 Tour ends Udaipur**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight (not included). Tour ends. B



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**PUSHKAR CAMEL FAIR 2018**

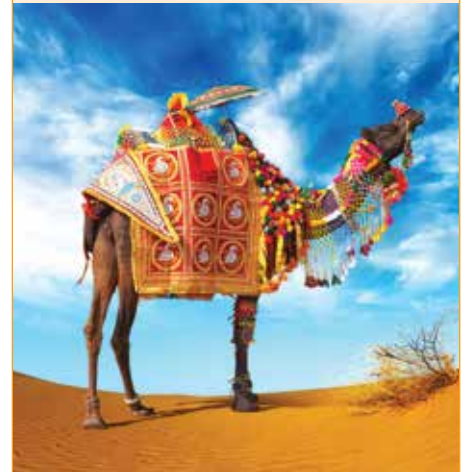
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This famous camel and cattle fair is part of a major Hindu festival culminating in a full moon. During this time, Pushkar becomes a riot of colour, sights and sounds as thousands gather to buy, sell and race camels, as well as to take part in the huge handicraft market.

A multitude of pilgrims also add to the crowd, arriving to bathe in beautiful Pushkar Lake. Often, they also float flower petals on the water in the moonlight. For tourists, the fair is an enthralling, almost overwhelming experience that should not be missed.



Arrival at Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur © Taj Hotels



Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur © Taj Hotels

