

# Land of Kings and Queens

This custom tour of beautiful Rajasthan is specifically designed for female travelers including female solo travelers. We will take every effort to ensure you have a safe and smooth trip, and that you experience authentic Indian culture. We will recommend charming haveli hotels, small boutique inns, and friendly guest house. And we will suggest local experiences that support the community and offer you memorable experiences of incredible India!



# Day 01 – Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi and we will meet you! We will also help ensure you get a local SIM card and set you up with some WhatsApp numbers so that we can be in contact 24/7.

There will be a private chauffeur driven car to take you to hotel or guest house. Rest of the day is free to get over jet lag (depending on when you arrive).

Accommodation options in Delhi include staying with a local family in a safe, clean bed-and-breakfast.

# Day 02 – Delhi

Let's get to know Delhi, one of the oldest and most historic cities on earth -- which is also one of the greenest capital cities in the world.

We will start with a tour of Old Delhi that will take you into the heart of this fascinating, chaotic, and crowded area. We will see temples, mosques, and gurudwaras, plus visit Asia's biggest spice market and explore the alleys of Chandni Chowk via bicycle rickshaw.

Later drive through Lutyen's Delhi -- India Gate, Parliament, Rashtrapati Bhavan -- and visit Humayun's Tomb. If time permits, we can either stroll in Lodhi Garden or drive to Qutab Minar.

#### **Optional activities:**

Street foods walk of Old Delhi Photographic walk of Delhi Bicycle tour of Old Delhi Street art walk of Lodhi art district Cooking demo along with dinner Yoga session

# Day 03 – Delhi – Alsisar (215 kms/ 4-5 hrs)

Drive to Alsisar and explore the haveli architecture of Shekhawati region. Shekhawati is a lesser known area in Rajasthan that is famous for traditional havelis, covered in ornate art work.

# Day 04 – Alsisar – Bikaner (235 kms/ 5 hrs)

Drive to Bikaner and visit Junagarh Fort. Rest of the day is free at leisure.

Accommodation options in Bikaner include staying in India's first zero-waste guest house or a grand palace hotel.

# Day 05 – Bikaner

In Bikaner, we will explore the old bazaar and local crafts, with a stop at The Charkha, a store that sells Khadi textiles. Khadi is handspun cloth, and this dying art was recently revived in the Bikaner area.

#### **Optional activities:**

Visit to Karni Mata Temple (known as Rat Temple). Village tour to understand local life and the khadi ecosystem.

# Day 05 – Bikaner – Jaisalmer (330 kms/ 6 hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Jaisalmer. Arrive Jaisalmer and rest of the day is free to relax. Jaisalmer is a favourite location in India for adventurous travelers, artists, and dreamers. A sand-castle like fort rises from the desert, and everything shimmers in gold sandstone. This town was once an important stop on the Spice Route, and it's glory days are etched in stone.

Accommodation options in Jaisalmer include staying in a traditional haveli style hotel inside the 11th century fort.



# Day 06 – Jaisalmer

Explore Jaisalmer Fort in the morning covering City Palace and Jain temples. Enjoy camel ride at sand dunes in the evening.

#### **Optional activities:**

Visit abandoned village of Kuldhara also known as ghost town. Kuldhara was abandoned by its own people and they cursed the town that no one will ever be able to settle down in this village

Cooking demo along with dinner / lunch hosted by a local family who lives inside the fort

# Day 07 – Jaisalmer – Jodhpur (280 kms/ 5-6 hrs)

Drive to Jodhpur and rest of the day is free to explore the markets.

### Day 08 – Jodhpur

Visit Mehrangarh Fort and nearby Rao Jodha Desert Rock Park. Mehrangarh is one of the great forts of India, and Rao Jodha Park was rewilded to restore the natural ecology. Explore stepwells of Jodhpur and the famous Clock Tower Market.

Accommodation options in Jodhpur area include a village homestay in an ancestral fort.

**Optional activities:** Bishnoi Village visit and stop at an authentic homestay Heritage walk of Old Town Cooking demo along with dinner / lunch Tie-dye workshop Visit woman's co-operative

# Day 09 – Jodhpur – Udaipur (265 kms/ 5 hrs)

Drive to Udaipur visiting Ranakpur Jain temple en-route. Arrive Udaipur and check in at the hotel. Udaipur is one of the world's most romantic cities. The magical Lake Palace Hotel shimmers in the centre of Lake Pichola and graceful havelis line the banks. It's a joy just to be in this illustrious city, to take a boat ride at sunset, or walk through the busy market in the morning.

Accommodation options in Udaipur include haveli style hotel with glorious lake view.



# Day 10 – Udaipur

Start your day with a visit to City Palace, crystal gallery and Jagdish temple. Later enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola and a drive to the Monsoon Palace, overlooking the city.

# Optional activities:Dhar-Ubeshwar TrekOld City Heritage walkJal Sanjhi workshop – Art of painting where water is the canvasCooking demo along with dinner / lunchLake loop bicycle tourTemple tour of famous Eklingji and NagdaVisit woman's co-operative

# Day 11 – Udaipur – Pushkar (280 kms/ 6 hrs)

Drive to Pushkar. Pushkar is a small, sacred town with a relaxed vibe. There are things to see and do here ... but chilling in a rooftop lounge is one of the most satisfying. Explore the market and visit the Pushkar Lake along with Brahma Temple -- the only Brahma Temple in India. Walk up (or take cable car) to Savitri Mata temple for sunset (known as paradise for photographers).

# Day 12 – Pushkar – Jaipur (150 kms/ 03 hrs)

Get up at dawn and see the sunrise at Pushkar Lake. After breakfast, drive to Jaipur and rest of the day is free to relax.

#### **Optional activities:**

Yoga session in Pushkar

Visit of Rose Farms

Visit of Sufi Shrine Ajmer Sharif



# Day 13 – Jaipur

Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan, and it was recently awarded UNESCO World Heritage City status. It's a large city with a rich, historical past full of chivalry and fable. Shopping is a favourite activity as the city is famous for gems, jewelry, leather shoes called juttis, and block printed textiles, among other treasures.

Start your day with a visit to splendid Amer Fort, on a plateau that overlooks the city. Later visit City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) and Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). Evening is free to explore markets, especially Johri Bazaar.

#### **Optional activities:**

High tea at Nahargarh Jaipur City Dawn Tour Block Printing workshop in Bagru Village Street Food Walk Patangbazi in Old Town Glimpse of Bollywood – Watch a Bollywood movie in heritage cinema along with Bollywood dance workshop Cooking demo along with dinner / lunch

# Day 14 – Jaipur – Delhi (270 kms/ 6 hrs)

Drive to Delhi to connect with your departure flight.



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