



Holiday in Rajasthan



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The Desert Square

7 Nights / 8 Days

Delhi – Mandawa – Bikaner – Jaisalmer – Jodhpur – Jaipur – Delhi

Day 01 : Delhi

Arrive Delhi, meet & assistance at the airport, check Inn at hotel. Later proceed for Sightseeing tour of Delhi.

OLD DELHI - A sight-seeing tour of Old Delhi would entail visiting the Raj Ghat - the memorial site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated; Jama Masjid - the largest mosque in India.

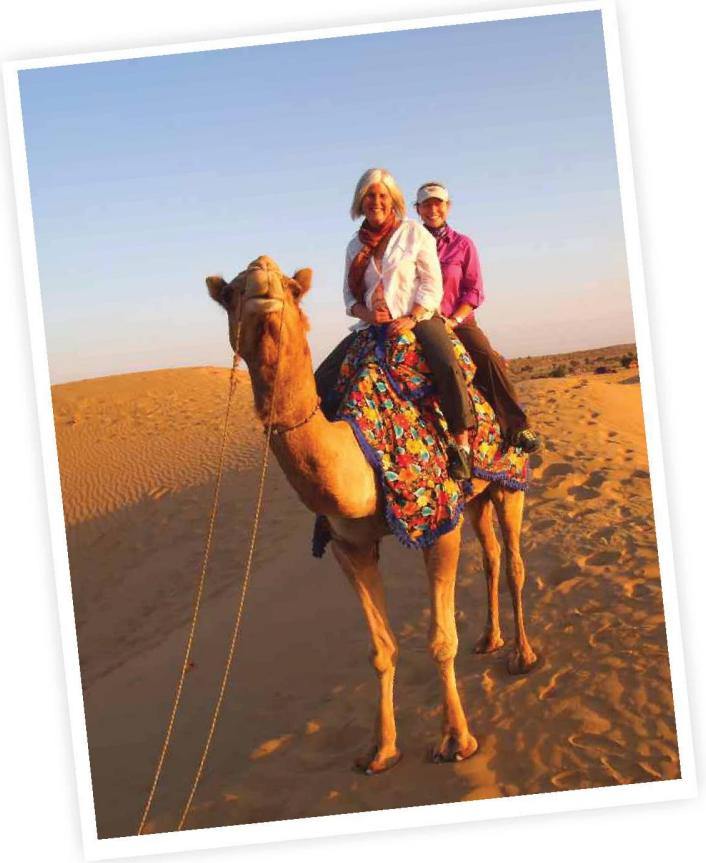
NEW DELHI - An extensive sight-seeing tour of New Delhi would include a visit to the Qutub Minar, a drive along the ceremonial avenue - Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House, the President's Residence and would end with a drive through the Diplomatic Enclave. After Sightseeing drive to Jaipur. Arrive Jaipur & check in at hotel. Night stay in Jaipur

Day 02 : Delhi - Mandawa (by road)

Morning after breakfast drive to Mandawa enroute visit Samode. The palace is renowned for its Shekhawati style paintings. The paintings of Dewan - I - Khas too are marvelous. However, the piece-de-resistance of Samode Palace is the magnificent 300-year-old Durbar Hall or Sheesh Mahal, which is renowned for its lattice work. The palace is surrounded by hills, which makes for a truly picturesque setting. On top of the palace is the fort and to reach the fort a flight of 300 steps have to be encountered before one can reach the fort. A visit to Samode is incomplete without visiting the beautifully landscaped garden of Samode Bagh. This is an exquisite Mughal garden. Continue drive to Mandawa. Arrive Mandawa & check-in at hotel. Night stay in Mandawa

Day 03 : Mandawa - Bikaner (by road)

Morning after breakfast check-out from the hotel & visit Mandawa, founded 1755 by Thakur Nawal Singh and still the home of his descendants has beautiful frescoes, Havelis and mansions. Mandawa castle one of the finest castles of Rajasthan, is now a hotel and house of collection of armories, costumes of ancestors, canons from 1820 ancient coins, numismatic collection and many other interesting items, preserved in a museum. After sightseeing drive to Bikaner. Arrive Bikaner & check-in hotel. Night stay in Bikaner.



Day 04 : Bikaner - Jaisalmer (by road)

Morning after breakfast check-out from the hotel & proceed for city sightseeing tour of Bikaner. Bikaner is named after its founder Rao Bika Ji in 1488. But long before this, the city was trade center on the caravan routes from Africa and West Asia. Bikaner's dominant features are rippling sands and abundant sunshine. The city stands on an elevation, enclosed by a 7 Kms wall, which can be entered from 5 gates. Bikaner City is bolstered by imposing walls and has a 16th century fort housing old palaces, temples and mosque. Founded by Raja Rai Singh the fort is distinguished by its long range of 37 pavilions, a line of balconies and aerial windows of varying designs. Also visit Lallgarh Palace, the museum, and Bhandra Sagar Jain and Deshnoke Rat temple. After sightseeing drive to Jaisalmer. Arrive Jaisalmer & check-in hotel. Evening enjoy camel ride at SAND DUNES. Night stay in Jaisalmer.

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Day 05 : Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (by road)

Morning after breakfast check-out from the hotel & proceed for city sightseeing tour of Jaisalmer visiting the burnished sandstone Jaisalmer; Throbbing in the heart of the Thar, is an intricately molded wonderland in place of a barren land, today stands a city of gilded magic. The origins of Jaisalmer go back to the 12th century, when Rawal Jaisal abandoned his old fort at Ludarwa and laid the foundation of a new city. Visit the magnificent fort, the Patwon Ki Haveli (Mansion) and Salim Singh Ki Haveli, with their carved balconies and brackets, which are supreme examples of the art. After sightseeing drive to Jodhpur. Arrive Jodhpur & check-in hotel. Night stay in Jodhpur.

Day 06 : Jodhpur - Jaipur

Morning after breakfast check-out from the hotel & proceed for city sightseeing tour of Prince Jodha founded city Jodhpur - the stronghold of the fierce Rathore clan, in 1459. Visit the Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone hill. Within the fort, visit Moti Mahal and Phool Mahal. Also visit Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble cenotaph, built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II around 1899 and Umaid Public gardens. Later straight drive to Jaipur; Check Inn at hotel. Night Stay in Jaipur.

Day 07 : Jaipur

Morning after breakfast check-out from hotel & proceed for excursion to Amber Fort. Elephant ride ascent to the fort.

AMBER FORT PALACE - Amber is the classic romantic Rajasthani fort palace. Its construction was started by Man Singh I in 1592, and completed by his descendent Jai Singh I. Its forbidding exterior belies an inner paradise where a beautiful fusion of Mughal and Hindu styles finds its ultimate expression.

CITY PALACE - A delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture, the City Palace sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city. It houses the Chandra Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Temple and the City Palace Museum.

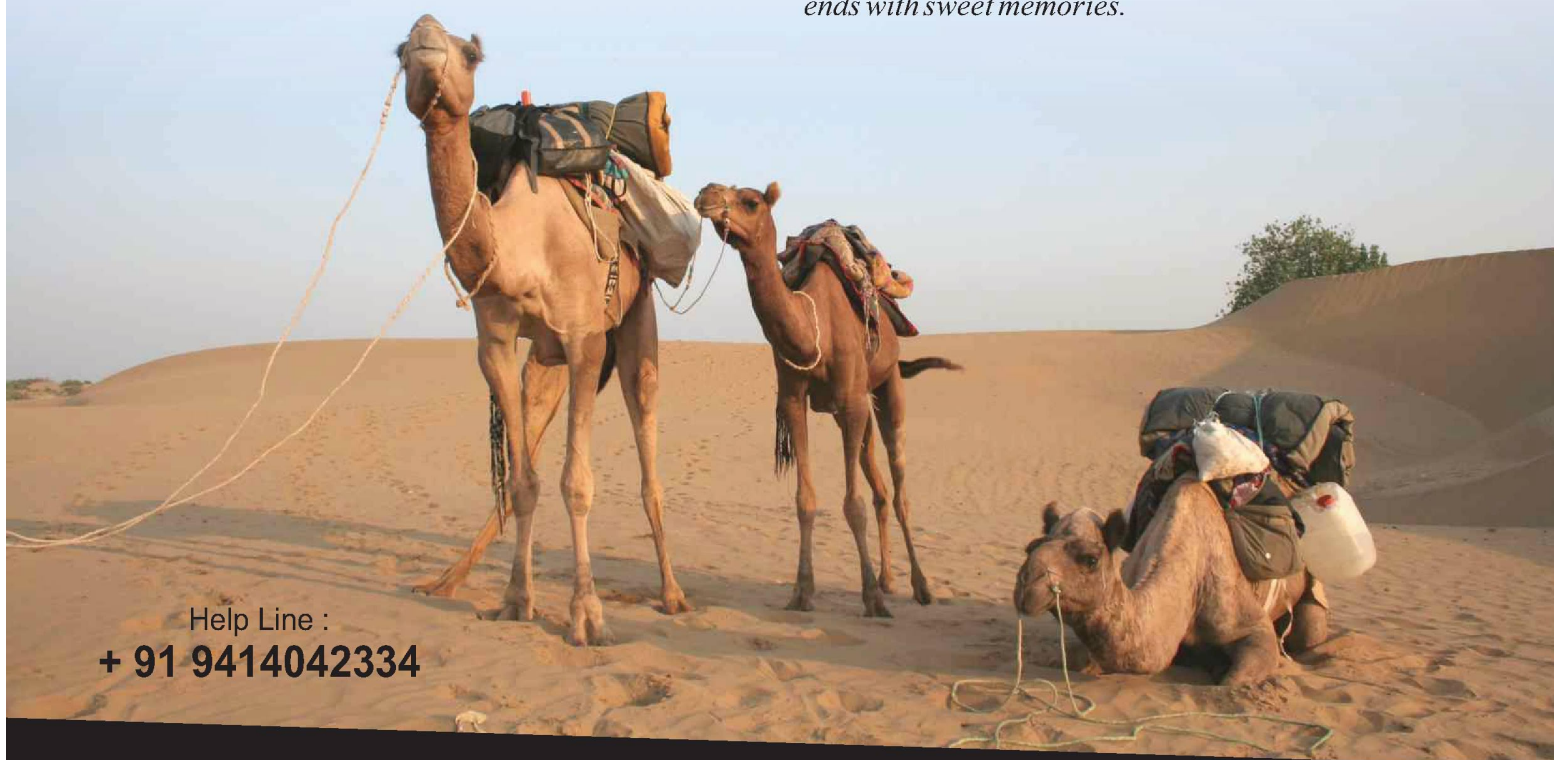
JANTAR MANTAR - This is the largest and the best preserved of the five observatories built by Jai Singh II in different parts of the country. This observatory consisting of outsized astronomical instruments is still in use **HAWA MAHAL** - The ornamental facade of this Palace of Winds is a prominent landmark in Jaipur. Their five-storey structures of sandstone plastered pink encrusted with fine trelliswork and elaborate balconies. The palace has 953 niches and windows. Built in 1799 by Pratap Singh, the Mahal was a royal grandstand for the palace women. After sightseeing drive to Nawalgarh. Arrive Nawalgarh & check-in hotel. Night stay in Jaipur.

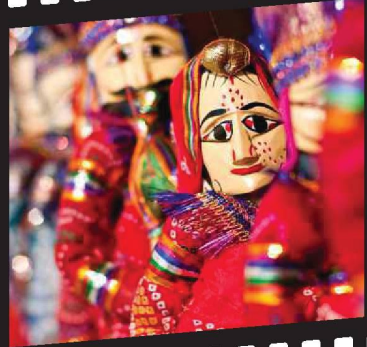
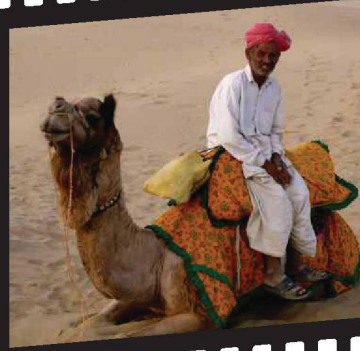
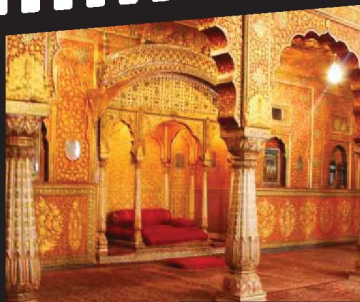
Day 08 : Jaipur - Delhi

Morning after breakfast, straight drive to Delhi.. Tour ends with sweet memories.

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