



Incredible Indian Tours

Rajasthan Heritage Monsoon Tour

16 Days ex Delhi

Dates: August 2018 (TBC)



Maximum Group Size 10

Fully Escorted by Deb Kindness who has been travelling and leading groups through the Indian subcontinent since 1993.

Accommodation 4 nights hotels, 11 nights heritage hotels

Transport Airport Transfers, Private minibus, Auto Rickshaws

Meals 6 dinners, 15 breakfasts, 7 lunches

Entrance Fees Included for all sites visited as part of the itinerary

Starts in Delhi

Finishes in Delhi

Cost From USD2590 per person twin share

This is a wonderfully classic trip, taking in the splendour of the Mughal cities of Delhi and Agra and the majesty of Rajasthan, where we experience the spectacular history and heritage of this 'Land of Kings'. From jeep rides through the tribal villages to boat rides on the romantic Lake Pichola in Udaipur, you will be introduced to some wonderful secrets; Indian cooking, miniature Mughal art, gemstones, tie-dye, folk dancing and turban tying to name a few. The massive forts of Rajasthan, the opulence and splendour of Maharajah's palaces, and colourful markets and bazaars all make for a trip full of highlights and contrasts. During the monsoon, India's desert state of Rajasthan comes alive. Come see the Land of Kings at its lushest greenest best.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Delhi

Arrival Day. No group activities today. In the evening there will be a welcome meeting before dinner.

Day 2 Delhi

A full day of sightseeing takes us to Old Delhi, and the markets and bazaars of Chandni Chowk. We also visit the Jama Masjid (the largest Mosque in India), Humayans Tomb and the impressive imperial buildings of New Delhi.

Day 3 Agra

A 4 hour drive this morning takes us to Agra. We visit the magnificent Red Fort and make a sunset visit to the incomparable Taj Mahal.

Days 4-5 Jaipur

You have another opportunity to visit the Taj Mahal at dawn before a 5 hour drive today to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and capital of Rajasthan. Amber Fort is a splendid example of Rajput/Mughal architecture and was the old capital of Rajasthan prior to 1727. We wander through the markets and colourful bazaars of Jaipur and have the chance to see the splendid City Palace Museum and the wondrous Jantar Mantar. There is free time to explore some of Jaipur's many sights, or markets. We also experience a Bollywood extravaganza at the Raj Mandir cinema.

Day 6 Roopangarh

Roopangarh Fort is a vast war fort and has been over 350 years in the making. Painstakingly restored and renovated as a heritage hotel, you will be awed by the medieval splendour that surrounds the entire fort. We spend the afternoon wandering the charming village, meeting the locals and seeing rural Rajasthani life.

Days 7-8 Bijaipur

At Castle Bijaipur we get to spend the a couple of days living like Maharajahs (and Maharanis). The Castle is still run by the local rulers, who take us out on a village safari to experience tribal village life Rajasthani style. You have the option here to take a horse safari into the surrounding countryside, indulge in a massage or just chill by the pool.

Days 9-10 Udaipur

A short journey brings us to Udaipur. Often called the romantic city, Udaipur lives up to its name with its white washed havelis and palaces

lining the banks of the charming lake Pichola. We visit the City Palace complex (the largest palace complex in India) and take in a classic Rajasthani Dance show. We wander the local markets and learn how to make a sensational Indian curry. Why not try your hand at a spot of miniature painting or discover the lake on an afternoon cruise. Udaipur is a friendly and charming city just made for exploring.

Day 11 Sardar Samand

A 3-hour drive through the lush forests of southern Rajasthan, Ranakpur is renowned for its exquisitely carved Jain temples. After lunch we head on to Sardar Samand Palace, an art deco heritage hotel built in 1933 as the Maharajah's hunting retreat. Situated on the banks of the Sardar Samand Lake, the palatial mansion is one of the most beautiful heritage hotels in Rajasthan.

Day 12 Jodhpur

It is a short journey to Jodhpur where we spend an afternoon wandering the palaces of the magnificent Meherangarh Fort before exploring the markets in the city below. Famous throughout the country for its special Makhani (butter) lassi's, Jodhpur is also where the pants come from.

Days 13-14 Khandela

We head east to Khandela, a rural town untouched by tourists. The local Maharajah only opened his castle to guests a few years ago and there is so much to see and do in this charming town. The castle itself is full of an incredible collection of objects and antiquities that belonged to the Maharajas ancestors and part of the castle is also a local private hospital. We wander the markets, take a trip out to the Raja's farm, explore the old fort in town and the unique Khandela Dham (temple).

Day 15 Delhi

We depart at our leisure for the 5 hour road trip, arriving back in Delhi in time for a final night dinner at one of Delhi's wonderful restaurants.

Day 16 Departure Day

There are no organised activities today. You are free to depart at any time.

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