

SPLENDID RAJASTHAN - 16 Days / 15 Nights

From USD 1410 onwards

Tour Code
GITC/IB/009

DELHI MANDAWA BIKANER JAISALMER JODHPUR RANAKPUR UDAIPUR AJMER PUSHKAR JAIPUR AGRA							
CATEGORY	PERIOD	MEAL PLAN	PRICE PER PERSON			MIN. PAX	FROM - TO
			1/2 DBL	SGL SUPPL	1/3 TPL		
Superior	04/01/06 - 09/03/06	BB	1410	474	1338	02	Delhi - Delhi
Superior	10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/07 - 03/31/07	BB	1746	690	1612	02	Delhi - Delhi
Superior	12/16/06 - 01/15/07	BB	1746	690	1612	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	04/01/06 - 09/30/06	BB	1674	720	1538	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	10/01/06 - 12/15/06 01/16/07 - 03/31/07	BB	2220	1014	1962	02	Delhi - Delhi
Deluxe	12/16/06 - 01/15/07	BB	2220	1014	1962	02	Delhi - Delhi

DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. You will be greeted and assisted at the Airport by GITC representative and transferred to the hotel. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 02 : DELHI – MANDAWA

[242 kms/ 6 1/2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and proceed to Mandawa. The semi-desert Shekhawati region is renowned for its magnificent painted *havelis*. The region also boasts of the Rajasthan fort, a couple of minor castles, distinctive wells, tombs and a handful of interesting mosques. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Afternoon enjoy a camel ride.

DAY 03 : MANDAWA – BIKANER

[175 kms/ 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Bikaner. Bikaner's finest sight is its fort, with dazzlingly rich interiors. Close to the fort lies the old walled city, with dark-red sandstone *havelis* and some exquisitely painted Jain temples. Bikaner was founded in 1488 by Rao Bika and was an important staging post on the great caravan trade routes. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Later, sightseeing of city covering Junagarh Fort, cenotaph and Camel breeding Farms.

DAY 04 : BIKANER – JAISALMER

[355 kms/ 9 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Jaisalmer. Jaisalmer, an important ancient trading centre because of its strategic location on the camel trade routes, is also known 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 Rajput ruler Jaisala in the 12th century stands on the 80-meter high Trikuta hill. Check in at hotel for 02

nights.

DAY 05 : JAISALMER

Breakfast. Proceed for sightseeing of Jaisalmer city. Visit the famous Jaisalmer Fort, Jain temples, Salim Singh-ki-Haveli and Nathmal-ki-Haveli & Sam Sand dunes (42 kms). At Sam, enjoy camel ride in sunset.

DAY 06 : JAISALMER – JODHPUR

[305 kms/ 7 1/2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and drive to Jodhpur. Jodhpur, the second largest city of Rajasthan, at the edge of the Thar Desert was once the capital of the Marwar state and was founded in 1459 AD by Rao Jodha - chief of the Rajput clan. Jodhpur's huge fort Meherangarh dominates the city, growing out of a rocky ridge, with an otherworldly palace poking above its awesome walls. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 07 : JODHPUR

Breakfast. Sightseeing of Jodhpur City. Visit Meherangarh Fort; Jaswant Thada - the graceful marble cenotaph of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II; Mandore Gardens - where you will find the cenotaphs of Jodhpur's former rulers, Clock Tower & walk through the old city.

DAY 08 : JODHPUR - RANAKPUR

[180 kms/ 4 hrs]
Breakfast. Proceed to Ranakpur. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Visit the famous Jain temple of Ranakpur which is one of India's largest and an incredible piece of architecture. The temple complex built in milk-white marble has a complicated series of 29 halls, supported by a forest of 1444 pillars - no two alike.

DAY 09 : RANAKPUR – UDAIPUR

[90 kms/ 2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and proceed to Udaipur, Rajasthan's most romantic city. Jagniwas, the Lake Palace Hotel island, is about 1.5 hectares in size,

completely covered by the palace built by Maharaja Jagat Singh II in 1754 and is the finest example of Rajasthan's architectural and cultural explosion. Udaipur is also the centre for performing arts, craft and its famous miniature paintings. Check in at hotel for 02 nights. Evening, enjoy boat ride at Pichola Lake.

DAY 10 : UDAIPUR

Breakfast. Sightseeing tour of Udaipur. Visit City Palace, which towers over the Pichola Lake; Pratap Memorial, Jagdish Temple & Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum.

DAY 11 : UDAIPUR - AJMER - PUSHKAR

[295 kms/ 7 1/2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and proceed to Pushkar by road. Pushkar is famous for the Lord Brahma Temple and camel fair, also called as Pushkar Fair. Pushkar is also an important religious place for Hindus. En route visit Ajmer, which is one of India's most important Muslim pilgrimage centers, containing the fascinating shrine of Khwaja Muinud-din Chishti. Check in at hotel for 01 night.

DAY 12 : PUSHKAR - JAIPUR

[150 kms/ 3 1/2 hrs]
Breakfast. Check out and proceed for sightseeing of Pushkar. Visit Brahma Temple, Savitri Temple overlooking the lake, which can be reached after one-hour trek and Papa Mochani Temple. Later, drive to Jaipur. Check in at hotel for 01 night. Sightseeing tour of this Pink City. Drive past the Hawa Mahal, visit the City Palace, Museum and the Observatory Jantar Mantar built by the Maharaja Jai Singh.

DAY 13 : JAIPUR - FATEHPUR

SIKRI - AGRA [235 kms/ 6 hrs]

Breakfast. Check out and proceed for Amber Fort. Enjoy elephant ride at the fort. Later drive to Agra. En route visit the fairy tale city of Fatehpur Sikri which was also the short lived capital of the Mughal empire between 1571 and 1585, during the reign of Emperor Akbar. Visit Palace of Jodh Bai, Panch Mahal, Shaikh Salim Chishti's tomb & the Buland Darwaza. Check in at hotel for 01 night.

DAY 14 : AGRA - DELHI [203 kms/ 4 1/2 hrs]

Breakfast. Check out and visit the famous Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial for his wife, Mumtaz. This symbol of love constructed over 22 years in white marble is one of the finest examples of Indo-Saracenic Architecture and is one of the seven wonders of the world. Later visit the Agra Fort built by Emperor Akbar in 1565. Afterwards, drive to Delhi. Check in at hotel for 02 nights.

DAY 15 : DELHI

Sprawling on the banks of river Yamuna, Delhi, the capital of India, typifies the soul of the country. The city conceals within its bosom the remains of civilizations that flourished over the last 3000 years. Breakfast. Sightseeing of Old & New Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, the resting place of the father of the nation, India Gate - a World War I memorial; drive past Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Indian Parliament & Qutab Minar. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 16 : DELHI

On time transfer to Delhi Airport to connect flight for onward destination.

Tour Concludes!



Map not to scale



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INCLUSIONS : 15 nights accommodation in double room on twin sharing basis on BB plan. All transfers, sightseeing and excursions as per the itinerary in A/c medium car. Service of a local English speaking guide wherever applicable. Camel ride at Mandawa & Jaisalmer. Elephant ride at Amber Fort. Boating at Pichola Lake. Entrance tickets. Arrival & departure assistance. All currently applicable taxes (any Govt. or State taxes subsequently introduced will be extra.) EXCLUSIONS : Expenses of a personal nature such as hard/soft drinks, still/video camera fees at monuments, laundry, phone/fax, tips & gratuities and travel insurance. Flight tickets. Any increase in fuel costs. Any other item not mentioned in the above clause 'inclusions'. Xmas and New Year eve supplement.