

Rajasthan In A Responsible Way

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Day 1

DAY 01 || ARRIVE DELHI || INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Namaste and welcome to the capital city of India! Upon arrival in Delhi you will be met and assisted by our company representative at airport. After traditional welcome transfer to your hotel. Overnight at The Imperial (Colonial Luxury).

Day 2

DAY 02 || DELHI

Begin your day with Private guided walking tour of Old Delhi exploring heritage and bazaar walk, participate in local activities and interact with locals, enjoy rickshaw ride, visit traditional house, spice market and temple visit. In the afternoon visit New Delhi - the imperial city created by the British as the capital of India. In 1911, Edwin Lutyens, the most renowned English architect of the day, was chosen to design New Delhi. You will drive past the Rashtrapathi Bhawan is where the Viceroy once lived and now is the official residence of the President of India and India Gate, a war memorial arch built in honor of 90,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. Later visit Humayun's Tomb & Qutub Minar (a UNESCO World Heritage site), a soaring tower of victory which is 72.5 metres high and has five distinct stories & tour ends with a visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib (Sikh temple), is one of the most prominent Sikh places of worship in India. Known for its golden dome and serene Sarovar (holy pond), the Gurudwara welcomes visitors of all faiths and backgrounds, offering a peaceful space for reflection and devotion. What truly sets this site apart is its community kitchen, known as Langar, which serves free vegetarian meals to thousands of people every day - regardless of religion, caste, gender, or social status. This selfless service is a core part of the Sikh faith, based on the principles of equality, humility, and community service. All are welcome to observe or even participate in the preparation or serving of the meals, offering a meaningful glimpse into the spirit of Seva (selfless service). The scale of operations and the deep sense of hospitality and unity make this experience both humbling and inspiring. A visit to Gurudwara Bangla Sahib is not only a cultural highlight but also a chance to witness the power of compassion and collective effort in action. Overnight at The Imperial (Colonial Luxury). Note: Old Delhi walking tour is an experiential tour with the duration of 3.5 to 4 hours. All the relevant details will be provided once the trip is booked.

Day 3

DAY 03 || DELHI - AGRA || 240 KMS / 4 HRS

Today you will be heading to Agra enroute visit to SOS wildlife rescue centre to engage yourself with bear; wildlife SOS leads conservation and rescue efforts to protect endangered vulnerable sloth bears, Asiatic black bears, brown bears, and moon bears in India. With approximately 300 bears in our care at 6 sanctuaries throughout India, Wildlife SOS continues to study and care for wild bear populations. Continue drive to Agra; is the city of the inimitable TAJ MAHAL. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. After freshen-up visit Agra Fort-built by Mughal emperor Akbar to commemorate his victory in war. Overnight at ITC Mughal

Day 4

DAY 04 || AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI - ABHANERI - JAIPUR || 235 KMS / 5 HRS

Sunrise visit to world famous Taj Mahal- (closed on Fridays) built by Mughal emperor Shahjahan in the memory of his beautiful wife Mumtaz. After breakfast, check out and drive to Jaipur enroute Fatehpur Sikri, once the seat of Mughal legacy and the other, an abandoned city glowing red under the sun, Fatehpur Sikri - the deserted red sandstone city was built by the great mughal emperor, Akbar, as his capital and palace in the late 16th century is just 37 Kms from Agra. Then proceed to visit to Abhaneri, Chand Baori (stepwell) in Abhaneri village (approx. 125 Kms- 2.5 Hrs). It was built by King Chanda of the Nikumbha Dynasty in 9th century AD. One of the largest step wells in the world, Chand Baori was built to conserve water and provide a respite from the intense heat. Continue drive to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as 'The Pink City' for the color of the buildings in its wonderful old city. This Buzzing metropolis is certainly a place of wild contrasts and is a feast for the eyes. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Evening enjoy cooking demonstration followed by Dinner with local family. Overnight at ITC Rajputana (5*).

Day 5

DAY 05 || JAIPUR

After breakfast proceed to Amber Fort, and enroute a short picture stop at Hawa Mahal the Palace of Winds which just a façade but very attractive and city is least crowded on road. Continue your visit to City Palace and Observatory. In the afternoon learn traditional Rajasthani block printing that involves hand-carved wooden blocks to stamp intricate designs onto cotton fabric. This technique is deeply rooted in Rajasthan's culture, especially in Jaipur, Bagru, and Sanganer. Create everlasting memories and take home memories created all by you! Return to the hotel. Overnight at ITC Rajputana (5*).

Day 6

DAY 06 || JAIPUR - SAPOTRA || 175 KMS / 4 HRS

Today head towards Ramathra Fort, Sapotra - a charming fort-palace hotel nestled in the serene countryside of rural Rajasthan, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and a vibrant lake abundant with birdlife. What sets this unique destination apart from other fort-palaces is its remarkable remoteness, providing an authentic escape into nature. The fort is encircled by a robust perimeter wall adorned with parapets, and its ramparts present stunning vistas of the lush farmlands below. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Later you can choose to spend the remainder of the day unwinding or engaging in a variety of activities and excursions organized by the hotel (available at an additional cost). Kalisil Lake, located nearby, serves as a rich feeding ground for a diverse array of birds, including ducks, storks, and cormorants, which flock to the area each winter. For those interested in birdwatching or exploring the area, a two- to three-seater boat equipped with paddles and life vests is available. This experience allows you to search for crocodile dens and potentially spot crocodiles in their natural habitat. Jeep safaris departing from the fort traverse the Daang plateau, which stretches from the Chambal Valley to Ranthambore, showcasing its dramatic badlands and opportunities for wildlife sightings. These safaris lead to several remarkable sites, including Utgir Fort, ancient cave temples, and the picturesque Chuaki gorge. Additionally, guests may embark on a walking tour of Ramathra village, a quaint hamlet inhabited by farmers and herders, untouched by commercialization. Among the village's numerous shrines, the Ganesh Mandir and Shiva Mandir offer a profound glimpse into

the local religious life and cultural heritage. Overnight at Ramathra Fort, Sapotra (Heritage).

Day 7

DAY 07 || SAPOTRA - RANTHAMBORE || 58 KMS / 1 HR 30 MINS

After breakfast get ready for guided Walk to Experience the lifestyle of the surrounding villages and explore their beauty. Later return back to hotel and drive to Ranthambore - a vast wildlife reserve near the town of Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan. Khem Villas have planted indigenous trees and created small water bodies and converted this vast, open grassland into a natural habitat. Today, it is not uncommon to see jackals, jungle cats, hyenas, desert foxes, and crocodiles, within the grasslands and around your luxury Hampstead. Khem Villas has also become a bird watcher's paradise. The camps provide peace and tranquility within their luxurious and very personal atmosphere. At Khem Villas, you can experience different activities like Organic Farm visit, Camel ride at local village, Campfire by the lake (October to March every year). The Age Veda Spa is where you can connect with nature in spirit and body. You can beat the heat of the summer in the air-conditioned comfort of their bar, and in winter there is nothing to beat the campfire and the natural surroundings of Khem Villas. Upon arrival check into hotel. Afternoon Support local artisans by engaging with the Tribal Women Craft Industries, contributing to responsible tourism through the purchase of authentic crafts. Overnight at Khemvilas (5*).

Day 8

DAY 08 || RANTHAMBORE

Morning enjoy a well-organized Ranthambore exclusive Jeep safari, ensuring a positive impact on the local community and wildlife conservation efforts. Afternoon another round by exclusive Jeep safari to explore the diverse landscapes of Ranthambore National Park, where expert guides provide educational and memorable wildlife encounters. Overnight at Khemvilas (5*).

Day 9

DAY 09 || RANTHAMBORE - SHAHPURA || 210 KMS / 4 HRS

After breakfast drive to Shahpura Bagh, set in 40 acres of nature in two restored bungalows, a beautiful pool with deck made for lounging partly in water. The Shahpura Bagh experience is a boutique mansion stay, luxurious and stylish. Arrive at Shahpura Bagh, check in, and enjoy a guided tour of the property. In the afternoon, visit a nearby village to observe the lifestyle and interact with locals. Dine at the heritage property, savouring authentic Rajasthani cuisine made with local ingredients. Overnight at Shahpura Bagh (Heritage Boutique)

Day 10

DAY 10 || SHAHPURA - RAAS CHATTRASAGAR (NIMA AJ) || 145 KMS / 3 HRS

After breakfast spend the morning learning about the local miniature painting art form, visiting a local artisan's studio. Then drive to Chhatrasagar, previously Chhatrasagar acted as a hunting lodge on the Nimaaj Estate. Now, it is a luxury camp, situated in a stunning location overlooking the lake. Its east-facing bungalow style tented rooms have private sit-outs and offer panoramic views. They are stylishly furnished

and decorated and have attached bathrooms with hot water. The camp has its own heated pool and spa, whilst the food served here is exceptional. This is a wonderful spot for bird watchers and nature lovers. Arrive at RAAS Chhatrasagar and settle into your luxury tent. Enjoy a guided nature walk around the property or a sunset boat ride on the lake. Overnight at RAAS Chhatrasagar (Luxury Tents).

Day 11

DAY 11 || RAAS CHATTRASAGAR (NIMAAJ)

Go on an early morning wildlife safari or birdwatching tour. Participate in a village visit to interact with the local community. Enjoy lunch in the wilderness, followed by relaxation or a swim in the pool in the afternoon. Overnight at RAAS Chhatrasagar (Luxury Tents).

Day 12

DAY 12 || RAAS CHATTRASAGAR (NIMAAJ) - JODHPUR || 120 KMS / 2 HRS

Today you will be heading to Jodhpur, also known as the Blue City, holds immense popularity among the people of Rajasthan and throughout India. Serving as the administrative headquarters of the Jodhpur district and Jodhpur division, this city boasts a rich historical heritage. Upon arrival check-in at the hotel. Later proceed for city tour of Jodhpur visiting Mehrangarh fort a massive and majestic built in the 15th century by Rao Jodha, it stands 400 feet above the city and is enclosed by thick walls. The fort is known for its impressive architecture, intricate carvings, expansive courtyards, and stunning views of the "Blue City" below. It also houses a well-preserved museum showcasing royal artifacts, weapons, and costumes, making it one of the most iconic and well-preserved forts in India. Late visit Jaswant Thada, a beautiful white marble cenotaph built in 1899 in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II, it serves as a royal memorial for the Marwar rulers. Often called the "Taj Mahal of Marwar," it features intricate carvings, delicate marble lattice work, and a peaceful garden, making it a serene spot that reflects the rich heritage and architectural elegance of Rajasthan. Overnight at RAAS Jodhpur (Heritage Boutique).

Day 13

DAY 13 || JODHPUR - RANAKPUR - DELWARA || 290 KMS / 5 HRS [DELWARA IS APPROX 45 MINS FROM THE UDAIPUR CITY]

Today drive to Udaipur enroute visit to Ranakpur Jain Temples, dedicated to Tirthankara Adinatha. Built in the 15th century, it is renowned for its intricate architecture, featuring 1,444 uniquely carved pillars, beautiful domes, and detailed ceilings, (Ranakpur temple opens for tourist at 1200 hours). Continue onto drive to Udaipur, often called the "City of Lakes," known for its beautiful palaces, serene lakes, and rich cultural heritage, it was once the capital of the Mewar kingdom. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel. Evening boat ride at Lake Pichola set off on your tranquil cruise from the shores of India's romantic city of Udaipur. Drift out across the calm, mirror-like waters and gaze out toward the purple-hued mountains as they rise up in the distance. Several islands dot the lake's surface, with two housing the majestic white marble palaces of Jag Mandir and Jag Niwas. Observe the latter, also known as the Lake Palace, and understand why it consistently features in lists of the most romantic locations on earth. As lights from the town reflect in the waters, see the historic ghats, stairways down to the water that are still in use. The triple arched Tripolia Ghat is particularly distinctive and a notable architectural landmark on the shoreline. Overnight at RAAS Devigarh (Heritage).

Day 14

DAY 14 || DELWARA

Morning experience Handicraft Experience for the guests during NGO visit which is approx. 1 to 1.5 hours in the renowned production facility in Delwara, and understand how local women are producing the beautiful clothes. You can try hand at traditional block printing, stitching and embroidery while engaging with Sadhna artisans. Then, guests will walk with us through Delwara, visiting the artisans in their own homes to see how they live and work, and understand how they bring women together across caste and class boundaries to strengthen their case, not only for employment and fair wages, but also for equality in their village. In the afternoon, proceed with city tour of Udaipur visiting Jagdish Temple; Maharana Jagat Singh built the Jagdish temple, which is in the centre of the old town and to the north of city palace, in 1651. City palace & Museums and Saheliyon ki Bari or Garden of the Maids of Honour, is in the north of the city. This small ornamental garden has fountains, kiosks, marble elephants and delightful lotus pool. Overnight at RAAS Devigarh (Heritage).

Day 15

DAY 15 || DELWARA - MUMBAI || FLIGHT

Following breakfast at the hotel you'll be transferred to the airport for you flight to Mumbai. On arrival in Mumbai, there will be a representative who will be waiting to meet you and take you to your hotel. Spend half a day on a sightseeing tour of Mumbai city. Known previously as Bombay, this sprawling metropolis is the home of Bollywood and a real melting pot of old and new India. Your tour includes the city's most famous monument, Gateway of India; a drive around the Beverly Hills of Mumbai, Malabar Hill; the Hanging Gardens and Kamala Nehru Park; a visit to Mani Bhavan, the old Mumbai residence of Mahatma Gandhi; and a walk around Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Asia's busiest train station. The tour ends with a stop at a dhobhi ghat; a place to see the tradition of the city's laundrymen. Overnight at ITC Grand Central (Luxury).

Day 16

DAY 16 || MUMBAI DEPARTURE || INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Following check out you'll be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your return flight to onward destination. (No accommodation)
