

# Rajasthan Routes

Starting From :Rs.:33500 Per Person

11 Days / 10 Nights

Jaipur; Bikaner; Jaisalmer; Jodhpur; Mount Abu; Udaipur; Ranthambore; Jaipur

## Package Description

### Rajasthan Routes

Rajasthan, a realm of contrasts and breathtaking scenic delights, has leapfrogged into a top tourist haunt. The adman's muse and a backpacker's haven, Rajasthan is a gleaming jewel adorning the Western part of the Indian sub-continent. Maps of India endeavors to highlight certain quick facts on Rajasthan.

The tourism industry of the state of halcyon sand and glinting oases, is bursting at the seams. Traveling to the deserts of Rajasthan has never been so easy. A plethora of flights, trains and premier road transport ensurerr a hassle free sojourn of the state's coveted locales.

## Itinerary

### Day.1

#### JAIPUR

Today arrive Jaipur and transfer to your hotel. The capital of Rajasthan Jaipur - popularly known as the "Pink City "as the Pink sandstone was used to construct the buildings in Old walled city. Jaipur owes its name, its foundation and it's planning to the Great warrior astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II (1699–1744 AD). Jaipur (City of Victory) was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1727. It is the only city in the world symbolizing the nine divisions of the Universe through nine rectangular sectors sub-dividing it. The architect who formalized the city's plans on the Shilpa Shastra, the epic Hindu treatise on architecture, mixed it with the sublimity of the Mughal and Jain influences of those times. The city was painted pink in 1853 in honour of the visit by Prince Albert. Except for the busy traffic of bicycles, cars and buses, little seems to have changed. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**NA

### Day.2

#### JAIPUR – BIKANER (350KMS)

After the breakfast you will drive to Bikaner; Arrive Bikaner & transfer to your hotel. This desert town in northern Rajasthan was founded in 1488 by Rao Bikaji. Like many others in Rajasthan, the old city is surrounded by a high crenellated wall. The old city with its exquisite merchant havelis, temples and bazaars retains a medieval air. Later proceed for half day city tour of Bikaner visiting Junagarh Fort, one of the most interesting forts in Rajasthan, with its sumptuously decorated interiors. Built in 1588 by Raja Rai Singh it is unusual in the sense that it was one of the few major forts of Rajasthan that was not built on a hilltop. Instead, it was built on the desert plains; its

rugged sandstone bastions and graceful pavilions and balconies are silhouetted against the sky.

Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.3

#### **BIKANER – JAISALMER (350KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Jaisalmer; Jaisalmer - a fairy-tale town in the Thar Desert founded about 800 years ago by Jaisal. Unlike any other city, this desert fortress is one of Rajasthan's most exotic and unusual towns. Jaisalmer, an important ancient trading centre because of its strategic location on the camel trade routes, is often described as the 'golden city'. The havelis, built by merchants of the 19th century, are exquisitely carved from golden-yellow sandstone and are still in a beautiful condition. The fort built by Rawal Jaisal in the 12th century, stands on the 80-meter-high Trikuta hill, with beautifully carved Jain temples. The annual desert festival takes place in January and February each year and is a riot of colour and activity. Jaisalmer is also famous for its embroidery, Rajasthani mirror work, rugs, and blankets, antique, silver jewelry, and stonework and camel safaris. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.4

#### **IN JAISALMER**

After breakfast leave for the city tour of Jaisalmer. Visit the famous Havelis (mansions) known for their frescoes. Jaisalmer's strategic position on the camel terrain route bought it great wealth. The merchants grew prosperous and commissioned great havelis, or mansions, to flaunt their ever-growing status in society. Made of local golden-yellow sand stone and wood, some of the havelis are still in excellent condition. The most elaborate and magnificent of all the Jaisalmer havelis is the Patwaon Ki Haveli. Five Jain brothers built the Haveli between 1800 and 1860. Salim Singh Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli are the other two havelis that are opened to visitors. Built in 1156 by the Bhatti ruler, Jaisal, THE FORT here stands atop the 80 m high Trikuta hill. 3 walls and features 99 bastions surround the fort. Over the centuries, the golden sand stone fortress witnessed many battles between the Bhatti Rajput's, the Mughals and the Rathore's of Jodhpur. Within the fort complex lie the beautifully carved Jain Temples built between the 12th and 15th centuries. The Maharawals (rulers) of Jaisalmer were devout Hindus but were tolerant of Jainism, and encouraged art and religion. There are 7 temples in the complex - Chandraprabhu, Parasnath, Shitalnath, Sambhavnath, Shantinath, Kunthunath and Rikhabdev Temple. The temples are all connected by a series of corridors and walkways. Close by is the Gyan Bhandar, a library founded in 1500 A.D. This house is priceless ancient manuscripts and other exhibits like astrological charts, besides the Jain equivalent of the Christian Shroud of Turin. In the evening, proceed for the excursion to Sam Sand dunes. Located at a distance of 42 kilometers from Jaisalmer, Sam Sand Dunes is the closest point to witness the total sandy desert. You can also see the patterns and motifs created by the shifting sands and air. Moreover, Sam Sand Dunes also provide you with an unforgettable experience of camel rides and the sunset. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.5

## **JAISALMER – JODHPUR (300 KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur - Arrive to the Blue City – Jodhpur and transfer to your hotel. An oasis in the arid Thar Desert, Jodhpur is the second largest city in the state of Rajasthan. Representing this colourful city with shades of blue, Jodhpur has a history that is rich and a present that beckons strongly to the discerning tourist. Forts and palaces, temples and havelis, culture and tradition, spices and fabrics, colour and texture, Jodhpur has them all and in plenty. Situated in Western Rajasthan, Jodhpur has long attracted both the domestic and outside tourist. It not only offers tangibles, in terms of what you can see and buy but also fills one with a sense of history and the splendours of an era gone by. The hospitality of the locals, the demure women, and the colourful turbans -all set against the beloved desert (Marwar) is something to feel, not just see. Every pore of Jodhpur tells its own tales of heroic deeds that made legends out of kings and soldiers, romances that continue to warm the heart and a time when epics were lived out on the streets by everyday man. Later proceed for half day city tour of Jodhpur visit the Meherangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone hill. The palace apartments like Sukh Mahal, Phool Mahal, and Sheesh Mahal etc are beautifully decorated and house Jewellery, costumes, armoury, palanquins, howdahs and other remnants of the past. See the Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II built in 1899. Later the royal crematorium and three other cenotaphs were also built here. Also visit Sardar Bazaar and Clock Tower markets where you can see the vegetable, spice, Indian sweets, and textile and silver markets. These colourful markets with tiny shops dot the narrow lanes replete with woodcarvings, wrought iron, lacquer work, silver and ivory ornamentation and leather handicrafts. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

## **Day.6**

### **JODHPUR – RANAKPUR – MOUNT ABU (300 KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Mount Abu enroute visiting Ranakpur – is the largest Jain temple complex in India and dates to the 15th century. The main temple is dedicated to Adinath, the first Tirthankar. Intricate carvings detail mythological figures, patterns and motifs on the walls, pillars and domes. There are 1444 ornately carved marble pillars in the complex and none of them are similar. The beautiful lace-like interiors of the domes are a superb example of western Indian temple style. Surya temple and other Jain temples are side attractions. (Temples open only at 1200 Hrs. Leather belts, footwear, bare legs and black clothing not allowed) Later continue to drive to Mount Abu; Arrive Mount Abu and transfer to your hotel At 1200 meters, Mt. Abu is the highest point of the Aravalli Range passing through Rajasthan. The only hill resort of Rajasthan, it is built around a lake and is surrounded by forested hills. According to a legend, the place derives its name from Arbuda, a serpent who descended to the spot to rescue Shiva's bull, Nandi. Besides having all the features of a pleasant hill resort, Mount Abu is also a centre of pilgrimage for Jains on account of the famous Dilwara Temples. There are interesting treks and picnic spots, romantic royal retreats of various erstwhile royal families, and some relics of the Raj period. Later proceed for city tour of Mount Abu. Visit the breath taking Dilwara temples, among the finest examples of Jain architecture with their superb marble carving. The complex consists of five temples built between the eleventh and thirteenth century. The intricate ornamental carvings here represent the

great heights reached in stone decoration. Also visit Nakki Lake, and see the strange rock formations around it including Toad Rock. The Achalgarh fort has the famous Achaleshwar temple and also provides superb views of the area. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.7

#### **MOUNT ABU – UDAIPUR (200 KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Udaipur; arrive Udaipur and transfer to your hotel. Set on the shores of Lake Pichola and surrounded by hills, Udaipur grew in complete contrast to the harsh deserts of the rest of Rajasthan. As capital of the old Mewar State it was the only Rajput stronghold to uphold its Hindu allegiance in the face of Muslim invasion. This fairy – tale city, with its marble palaces and lakes surrounded by a ring of hills, was founded by Maharana Udai Singh in 1559. The city is dominated by massive City Palace, which overlooks Lake Pichola with its romantic island palaces. Picturesque havelis, ghats and temples line the lake front, with the lively bazaars of the old walled city stretching behind them. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.8

#### **IN UDAIPUR**

After breakfast proceed for half day city tour of Udaipur – visiting the City Palace and Museum. The largest palace complex in India, it is a blend of Mughal and Rajput influences. Also see the 17th century Jagdish temple, drive around the Fatehsagar Lake, and visit the Sahelion ki Bari (the Garden for the Maids of Honour), an ornamental pleasure garden with fountains and marble kiosks. Later visit the Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandir or the Folk Art Museum. Later in the evening take a boat ride on the 4 km long and 3 km wide Lake Pichola, which is fringed with hills, palaces, havelis, ghats, embankments and temples and offers spectacular views of the city. Visit the Jag Mandir Island with its exquisite Gul Mahal Pavilion. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

### Day.9

#### **UDAIPUR – CHITTORGARH – RANTHAMBORE (450 KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Ranthambore enroute visiting Chittorgarh, said to have been originally built by Bhim, one of the Pandavas. Though deserted now, impressive reminders of its grandeur still stand. See Rana Kumbha's palace and Fateh Prakash palace. Visit the 37 m high Jaya Stambh (Tower of Victory) built by Rana Kumbha to commemorate his victory over Khiljis of Malwa in 1440. Also see the 22 m high Keerti Stambh or Tower of Fame, dedicated to Adinath and decorated with figures of various Jain tirthankars. Later continue to drive to Ranthambore; Arrive Ranthambore and transfer to your hotel. The park is one of the finest tiger reserves in the country where more visitors spending a couple of nights are likely to spot one of these majestic animals. Once, private tiger reserve of the Maharaja of Jaipur, in 1972 the sanctuary came under the Project Tiger scheme. It covers 410 sq. km and runs from the easternmost spur of the Aravalli to the Vindhya Range. It has both the old for and the wildlife sanctuary, also known as Sawai Madhopur, after the town, which has some Jain temples with gilded paintings. Apart from tiger you can see herds of Chital and Sambar deer and sounds of wild boar, Nilgai antelope and

Chinkara gazelles. There is also sloth bear, a few leopards and crocodiles. Extensive bird life includes spur flown, jungle forwl, partridges, quails, crested serpent eagle, woodpeckers, flycatchers etc. There are also water birds like storks, ducks and geese at the lakes and waterholes. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

**Day.10**

### **IN RANTHAMBORE**

Early morning Game Drive [Not included in the quote] into the Park where your naturalist will talk to you about the wildlife found in this Park. Ranthambhore National Park is probably the best place in the world to see wild tigers and is the only dry deciduous tiger habitat in the world. In game drive your naturalist will help you explore the park in the search of The Royal Bengal Tiger. After Game Drive, return to the hotel for breakfast. Afternoon Game Drive [Not included in the quote] to Ranthambore National Park. Overnight at Hotel

**Meals:**Breakfast

**Day.11**

### **RANTHAMBORE – DEPART JAIPUR (200 KMS)**

After breakfast drive to Jaipur; Arrive Jaipur and in time transfer to Jaipur Airport / Railway Station to board your flight / train for onward destination

**Meals:**Breakfast

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## **Inclusions**

- \*10Nights accommodation basis at the hotel mentioned above or similar category of alternate hotels. .
- \*Meal Plan – Daily buffet breakfast at all the hotels..
- \*Representative for assistance on arrival and departure transfers.
- \*Welcome drink on arrival..
- \*All transfers, city tours and transport services by AC VEHICLE All India Tourist permit vehicle as per the above itinerary..
- \*Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes. .
- \*All hotel taxes except GST.

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## **Exclusions**

- \*MONUMENTS Entrance Fee..
- \*Services of English Speaking Local Guide.
- \*Elephant Ride or Jeep Ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur..
- \*Tonga Ride in Bikaner. .
- \*Game Drive at Ranthambore National Park in Ranthambore. .
- \*Camel Ride on Sand Dunes in Jaisalmer..
- \*Jeep Safari in Jodhpur.
- \*Common Boat Ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur..
- \*Anything which is not mentioned under “INCLUDES” header..

\*Optional Tours which is not mentioned in the itinerary..

\*Expense of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, insurance medical expenses, airport departure tax etc.Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions.

\*International or Domestic airfare / Train Fare.

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## Hotel Details & Price

Hotel Name	Star	Twin Sharing	Child With Bed	Child Without Bed
Standard	2	Rs.33,500	Rs.12,800	Rs.11,300
Deluxe	3	Rs.41,200	Rs.15,600	Rs.14,100
Super deluxe	2	Rs.49,900	Rs.23,600	Rs.21,600

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## Highlights

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## Sightseeing

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## Terms & Conditions

\*Check in time is 1400 hrs and Check out time is 1200 AM. Early check-in / late check-out are subject to Availability..

\*All confirmations are subject to availability at the time of booking. No change is permissible once tour is Started.

\*This proposal is valid for the said dates/months; prices are subject to change without prior notice.

\*Any damages caused to the hotel rooms / coach during your stay, shall be borne by the concerned Passengers..

\*The company shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss of baggage, loss, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out tour arrangements due to weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine or any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expenses must be borne by the passengers..

\*There are no refunds for any services i.e. meals, sightseeing, etc. not utilized on your tour..

\*On days when certain attractions, sights, monuments, museums, etc. are closed, the Tour Manager Reserves the right to amend the Itinerary / cancel the visit..

- \*The above cost is valid for a minimum of two people travelling together..
- \*2.5% bank charges would be levied on all payments made by credit card..
- \*Rates are not valid during the festivals, fairs, special events, Higher Rates will apply peak period, blackout dates, Carnival etc..
- \*Above is a tentative proposed itinerary. Final itinerary will be given after confirmation of the tour programmed..
- \*The above quotation has been based on specific hotels. In case the hotel rooms are not available as specified above the alternate hotels will be suggested. The difference in cost is payable extra...
- \*Service and other taxes mentioned above are as per prevailing rates from Govt Of India. Should there be any changes in it, the same will be notified and levied accordingly..
- \*Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, which is directly payable on the spot)..
- \*In Delhi Red Fort Remain Closed on Every Monday & In Agra Taj Mahal Remain Closed on Every Friday..