

ROYAL RAJASTHAN TOUR

11 Nights & 12 Days

Places covered

JAIPUR / MANDAWA / BIKANER / JAISALMER /
JODHPUR / RANAKPUR / KUMBALGARH / UDAIPUR

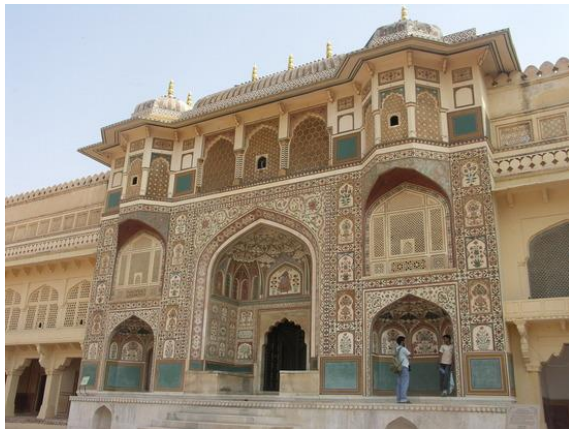
DAY 01 ARRIVE IN JAIPUR

On arrival at Jaipur Airport, meet and greet by our chauffeur and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 02 JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

After an early breakfast, visit **Amber Fort**. Set on the Aravali Hills, the Fort is a superb example of Rajput (Medieval Hindu) style of architecture. A ride on a caparisoned painted elephant takes you to the top of the Fort, which houses several graceful buildings. You will pass through the ancient main gate where Maharajas of Jaipur have entered for four hundred years. The guide will elaborate on the history of this architectural masterpiece with its mirror-studded alcoves, dazzling mosaics and water-cooled swings that delight today's visitors as they did their former royal residents.

Visit the **Hawa Mahal** or Palace of the Winds, a five-storied structure of pink sandstone with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal women could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone screens.



Visit the **City Palace** and **Jantar Mantar**, the Observatory. The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. Next stop after the City Palace is the Solar Observatory - an astronomical treasure house, with solar devices that give accurate predictions till date. Overnight stay at Hotel.



DAY 03 **JAIPUR – MANDAWA**

After breakfast, travel to Mandawa, located 190 km away from Jaipur in the Shekhawati region in Northern Rajasthan. It was essentially occupied by traders in the late 18th and the early 19th Century which has now been transformed into a tourist attraction due to its beautiful history.

Mandawa is known as the open-air art gallery due to the numerous architecturally and artistically beautiful historical structures in the town. Most of the Havelis of Mandawa are famous for their paintings, murals and various other beautiful artifacts. The major attractions of the city are its iconic Havelis, most of which have now been restored into Heritage Hotels. Some of the popular Havelis are the Murmuria Haveli, Chokhani Double Haveli and the Hanuman Prasad Goenka Haveli.





DAY 04 MANDAWA – BIKANER

After breakfast, travel to Bikaner. Established in the year 1488 AD by *Rao Bika Ji*, a Rajput prince, Bikaner is known for producing great warriors. The excavations from this city prove that the civilization was at its peak here even before Harappan civilization. Imposing palaces, forts and stunning temples with great architecture boast of the finesse of the Rajput civilization. Bikaner boasts some of the world's best riding camels and it has a Camel Research and Breeding Farm. The unique temple of Karni Mata at Deshnok in Bikaner is famous for being the Temple of Rats !

Some of the popular tourist attractions are the Junagarh Fort, Lalgarh Palace, Rampuria Haveli, Gajner Palace, Prachina Museum and Karni Mata Temple (Temple of Rats)



DAY 05 **BIKANER – JAISALMER**

After breakfast, travel to Jaisalmer town nestled on the golden sands of Thar Desert. Check into the hotel on arrival. Rest of the day at leisure.



DAY 06 **JAISALMER SIGHTSEEING**

Jaisalmer Fort also known as Sonar Quila or Golden Fort, is not just a fort but a mini-town with houses, temples, shops, and restaurants. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it falls under the category of 'Hill Forts of India'. Built in 1156, Jaisalmer Fort gets its name from the Rajput ruler Rao Jaisal. More than three thousand people live within the fort walls with multiple entrance gates on the path up top.

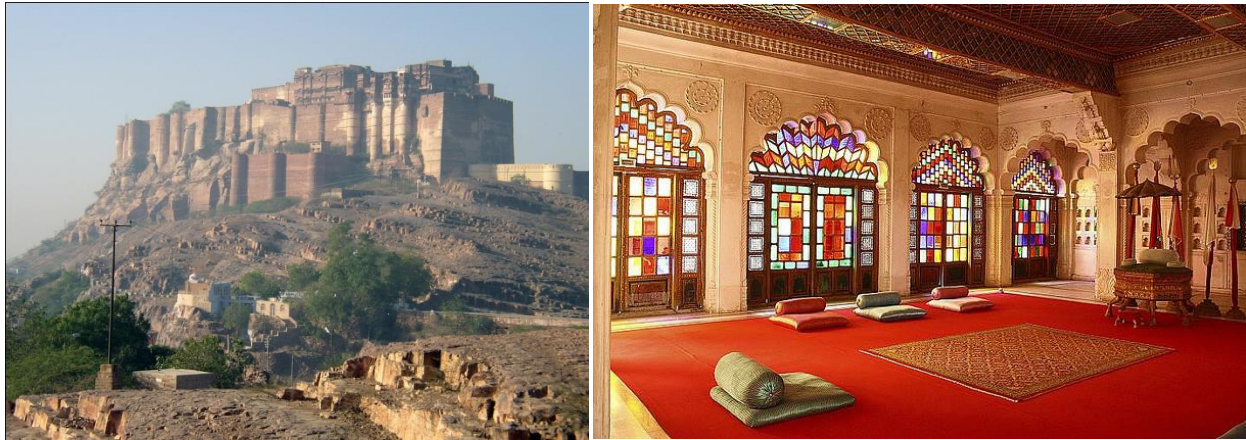
Sam Sand Dunes, Gadisar Lake, Jain Temples, Patwon ki Haveli are some other tourist attractions in Jaisalmer. Enjoy a desert safari in the evening. Stay overnight on a tent in the desert in Jaisalmer.



DAY 07 JAISALMER - JODHPUR

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur. Check in at the hotel on arrival in Jodhpur.

Visit the majestic Mehrangarh fort in the afternoon. In olden days this must have been impregnable since its rocky base is scraped straight down making it nearly impossible to ascend. Once inside, royal palaces abound with fascinating history and priceless jewels. Afterwards visit Jaswant Thada nearby - the Royal Crematorium.



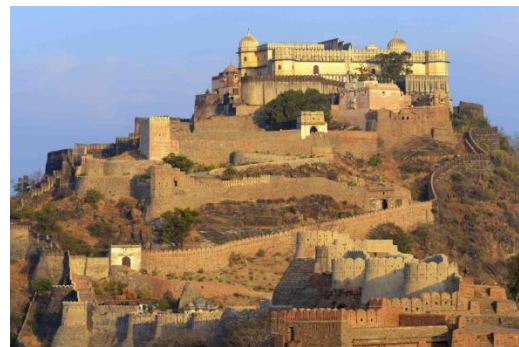
Visit the **Clock Tower Bazaar** in the evening. This is one of India's largest and most colourful wholesale markets especially with respect to clothes, fabrics, spices, vegetables etc. It is a fantastic experience to walk through the place observing and photographing this incredible spectacle of vibrant lifestyles and incredible colours. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 08 JODHPUR – RANAKPUR – KUMBALGARH

Travel to Ranakpur. The **Jain Temple** in Ranakpur was built during the reign of the liberal and gifted monarch Rana Kumbha in the 15th century. The basement is of 48, 000 sq. feet area that covers the whole complex. There are four subsidiary shrines, twenty-four pillared halls and domes supported by over four hundred columns. The main temple is of Chaumukh or four-face temple dedicated to Adinath.



Following the tour of Ranakpur, proceed to Kumbalgarh Fort, which has **the Second longest wall of the world after the Great Wall of China**. It is a World Heritage Site included in Hill Forts of Rajasthan, built during the course of the 15th century by Rana Kumbha.



Overnight stay in Kumbalgarh.

DAY 09 KUMBALGARH - UDAIPUR

After breakfast, travel to Udaipur, the beautiful city of Lakes. Udaipur is a cool oasis in the dry heart of Rajasthan. It is probably the most romantic city in a state where every city has some romantic or exotic tale to tell. Check into the hotel in Udaipur.

In the afternoon visit the huge **City Palace**, the largest palace complex in Rajasthan, towering over Lake Pichola. Though it is a conglomeration of buildings built by successive rulers, it manages to retain a surprising uniformity of design and affords a very fine view of the lake and the city from the upper terraces. Visit the **Jagdish temple** near the city palace. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city of lakes. An independent walk along the tranquil lake or a visit to the bustling bazaar of the old city is suggested.





In the evening, enjoy a boat cruise on the serene and beautiful **Lake Pichola**. The island palace on the Lake Pichola called **Jagmandir Palace** is quite fascinating. The James Bond movie, **Octopussy**, was shot in these locations in Udaipur making it a popular spot for tourists. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 10 UDAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast proceed to visit some of the other sights of Udaipur. Fateh Sagar Lake, Ambrai Ghat, Saheliyon ki Bari, Vintage Car Museum, Sajjangarh Fort (Monsoon Palace), Hathi Pol Bazaar, etc. In the evening, visit Bagore ki Haveli to watch the traditional folk dance of Rajasthan.



DAY 11 UDAIPUR – CHITTORGARH – UDAIPUR

After breakfast proceed for a day trip to **Chittorgarh Fort**. Chittorgarh Fort, the largest fort of India, was built by various Maurya rulers in the 7th century. This huge fort covers an area of about 700 acres and has witnessed three major battles and it is truly an embodiment of chivalry and pride of the Rajputs (The term Rajput covers various patrilineal clans historically associated with warrior hood). The imposing Fort boasts of well-designed palaces, magnificent cenotaphs and huge towers. Return to Udaipur. The drive should take around 2 hours. Check into the hotel in Udaipur for overnight stay.



DAY 12 TRANSFER TO UDAIPUR AIRPORT

After breakfast, proceed to Udaipur Airport for the return flight

Note: The given itinerary is flexible and it can be customized as per the time available at your disposal.



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