



Rajasthan Panorama - 22 Days (#17776)

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Trip Highlights

Delhi-Nawalgarh-Bikaner-Jaisalmer-Manvar-Jodhpur-Kumbhalgarh-Udaipur-Bijainagar-Pushkar-Jaipur-Ranthambore-Agra-Delhi

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Meeting assistance on arrival at the airport with traditional Indian welcome and transfer to hotel

As the capital of India, Delhi is the third largest city. Its strategic location along the north-south, east-west route has given it a focal position in Indian history and many great empires have been ruled from here. The monuments and ruins of these are scattered throughout the city, often cheek by jowl with modern structures and high-rise towers.



Day 02

Day 02: Delhi/Nawalgarh (By surface: 265 Kms/5 Hours)

After breakfast check-out and drive to Nawalgarh and check-in at your heritage property – Roop Niwas Kothi.

Nawalgarh is situated in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan, famous for its ancient temples, castles and forts. The many architectural delights scattered throughout the area speak of the regions' rich history. The town of Nawalgarh itself boasts of the largest number of painted havelis (mansions) in Shekhawati, some of which have been preserved as private museums. It exudes an old world charm with its colourful, bustling bazaar, and its winding, narrow lanes leading to mansions covered with frescoes that depict the gamut of social and religious life of a bygone era

Evening enjoy a walk in the local bazaar (Market). The town of exudes an old world charm with its colourful, bustling bazaar, and its winding, narrow lanes leading to mansions covered with frescoes that depict the gamut of social and religious life of a bygone era. You'll enjoy meandering along the market lanes buzzing with the everyday life and activity, indulge in buying a handmade Jutti (leather footwear) or the famous Lac bangles made of Lacquer and adorned with beads, stones, crystals and other embellishments, or just wandering past the preserved Havelis.

Later, at your hotel enjoy a local folk music group.

Overnight at hotel in Nawalgarh.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03

Day 03: Nawalgarh

After breakfast jeep safari for excursion to explore the close knit towns of Shekhawati region i.e. Nawalgarh, Dundlod, Mandawa and Mahensar, famous for frescoes and old Castle. The round trip is 120 kms, accompanied by a member of royal family narrating the history associated with each place.

Enjoy an evening at the Roop Niwas Kothi stables. Meet the Magnificent and Spirited Marwari horse. Roop Niwas Kothi is home to over 50 well cared for horses along with some sheep, geese, ducks, camels and the cows that support the dairy demands of the hotel. Meet the passionate owner, Rawal Devendra Singh and learn about the history of the three-decade old stables. The perfect accompaniment to your evening tea. Experience the phenomenon of the running of the horses from the paddock to the feeding area. It is a sight to behold and considered by many as a highlight of any visit to the Roop Niwas Stables.

Overnight at hotel in Nawalgarh.



Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 04

Day 04: Nawalgarh/Bikaner (By surface: 225 Kms/4 Hours)

After breakfast check-out and drive to Bikaner and check-in at your hotel

Later visit of 16th century Junagarh fort housing old palaces, temples and a mosque. Founded by Raja Rai Singh, the fort is distinguished by its long range of 37 pavilions, a line of balconies & aerial windows of varying designs. An enormous arched doorway leads to the Joramal temple. The royal chapel is Har Mandir where royal weddings and births were once celebrated.

Overnight at hotel in Bikaner.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 05

Day 05: Bikaner/Jaisalmer (By surface: 330 Kms/5-6 HRS)

After breakfast drive to Jaisalmer & check-in at Hotel.

Evening, visit to Vyas Chhatri (cenotaph) which is a fantastic point for sunset viewing.

Overnight at hotel in Jaisalmer.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 06

Day 06: Jaisalmer

After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing of Jaisalmer, built in burnished sandstone is an intricately mounded wonderland. A full-day sightseeing tour takes you through this city of gilded magic. See the Citadel, the fort built by Rawal Jaisal where a fourth of the population lives. Also visit Jain temples of the 12th to 15th centuries. Patwon ki Haveli, a five-story mansion with carved pillars and murals; Salim Singh and Nathmalji ki Haveli.

Evening enjoy a camel ride on the Sam sand dunes to witness a beautiful sunset over the sand dunes.

Overnight at hotel in Jaisalmer.

Breakfast & Dinner at dunes.



Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 07**Day 07: Jaisalmer-Manvar (By surface: 170 Kms/2-3 hours)**

After breakfast depart by surface for Manvar. On arrival check-in at Manvar Desert camps (TENTS).

Manvar: It is amidst of the wilderness surrounded by the sand dunes is the splendid isolated splendour of Manvar Tented camp. The concept of Manvar Desert Camp seems to trace its birth to the 17th century when while on his way to the battlefields, the Mughal Emperor Jehangir, known for his luxurious lifestyle, used to set up royal style camps. These camps were equipped with all the amenities. This tradition was followed by later rulers as well as those of Rajasthan for their hunting trips, royal gatherings and recreational activities.

Afternoon: Enjoy Camel treks which give guests an opportunity to see the splendour of the THAR Desert from the back of its most famous and iconic inhabitant – THE SHIP OF THE DESERT.

Later enjoy Jeep Safari for 1 hour to nearby desert villages.

Evenings are livened up by camp fire, mashaals, and local musicians & dancers.

With stunning sunrises, mesmerising sunsets and dazzling night skies, life in this peaceful wilderness is spectacularly elemental - and extraordinarily silent.

Overnight at the Manvar camps.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 08**Day 08: Manvar/Jodhpur (By surface: 110 Kms/3 Hours)**

After breakfast drive by surface to Jodhpur. On arrival check-in at hotel

Evening, walk tour to explore local clock tower market of Jodhpur

Overnight at hotel in Jodhpur.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 09**Day 09: Jodhpur**

After leisurely breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Jodhpur visiting the 5-km long Mehrangarh Fort situated on a 125 mts. high hill. This is one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Within the fort are some magnificent palaces with meticulously carved panels, latticed windows or "Jharokhas" with evocative names. The chambers of Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, the Sileh Khana and the Daulat Khana are noteworthy for the splendour and glamour of a bygone era. Later visit the Jaswant Thada a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in 1899 AD in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh-II.

In The afternoon, enjoy Jeep safari in the Bishnoi tribal villages to see the rural way of life. During this safari group will get chance to meet the 'Premier ecologists of the world', the Bishnois, who have protected nature for more than 500 years and are responsible for the very survival of species like the Black Buck antelope. They share a beautiful relationship with this special animal, wherein the antelope stays close to Bishnoi habitation, never leaving it, and displays complete trust in the Bishnoi people. Guests also meet the Raikas (shepherds) with their glorious costumes, and the Paliwals and Meghwals, the Brahmin farmers and weavers respectively.

Overnight at hotel in Jodhpur.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 10

Day 10: Jodhpur/Kumbhalgarh (By surface: 195 Kms/4 Hours)

After breakfast drive to Kumbhalgarh and check-in at your hotel

Later visit Kumbhalgarh Fort also known as the Great Wall of India is cradled in the Aravali Ranges the fort was built in the 15th century AD by Rana Kumbha. The inaccessibility and hostility of the topography lends a semblance of invincibility to the fort. It served the rulers of Mewar as a refuge in times of strife. Kumbhalgarh has one of the finest examples of defensive fortifications in entire Rajasthan. There is a palace and several temples that are worth visiting. A stroll along the walls of the fort gives great panoramic views.

Overnight at hotel in Kumbhalgarh.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 11

Day 11: Kumbhalgarh/Udaipur (By surface: 90 Kms/2-3 Hours)

After breakfast drive to Udaipur visiting Ranakpur Jain Temples En-route.



Ranakpur: The Jain Temples of Ranakpur, built in the 15th century, are situated in the lovely Aravali valley. The town is named after Rana Kumbha, the legendary warrior king of Udaipur. Its surroundings are peaceful and picturesque. The Ranakpur Jain temples have grand structures and beautiful sculptures. There are 1444 pillars in the temples and no two of them are similar.

Continue drive to Udaipur & check-in at Hotel.

In the evening, enjoy a boat trip on Pichola Lake which is 4-Km long and 3-Km broad, surrounded by splendid hills, palaces, temples, bathing Ghats and embankments. Visit island palace Jag Niwas which is beautifully set in the lake

Overnight at hotel in Udaipur.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 12

Day 12: Udaipur

After breakfast proceed with sightseeing of Udaipur

Udaipur: It is the city of lakes, also known as "the Venice of the East" and the second most visited city in Rajasthan, after Jaipur. A royal past makes itself evident in every nook and corner in Udaipur. Whether it is the ornate doors that are entrances to people's homes or the palaces, gardens and monuments, Udaipur gives one a glimpse of what the place would have looked like in its time of glory. Founded by Maharana Udai Singh in 1568 and considered the jewel of Mewar, Udaipur's air is filled with a strong sense of romance, adventure and the best of Rajputana. Udaipur is also a center of historic arts and crafts of Mewar, like the Mewar School of Miniature Painting.

Visit the City Palace, built in 1725, which houses the Dilkush Mahal, Sheesh Mahal - studded with glittering Belgium Mirrors, Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna all of which are ornately decorated. Later visit the Jagdish Temple.

Later in the afternoon, Continue with 1-2 Hours heritage walk. The walk basically start from Jagdish Chowk and going through Kansaro ki gali which was the older part of city given to the copper smith they have their houses and their work shop where a few you can still find working making cooper utensils. End of this street leave you to clock tower, it is 19th Century Structure Raised by Maharana Fateh Singh , the clock is English Mechanism , today it is local jeweller market which sales Gold and Silver ornaments and these shops have more rural customers to buy , than we move towards BADA BAZAR which was Main Market of Udaipur there are fabric Shops , Jain temple where you can find ladies are doing shopping , it is more of colour full market and they are small shop and very little modified according to modern need, end of Bada Bazar is MOCHI WADA . Old shoe Market again there are small shops and Shoes are hanging on walls as Mochi is One of the Community Ground floor cum work Shop and First Floor is Their Home , they sale traditional Shoes (MOJDI) Rajasthani Shoes Hand



Made as well as Machine Made Modern Shoes , Mandi KI NAL which was the passage leading toward Dhan Mandi , Which was old grain market , in this passage there are so many cooking utensils shop you can feel by very first sight because of the utensil hanging and kept outside the shops in Dhan Mandi there are shops of the merchants sailing Dry Fruits , lentils , rice , edible oil , and you come in open Passage which is end of Dhan mandi you find shops of Various things and finally you come towards the Vegetable Market and Seller they do not have shops they sit on Ground with their Vegetable Basket's and at the same time they can view GANCH community whose traditional Job is to make Bamboo Basket and other things made out of Bamboo, finally you proceed towards Delhi gate which was one of the Twelve entry Gate of City passing by many shops sailing different kind of things ,like Sweets , Sugar Cane Juice , Garments , brooms you may find couple of ladies setting on the ground on the side of the road sailing IRON Tools. End at Old Tonga Stand from where you get your vehicle.

Overnight at hotel in Udaipur.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 13

Day 13: Udaipur/Bijainagar (By surface: 220 Kms/3-4 Hours)

After breakfast drive to Bijainagar and check in at your hotel Bijay Niwas palace. It is truly a serene royal retreat in the heartlands of Rajasthan. It sits amidst 50 acres of private orchards which is part of a 200-acre farmland offering intimate, serene and relaxing boutique hotel environment that reminds one of the richness and glory of times past.

In the afternoon visit the Bijaynagar town to see local vegetable market and a local Cotton processing unit followed by a High Tea with snacks at lake side to witness a beautiful sunset.

Overnight at hotel in Bijainagar.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 14

Day 14: Bijainagar/Pushkar (By surface: 85 Kms/2 Hours)

After breakfast proceed for a guided Village Safari on Bullock carts. Guest ride on bullock carts which takes them to nearby village to see the yet unexplored rural Rajasthan. Guest get chance to interact with very friendly and hospitable local villagers and see their houses made of mud, craftsmen at work, rural school & local temple.

Check-out and drive to Pushkar and check-in at hotel.



Later enjoy a walking tour of the local market area of Pushkar and around the Holy Pushkar Lake before stopping at the Sacred Brahma Temple, an important pilgrimage centre for Hindus. The temple is constructed of marble and houses a statue of Lord Brahma.

Overnight at hotel in Pushkar.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 15

Day 15: Pushkar/Jaipur (By surface: 145 Kms/3 Hours)

After breakfast check-out and drive to Jaipur and check-in at hotel.

Evening Heritage Walk - Vocations & Artisans of Jaipur.

- Explore the geometrically precise architecture of the city and the significance of its 'Chaupars' (intersection points).
- Visit the old stables converted into market.
- Takes a bird eye view of walled Pink City from one of the biggest towers (Optional).
- Walk through the market of bangle makers and see a demonstration of bangle making with - Sealing wax.
- Witness a narrow lane full of bridal clothing shops. This will leave you spellbound.
- Walk though some of the most interesting artisans & old houses (Havelis)
- Gemstone workshop & enjoy a hi-tea while witnessing gemstone bullion.
- Closely observe the gathering of local sellers selling the milk products for making the most delicious Indian sweets.

Overnight at hotel in Jaipur.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 16

Day 16: Jaipur

Start today with a brief photo stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), before travelling to Amer Fort, or 'Amber Fort' as the British named it. Erected in 1799 by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, Hawa Mahal was built so that the veiled ladies of his harem could observe, unnoticed, the lively street scenes below. After we arrive at the base of Amer Fort, we will board a jeep that will take us all the way up to the entrance. Inside the fort we will visit the Jag Mandir or the Hall of Victory, which houses the famed Sheesh Mahal.



Visit the Maharaja's City Palace this afternoon to explore the former Royal residence; part of the building has been converted into a museum, while the Royal family of Jaipur still uses the remaining sections of the palace. Outside the gate to the Maharaja's City Palace is Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. The observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition.

Before returning to the hotel, stop for some shopping inside the walled city, where villagers from around Jaipur come to sell and trade their produce. Here we will find saris, jewellery, clothing, shoes and spices for sale.

In the evening enjoy a hands-on Cooking class at an Indian home followed by dinner with the host family.

Overnight at hotel in Jaipur.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 17

Day 17: Jaipur/Ranthambore (By surface: 190 Kms/3-4 Hours)

After breakfast drive to Ranthambore and check-in at hotel

Ranthambore National Park is one of the prime examples of Project Tiger's conservation efforts in Rajasthan. The forest around Ranthambore was once the private hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur and is one of the largest national parks in Northern India. Ranthambore National Park is renowned for its tiger population; however you may also come across other wild animals such as leopard, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Sambar, hyena and Sloth Bear.

Remainder of day at leisure.

Overnight at hotel in Ranthambore.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 18

Day 18: Ranthambore

Today you will enjoy an early morning and a mid-afternoon canter safari around an estimated area of 400sq km of game reserve.

Overnight at hotel in Ranthambore.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 19

Day 19: Ranthambore/Agra (By surface: 260 Kms/5-6 Hours)

After breakfast drive to Agra en-route visiting Abhaneri village, to see the Chand Baori stepwell and marvel at this ancient construction. Over 1,000 years old, the visually outstanding stepwell was originally dedicated to Harshat Mata, the 'Goddess of Joy and Happiness'.

Continue drive to Agra and assistance check-in at hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Agra.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 20

Day 20: Agra/Delhi (By surface: 200 Kms/4 Hours)

Rise early this morning to view the Taj Mahal in all its glory as the sun is rising. The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631. We will spend around 2 hours here, walking through the grounds with ample time for some photo opportunities. For admission to the main mausoleum area, we are required to wear shoe covers (this may be provided on site – be prepared to bring an additional pair of socks).

Return to the hotel for breakfast and a chance to freshen up. Later this morning stop at a marble inlay workshop, where we can learn more about the intricate skill of laying marble, which we saw this morning at the Taj Mahal.

Return to hotel for breakfast and check-out.

Next is Agra Fort situated on the west bank of the Yamuna River and built by Emperor Akbar between 1565 and 1573. Its imposing red sandstone ramparts form a crescent along the riverfront and encompass an enormous complex of courtly buildings, ranging in style from the early eclecticism of Akbar to the sublime elegance of Shah Jahan. The barracks to the north are British additions from the 19th Century. A deep moat, once filled with water from the Yamuna River, surrounds the fort.

Continue drive to Delhi and check-in at hotel.

Overnight at Hotel in Delhi.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch



Day 21

Day 21: Delhi

Today we drive to Old Delhi or Shahjanbad, a city built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan who shifted the Mughal capital here from Agra in the 17th century. Drive past along the river Yamuna past the magnificent Red Fort to one of the largest and most beautiful mosques in the world, the Jama Masjid. Enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk, the spine of Old Delhi, past jewelers spice merchants, food vendors, shopping arcades etc. We will also visit the imposing modern Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple, built in 1938. The main temple is dedicated to Lakshmi, the 'Goddess of Wealth'.

Later continue to New Delhi and visit the Qutab Minar Complex, visiting a myriad of monuments that combine both Islamic calligraphy and Hindu motifs, commemorating the onset of Islamic rule in India. Continue to Humayun's Tomb (the second Mughal Emperor) built in the mid-16th-century. This tomb is the first great example of a Mughal garden tomb and was the inspiration for several monuments such as the incomparable Taj Mahal. Continue to "Lutyen's" New Delhi, drive past the Rashtrapati Bhawan, (President's Palace), Secretariat Buildings, Parliament House and the India Gate, a war memorial arch built in honour of soldiers who died in the Afghan Wars and World War-I.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 22

Day 22: Departure Delhi & Departure

Transfer to International airport to board flight to onward destination.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

- 21 night accommodation in Double/Twin room on room plus breakfast basis except Ranthambhore, Manvar where plan will be on full board basis (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).
- 12 Lunches, 13 Dinners. (No Any Meal on Day of Arrival).
- Jeep safari at Nawalgarh.
- Jeep Safari at Manvar.
- Jeep Safari at Bishnoi Village.



- Camel ride at Sam dunes , Jaisalmer , Manvar.
- Shared boat ride at Udaipur.
- 02 AM + PM Safaris at Ranthambhore.
- Assistance on arrival / departure by Company representative.
- All transfers / sightseeing and excursion by air-conditioned transport.
- Services of local English speaking local guide.
- Rickshaw ride at Delhi.
- Cooking Class at Jaipur.
- Heritage walk at Udaipur.
- Entrance fee to the monument as per Itinerary.
- Jeep Ride at Amber Fort from Coach parking to Fort and back.
- All prevailing Government taxes on the package.

With our Best compliments

- Traditional Indian welcome by garlanding with one bottle of mineral water on first arrival into India.

Exclusions

1. Any Services other than mentioned above.
2. Any Visa charges, airport taxes, airfare.
3. Any items of personal nature like laundry, telephone calls, tips and drinks.
4. Any airfare.

Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

Delhi NCR - Holiday Inn OR Similar

Nawalgarh - Roop Niwas Kothi OR Similar

Bikaner - Lallgarh Palace OR Similar

Jaisalmer - The Desert Palace OR Similar

Manvar - Manvar Desert Camp

Jodhpur - The Ummed Jodhpur Palace Resort & Spa

Kumbhalgarh - Fateh Safari Resort OR Similar



Udaipur - Rampratap palace OR Similar

Bijainagar - Bijayniwas Palace

Pushkar - Dera Masuda OR Similar

Jaipur - Mandawa Haveli OR Similar

Ranthambhore - Ranthambhore Regency OR Similar

Agra - Clarks Shiraz OR Similar

Delhi - Radisson Blu Dwarka OR Similar

Rates Not Valid from 20th December'2024 – 10th January'2025

IMPORTANT:

1. Standard check in and check out time at hotels is 1200 hrs.
2. Kindly note that names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels and it is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey such confirmation to you. In the event of accommodation not becoming available at any of the above mentioned hotels we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.
3. Our offer is based on usage of base category rooms at the mentioned hotels (unless specified otherwise) and if this category of rooms is not available we shall try to confirm accommodation in next available higher category of rooms and shall advise supplementary cost involved while conveying the status.

Above rates are not applicable from 20 Dec'24 Till 10 January'2025 & Pushkar Period.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure



01 Apr, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024

2-3 pax

AUD 7,006 P P twin share

AUD 9,053 P P single

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4-5 pax

AUD 6,222 P P twin share

AUD 8,269 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 5,135 P P twin share

AUD 7,181 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Mar, 2025

2-3 pax

AUD 7,930 P P twin share

AUD 10,585 P P single

AVAILABLE

4-5 pax

AUD 6,690 P P twin share

AUD 9,345 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 5,930 P P twin share

AUD 8,585 P P single

AVAILABLE

