

Forts & Palaces of Rajasthan

08 Nights / 09 Days

2N Jaipur – 1N Bikaner – 2N Jaisalmer – 1N Jodhpur – 2N Udaipur

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Jaipur – Amber Fort, City Palace & Hawa Mahal
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Visit in Bikaner – Junagadh Fort & Camel breeding farm
- Visit in Jaisalmer - Jaisalmer Fort, Drive past to Gadisar Lake & Sam Sand Dunes.
- In Jodhpur, visit Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada
- In Udaipur, visit Lake Pichola, City Palace and Jagdish Temple
- Boat Ride in Lake Pichola
- Sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start in Jaipur and End in Udaipur



ITINERARY:

Day 01 Arrival in Jaipur

Meet our representative upon arrival in Jaipur and proceed to hotel. Jaipur is a gateway to the magnificent and vibrant state of Rajasthan. Evening take a stroll in the markets of Jaipur for the traditional dresses and shoes, curio shops, blue pottery etc. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

Day 02 Jaipur

Proceed for full-day sightseeing trip of Jaipur, also known as the ‘Pink City’. The city of Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. Visit the Amber Fort. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latticed galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Lord Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with thousands of tiny mirrors. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the “Palace of the Winds.” This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved. Later you will visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Later, visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits. Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 03 Jaipur – Bikaner (335 km/approx. 6-7 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Bikaner. If ever beauty has bloomed in a desert, it has been at Bikaner it comprises imposing palaces and beautiful, richly sculptured temples of red and yellow sandstone.

Arrive Bikaner and check in to your hotel. Later proceed for a half day tour. Visit Junagadh Fort... an unassailable fortress, it never been conquered. Inside the fort are some magnificent

palaces like Anup Mahal, Ganga Niwas and Rang Mahal or palace of pleasure. The Har Mandir is the majestic temple for the royal family. Later, visit a camel breeding farm...here; professional camel breeders research how to breed the best camels. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Bikaner.

Day 04 Bikaner – Jaisalmer (330 km/approx. 6.5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jaisalmer. Jaisalmer, which lies in the heart of the Thar Desert...a city, seeped in color and rich tradition; it was once a major centre on the trading route between India and the west. Arrive Jaisalmer and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

Day 05 Jaisalmer

This morning after breakfast proceed for half day tour of Jaisalmer. Visit Jaisalmer Fort, which is the only living fort of India and houses the entire township within its ramparts. Visit Salim Singh ki Haveli, built around 300 years ago, and Patwon-ki-Haveli which is the largest and most elaborate mansion of its kind in Jaisalmer, followed by a visit to Nathmal Ji ki Haveli, a grand mansion that blends Rajput and Islamic architecture. Later, drive past the beautiful Gadisar Lake and Badal Vilas, the present residence of erstwhile royal family. Later, visit Sam Sand Dunes, around 42 kms from Jaisalmer, is the closest place from where you can lose yourself in 'The Great Thar Desert'. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

Day 06 Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (310 km/approx. 7 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jodhpur. Arrive Jodhpur and check in to your hotel. Later, proceed for a half-day sightseeing trip of Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and also called the 'Sun City'. Visit the Mehrangarh Fort. This spectacular fort made from red sandstone stands on a perpendicular cliff above the skyline of Jodhpur. Also visit Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph built to commemorate Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Later, drive past the Mandore garden, which showcases cenotaphs of Jodhpur's former rulers; instead of the usual umbrella-shaped cenotaphs these are built along the lines of a Hindu temple. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jodhpur.

Day 07 Jodhpur – Udaipur (250 km/approx. 5 hours)

This morning after breakfast proceed to Udaipur. Enroute, visit the Ranakpur Temples, acclaimed worldwide for their intricate and superb architectural style. These temples form one of the five major pilgrimages of the Jain's. Arrive Udaipur and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Udaipur.

Day 08 Sightseeing of Udaipur

After breakfast, proceed for full-day tour of Udaipur. Visit the City Palace, standing on the east bank of Lake Pichola. The complex is a massive series of palaces built at different times from 1559. The balconies of the palace provide panoramic views of the Lake Palace Hotel and Jag Mandir on one side, and the city of Udaipur on the other. The paintings, mosaics, intricately carved 'chhatris' and the architecturally brilliant facade all contribute to making your visit to the City Palace a truly memorable experience. Thereafter, visit a picturesque garden, Sahelion Ki Bari. You will visit also visit Jagdish Temple, which is raised on a tall terrace and was completed in 1651. It attaches a double-storey Mandapa (hall) to a double-storey saandhara (with a covered ambulatory) sanctum. In the evening, enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola (depending upon the water level of lake), which is an artificial fresh water lake, created in the year 1362 AD. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Udaipur.

Day 09 Departure from Udaipur

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Udaipur airport for return flight back home. Tour ends with sweet memories. End of Services.