

RAJASTHAN COLOUR & HISTORY ITINERARY

(Example only)

The following itinerary was specially prepared by us for a client in order to give them a flavour of the unique colours and culture of Rajasthan – The Land of Kings – and India’s best known desert State.

Although prepared for this year, all hotels, prices and activities should be used only as a guide, as your itinerary will be individually prepared to include the specific attractions that you request and all taxes, inclusions, exclusions, conditions, availability and prices which vary from month to month, season to season will be advised at that time.

13 nights

Delhi -	<i>2 nights</i>	The Claridges	-Claridges Room BB
Samode -	<i>1 nights</i>	Samode Palace	-Deluxe Room BB
Jaipur -	<i>2 Nights</i>	Samode Haveli	-Deluxe Room BB
Ranthambore -	<i>2 Nights</i>	Narhargarh	-Deluxe Room FB
Pushkar -	<i>2 nights</i>	Ananta Spa Resort	-Deluxe Room BB
Jodhpur-	<i>2 nights</i>	Indana Palace	-Premium Room BB
Udaipur-	<i>2 nights</i>	Fatehgar	-Renaissance rm. BB

You will be met by one of our drivers at the airport who will then stay with you throughout the tour giving you invaluable information about India whilst guiding you through this fascinating country.

DAY 1- DELHI

On arrival in Delhi, you will be provided with assistance at the airport followed by transfer to the hotel. Once out of the airport, you'll be welcomed with traditional Rose Garlands and taken to a comfortable AC Vehicle which awaits to take you to the hotel.



On arrival at the hotel, you will once again be welcomed traditionally with Arti and Tikka (a Hindu Ritual where a young woman puts a vermilion mark on your forehead and welcomes you with a platter of auspicious items).

Following this you'll be checked in for an overnight at the hotel

DAY 2 – DELHI

After breakfast and a tour briefing by our ground staff you'll enjoy a full day city tour of Old & New Delhi. In addition to its Historic interest and role as the Government centre, Delhi is a major travel gateway. It is one of India's busiest overseas entrance points, the hub of the N. Indian travel network and a stop on the overland route across Asia. Places to visit and activities to enjoy are:



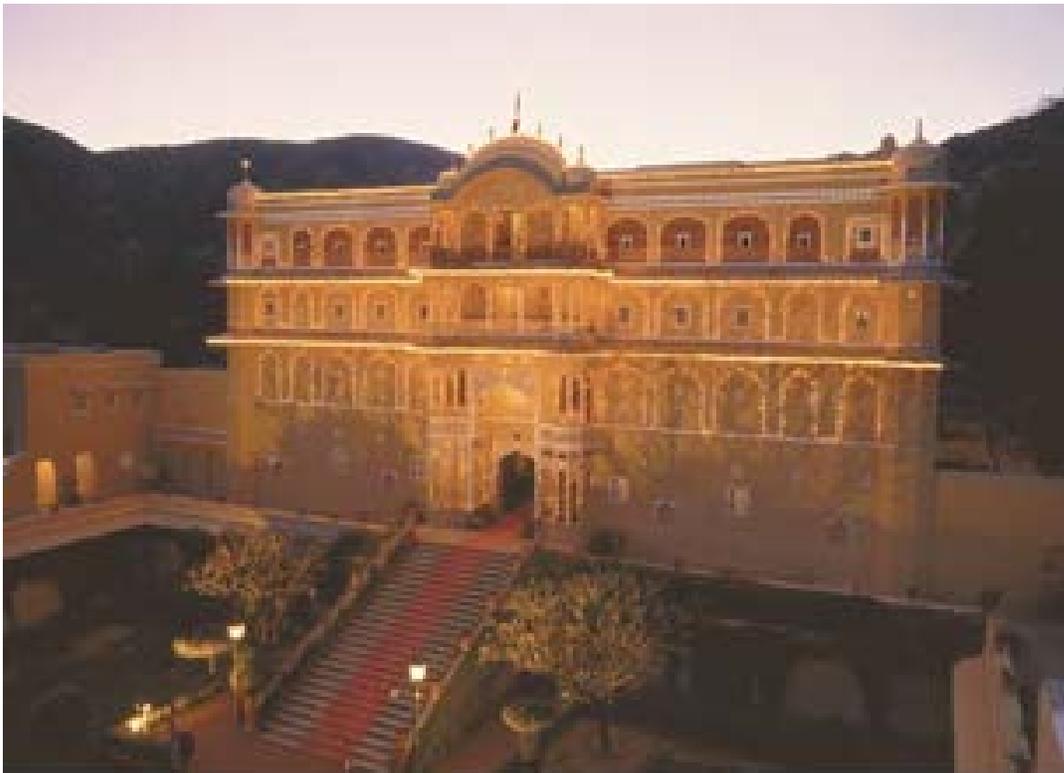
- Red Fort (closed Monday)
- Jama Masjid
- Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi.
- Raj Ghat
- Qutab Minar
- Humayun's Tomb
- India Gate
- Govt. buildings on Jan Path
- Visit to the Sikh temple .

Return for overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3 – DELHI/SAMODE

DISTANCE 155 MILES DRIVING TIME: 04 HRS APPROX

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and commence drive to Samode. Upon arrival, check in to the Samode Palace Hotel.



•Visit Samode Palace: The Palace here is one of the best you could experience. The Samode Palace hotel maintains an immutable majestic presence and is a touching reminder of the vision of its creators.

Evening enjoy walk at Samode Bagh: An actual Oasis in the Desert you can enjoy flowers of all kind in full bloom and the greenery is amazing. Return to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 4 – SAMODE/JAIPUR

DISTANCE 30 MILES DRIVING TIME: 1 HR

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Jaipur.

Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan still looks extremely well preserved and is of significant architectural importance as ‘The Pink City’. Jaipur takes its name from Maharaja Jai Singh, who in the early 1700s became the King of Amber at the age of 13. He soon added architecture and astronomy to his credentials; designing the bulk of his new capital, with its exquisite buildings of rose coloured terra cotta, with pink and orange the dominant colours – hence the name. The effect is magical at dusk.



Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. Afternoon is free to explore the colourful market of Jaipur.

•Evening visit to Birla temple for evening ceremony (without guide).
Return to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel.



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:
ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT**

£80.00 pp

Enjoy an Elephant safari at Dera Amber, Jaipur with Lunch / Dinner (without drinks). The elephant treks are conducted in the original Aravali forests surrounding the camp and follow a route through villages,

agricultural fields, hills and ancient monuments, the birdlife in the thick forests is thriving and though leopards do inhabit the jungles it is very rare to see them; however occasionally hyena has been sighted by guests, with antelopes and jackals in abundance. These sunset elephant treks are magical.

DAY 5 – JAIPUR

After breakfast drive to amber fort. Enjoy an elephant ride while going up the fort.

In the afternoon, have a half day city tour of Jaipur. Places to visit include:



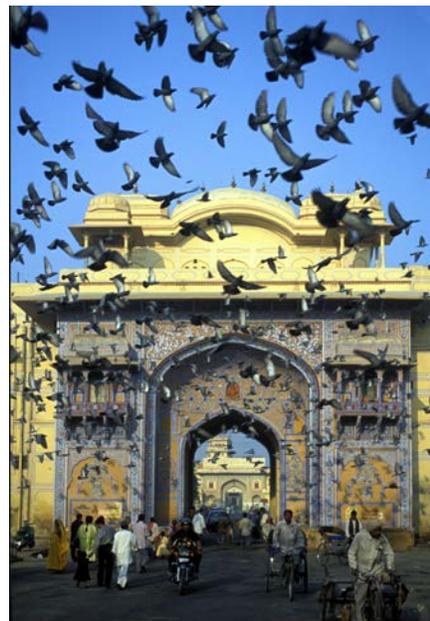
- City Palace
- Jantar Mantar
- Hawa Mahal (From outside only)

In the evening, you will be taken around to explore the local Bazaars to enjoy some shopping if you wish and observe the interesting and

unusual artefacts that you can purchase for friends and family. Return to the hotel; overnight at the Hotel.



Working elephants stride along the road with Jaipur's Amber Fort in the distance



Jantar Mantar, the observatory and the entrance to the city and its bazaars, Jaipur.

DAY 6 – JAIPUR/RANTHAMBORE

DISTANCE: 90 MILES DRIVING TIME: 2 - 3 HRS

After breakfast you'll commence your drive to Ranthambore National Park - one of the biggest and most renowned national parks in Northern India.

In the Sawai Madhopur district of southeastern Rajasthan, Ranthambore is a former hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. Today the terrain is a major wildlife area that attracts the attention of many professional wildlife photographers. Famous for its tigers it is one of the few locations in India to see these majestic predators in their natural habitat. Tigers can be spotted during the day albeit their dwindling numbers means that you are truly privileged to see one; especially with cubs. However, there is ample wildlife of all descriptions to keep the nature lover enthralled.

Upon arrival, check into the hotel. After lunch.

- Afternoon Exclusive Jungle safari by 4X4 open jeep in the park.

After your park safari, return to the hotel for dinner & overnight .

DAY 7 – RANTHAMBORE



- Morning Exclusive Jungle safari by 4X4 open jeep in the park.

After having safari return to the hotel for breakfast.

- Till noon at leisure followed by lunch,

- Afternoon Exclusive Jungle safari by 4X4 open jeep in the park

After your park safari, return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

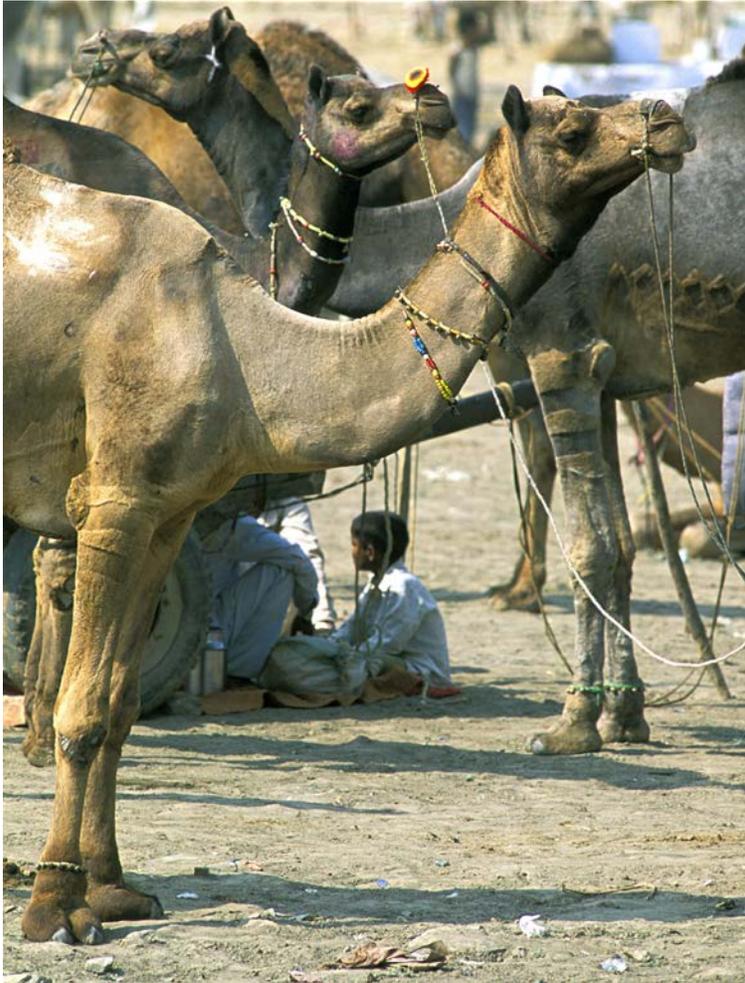
DAY 8 – RANTHAMBORE/PUSHKAR

DISTANCE 170 MILES DRIVING TIME: 05 HRS APPROX.

- Morning Exclusive Jungle safari by 4X4 open jeep in the park.



Following your last safari you'll return to the hotel for breakfast; after which you'll check out from the hotel and start your drive to Pushkar.



Pushkar is famous for its annual fair. Every autumn thousands of devout Hindus and tourists assemble in Pushkar at Karthik Purnima; where the devout bathe in Pushkar Lake's holy water.

This religious festival is also the occasion for the famous camel market which turns Pushkar into a festive city.

According to sacred scripts, Lord Brahma, on passing this place dropped a lotus flower from his hand. Water sprang up from the spot where the petals fell, thus giving the lake its name - Pushkar - meaning Lotus.

Upon arrival, check in to the hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 9 – PUSHKAR

- Early morning walk up to the hill top temple to get a bird's eye view of Pushkar in the morning light



After your visit, return to the hotel for breakfast and during the rest of your day don't forget a visit of Pushkar Palace or any of the other notable temples such as Brahma and Savitri Temples together with the Holy Lake.

After your visits, return to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 10 – PUSHKAR/JODHPUR

DISTANCE 120 MILES DRIVING TIME: 03 HRS APPROX.

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Jodhpur.

Once the capital of the state Marwar. Jodhpur tumbles and sprawls down a low sandstone hill, right to the edge of the great Thar Desert.



Upon arrival, check in to the hotel

- Later visit and make your own way through a local market in the old city where you can buy souvenirs and immerse yourself in the sights and smells of the spice market.

After the market, return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel

DAY 11 – JODHPUR

After breakfast enjoy a half day city tour of Jodhpur. Places and activities you will include:

- Tuk - Tuk ride from city to Fort.
- Mehrangarh Fort
- Jaswant Thada
- Ummaid Bhawan Palace

After these visits...enjoy a local traditional lunch at Gypsy Restaurant. (Drinks not included)

Gypsy Restaurant is an old establishment in the Suncity 'Jodhpur'. famous for pure vegetarian food, its ambience, service and the consistent quality it provides to its customers.



Gypsy is now the leading brand in Jodhpur with the first restaurant being established in 1991

The first AC Restaurant providing Multi Cuisine dishes with a visible kitchen, adopting the fast food concept. Within a couple of years it became all the rage in town. This restaurant became a milestone for people who wanted to have street food in a neat and clean environment.

Return for overnight at the hotel

DAY 12 – JODHPUR/RANAKPUR/UDAIPUR
DISTANCE 180 MILES DRIVING TIME: 05 HRS APPROX.

After breakfast check out from your hotel and commence drive to Udaipur.

En-route visit Ranakpur, famous for its Jain Temples. These temples are dedicated to Adinath and date back to the beginning of 15th century.

Made up of 29 halls supported by 200 different pillars, this temple has 20 domes, which constitute the temple's complex roofing.



From here, continue drive to Udaipur.

Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 13 – UDAIPUR

After breakfast, enjoy a half day city tour. The Places to visit include:

- The Maharana's City Palace standing on the edge of lake Pichola.
- The Sahelion ki Bari - a good example of the art of landscaping



- Afternoon - enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola and visit Jag Mandir, the first island palace of Lake Pichola, Jag Mandir was built by Maharana Karan Singhji in 1622 AD and was intended to be a pleasure palace for regal parties and functions. It served as a refuge for Mughal Emperor Shahjahan against the wrath of his father in a family dispute in the seventeenth century. The legend says that Jagmandir was the inspiration behind the world-famous Taj Mahal, which Shah Jahan built to the memory of his deceased wife, Mumtaz.

DAY 14 – UDAIPUR DEPARTURE

After breakfast, your morning is free for individual leisure activities.

Later you will be provided with transfer to the airport to connect with your flight for Delhi / Mumbai for onward journey.

PRICE PER PERSON (EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AND ANY INTERNAL FLIGHTS)

£1,631 pp

HOTELS THAT YOU MIGHT STAY IN ON YOUR RAJASTHAN ITINERARY

CITY	HOTELS	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHTS	MEAL PLAN
Delhi	The Claridges www.claridges.com	Claridges Room	02	Bed & Breakfast
Samode	Samode Palace www.samode.com	Deluxe Room	01	Bed & Breakfast
Jaipur	Samode Haveli www.samode.com	Deluxe Room	02	Bed & Breakfast
Ranthambore	Nahargarh www.nahargarh.com	Deluxe Room	02	FB
Pushkar	Ananta Spa Resort www.anantahotels.com	Deluxe Room	02	Bed & Breakfast
Jodhpur	Indana Palace www.indanahotels.com	Premium Room	02	Bed & Breakfast
Udaipur	Fatehgarh www.fatehgarh.in	Renaissance Room	02	Bed & Breakfast

B&B – Room, Bed & Breakfast

FB – Room, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Complete transportation by an AC Toyota Innova including all sector drives, hotel transfers, airport transfers and sightseeing as per the programme.
- Delhi arrival transfers + 1 full day city tour
- Vehicle at client's disposal from Delhi / Samode until drop at Udaipur airport.
- Services of local English speaking Guide during sightseeing in Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur
- One time monuments entrances fees during sightseeing as per the above programme

NOTE: WE USE ONLY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA / MINISTRY OF TOURISM APPROVED LICENSED SPEAKING GUIDES.

A FEW INTERESTING ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED:

- Blessings of priest in a local Temple in Delhi before starting tour
- Rickshaw ride in old Delhi
- Visit to Bangla Sahib and evening prayer ceremony in Delhi is included.
- Elephant ride while going up to Amber fort in Jaipur
- 4 Exclusive Jeep Park safaris in Ranthambore national Park.
- 1 Tuk – Tuk ride in Jodhpur
- Lunch at gypsy restaurant (without drinks) in Jodhpur
- Boat ride in Udaipur SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS & LEVEL OF WATER ON LAKE PICHOLA.