





Day	Activities		
Day 1	Transfer departs Delhi Airport Transfer arrives The Imperial Hotel  Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, you will be greeted by one of our representatives and your transfer vehicle, who will escort you to your hotel.		
	Welcome to Delhi		
	Check in at The Imperial New Delhi  Room type: Heritage Room x 1  Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included		
Day 2	S Exploring Delhi		
	Overnight at The Imperial New Delhi		
Day 3	Check out from The Imperial New Delhi		
	Train transfer from Delhi to Agra Transfer departs Delhi Transfer arrives Agra  Duration: Approx. 4hrs		
	Welcome to Agra		
	Check in at The Oberoi Amarvilas  Room type: Premier Room with Balcony X 1  Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included		
Day 4	Check out from The Oberoi Amarvilas		



Day	Activities			
Day 4				
	Transfer departs Agra Transfer arrives Ranthambore  Duration: Approx. 5 hrs and 30 mins			
	Welcome to Ranthambore National Park			
	Check in at Suján Sher Bagh  Room type: Tented Suites X 1  Basis of Stay: Full Board			
Day 5	Safari			
	Overnight at Suján Sher Bagh			
Day 6	Check out from Suján Sher Bagh			
	Transfer departs Ranthambore Transfer arrives Jaipur  Duration: Approx. 3 hrs and 30 mins			
	Welcome to Jaipur			
	Check in at Rambagh Palace  Room type: Historical Suites X 1  Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included			
Day 7	Amber Fort			



Day	Activities			
Day 7	Cooking Demo Followed By Lunch     Cooking			
	Royal Grandeur Tour Of City Palace			
	Overnight at Rambagh Palace			
Day 8	Check out from Rambagh Palace			
	Transfer departs Jaipur Transfer arrives Jodhpur Duration: Approx. 6 hrs			
	Welcome to Jodhpur			
	Check in at Raas Jodhpur  Room type: Luxury Room X 1			
Day 9				
	Overnight at Raas Jodhpur			
Day 10	Transfer departs Jodhpur Transfer arrives Jawai  Duration: Approx. 3 hrs			
	Welcome to Jawai			
	Check in at Suján Jawai  Room type: Tented Rock Suites X 1  Basis of Stay: Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks			



Day	Activities				
Day 10	Check out from Raas Jodhpur				
Day 11					
	Overnight at Suján Jawai				
Day 12	Check out from Suján Jawai				
	Jawai Morning Safari				
	Transfer departs Jawai Transfer arrives Udaipur				
	Duration: Approx. 3 hrs				
	Welcome to Udaipur				
	City Palace Udaipur				
	Check in at Taj Lake Palace				
	Room type: Historical Suites <b>x</b> 1 Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included				
Day 13	Transfer departs Hotel Transfer arrives Udaipur Airport				
	9:55 AM - Flight departs Udaipur Airport 11:15 AM - Flight arrives Delhi Airport				
	Connect on to Varanasi flight at Delhi Airport				
	3:20 PM - Flight departs Delhi Airport 4:45 PM - Flight arrives Varanasi Airport				



Day	Activities		
Day 13	Welcome to Varanasi		
	Check in at BrijRama Palace  Room type: Dhanurdhara Rooms x 1  Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included		
	Check out from Taj Lake Palace		
Day 14			
	Historical Walks Of Varanasi		
	Sevening Ganges Visit		
	Overnight at BrijRama Palace		
Day 15	Check out from BrijRama Palace		
	Transfer departs Hotel Transfer arrives Varanasi Airport		
	3:20 PM - Flight UK 674 departs Varanasi Airport 4:45 PM - Flight UK 674 arrives Delhi Airport		



# Your Flights

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Day 15	3:20 PM - Flight UK 674 departs Varanasi Airport 4:45 PM - Flight UK 674 arrives Delhi Airport



## Your Accommodations

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
Day 1 - 3	The Imperial New Delhi	Heritage Room x 1 Breakfast Included	2
Day 3 - 4	The Oberoi Amarvilas	Premier Room with Balcony x 1 Breakfast Included	1
Day 4 - 6	Suján Sher Bagh	Tented Suites x 1 Full Board	2
Day 6 - 8	Rambagh Palace	Historical Suites x 1 Breakfast Included	2
Day 8 - 10	Raas Jodhpur	Luxury Room x 1	2
Day 10 - 12	Suján Jawai	Tented Rock Suites x 1 Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks	2
Day 12 - 13	Taj Lake Palace	Historical Suites x 1 Breakfast Included	1
Day 13 - 15	BrijRama Palace	Dhanurdhara Rooms x 1 Breakfast Included	2



## Map



## Summary

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- 3) Day 4 6: Suján Sher Bagh, Ranthambore National Park
  - 4) Day 6 8: Rambagh Palace, Jaipur
  - 5) Day 8 10: Raas Jodhpur, Jodhpur
  - 6) Day 10 12: Suján Jawai, Bisalpur
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DAY 1

## Transfer to The Imperial Hotel

- Depart Delhi Airport
- Arrive The Imperial Hotel

Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, you will be greeted by one of our representatives and your transfer vehicle, who will escort you to your hotel.

#### Welcome to Delhi

Today you will arrive in Delhi

#### **Area Overview**

The official capital of India is a bustling, chaotic miasma of humanity and also a fascinating megalopolis to spend some time in. There's an international flair in the city formerly known as "New Delhi," since it's the political capital of the country with embassies planted here from all over the planet.

Inevitably, every visitor to Delhi will end up in Old Delhi, the 17th-century chaotic swath of the city that is surrounded by five miles (or eight kilometers) of ramparts. Here there are bustling bazaars selling everything imaginable, centuries-old forts, salt-of-the-earth eateries, and enough honks and beeps to create a soundtrack to the area.



And while Old Delhi and other parts of this Indian metropolis can appear chaotic, it's also surprisingly green, as parks become a place to seek refuge. Outside of the center of town, there are tranquil neighborhoods to wander, such as the pedestrianized arts district Hauz Khas Village. Everywhere you go in Delhi, there are monumental buildings, ancient tombs, Hindu temples, mosques, and palaces and forts as well as trappings of modern, 21st-century life too. It's this mixture that makes Delhi a must-see for any visitor.

## Check in at The Imperial New Delhi

Heritage Room x 1 (Breakfast Included)

2 Nights

## **Property Overview**

An oasis of calm and comfort sums up the understated luxury of this award winning hotel. With a distinguished address in the heart of the capital, The Imperial is reminiscent of a golden era in India's history. The hotel has an awe-inspiring heritage interwoven with colonial elegance known for its intricate details, space and greenery over eight acres of manicured gardens.

The Imperial offers luxury accommodation with 192 rooms and 43 suites, each designed with distinct interiors, overlooking verdant gardens.

On arrival, another world opens up filled with Victorian charm and luxury while you revel in the days of the Raj or seek pleasure on your plate at the award-winning restaurants. Intricate details, space, and greenery over eight acres of manicured gardens fashion this royal destination. A 5 star hotel with an award-winning Imperial spa that is known for its holistic treatments and magnificence, it promises to take you back in time.

#### **Accommodations**

## **Heritage Room**

Carefully weaved in rich history, Heritage rooms are available in twin and king size bed options with beautiful marble baths and Fragonard amenities.





DAY 2

## **Exploring Delhi**

## **Activity overview**

A sensory overload – it is hard to recount the times this phrase has been used to describe an experience in Delhi. With its rich archaeological history that has been built over generations by kindgoms that ruled over the city, Delhi is a melting pot of cultures.

In the midst of such diversity, how does one experience the true heart of the city? The Five senses tour of Delhi is a unique experience which allows you to awaken every one of your senses.

**Sight** - Beginning your tour, you will walk around the Humayun's Tomb and enter a wonderful workshop organised with an all-women's group suffered by abuse, spending time learning of the circumstances each one of them has fought while you create art together. A fantastic eye-opening experience.

**Smell** - Making your way to Chandni Chowk, you will hop onto bicycle rickshaws and zig zag through the bustling bazaar built during the Mughal Empire, transporting you back in time, where you will be ready to indulge in a workshop that fires up your senses- the Ittar or perfume making workshop. Rumour has it that Mughal Emperor Jahangir's wife may have been one of the first patrons of the industry. Visiting an 8th generation ittar studio, you will get to smell and mix your own unique concoction you can name after yourself.

**Touch** – Making your way through the busy lanes filled with shops and food, you enter a beautiful touch of calm at the heart of Old Delhi's mayhem, the Jama Masjid, also known as the 'Friday Mosque', rests in the centre of Old Delhi. The marble and red-sandstone structure was Shah Jahan's final architectural triumph, built between 1644 and 1658. (Please dress conservatively for the mosque).



**Taste** – After such a busy morning it is only fit to break for the flavors which have been enticing you on your walk. Haveli Dharmapura is beautiful boutique hotel nestled in the hustle and bustle of Old Delhi. Experimenting with the concept of the Modern Indian Cuisine the restaurant combines artful presentation with tasteful Indian 'tadakkas'. We will enjoy delicious delights created by chefs par excellence while lounging in the wonderful ambience of the Haveli. From the famous Papri Chaat to the exquisite flavours of kebabs, the restaurant is the best place to relish delightful food in a traditional ambience.

**Sound** – After Lunch you will drive through the city learning of the British history in India, , making your way to the Bangla Sahib Gurudwara. Here you will here the sounds of Gurbani at Delhi's largest Gurudwara. The magic that the Gurudwara envelopes you into is undeniable. The sweet sound of the Gurbani playing in the background is perfect for reflecting on the days adventure.

Our plan is flexible based on your interest and energy. Want to explore trendy boutiques and bookshops, or people watch through a cafe or wine bar? Then head over to **Khan Market**. Home to many boutiques, restaurants, and local bookshops. Some popular boutiques to Explore – Good Earth, Nicobar, Oma, Anokhi, Fab India. Popular Café's / Restaurants – Good Earth Café, Townhall, PERCH wine & Coffee. Popular bookstores – Baharisons, Full Circle Books.

#### Overnight at The Imperial New Delhi

Heritage Room x 1 (Breakfast Included)





DAY 3

## Check out from The Imperial New Delhi

## Train transfer from Delhi to Agra

- Depart Delhi
- Transfer Duration: Approx. 4hrs
- Arrive Agra

## Welcome to Agra

## **Area Overview**

There's one main reason to come to Agra: the Taj Mahal. One of the world's great architectural wonders and one of the most recognizable structures on the planet, the Taj Mahal has to be seen with one's own eyes to realize just how marvelous this building really is.

Commissioned in 1632 by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is a giant tomb for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The architectural styles were influenced by Indian, Islamic, and Persian styles.

It took 22,000 workers, craftsmen, and artists over 17 years to construct and complete. And the materials used to build it were carried by over 1,000 elephants. The white marble structure was built by emperor Shah Jahan whose intention was to construct a second identical version, but in black marble across the river; the outbreak of war killed his plans.

#### Check in at The Oberoi Amarvilas



Premier Room with Balcony x 1 (Breakfast Included)

1 Night

## **Property Overview**

Located just 600 meters from the Taj Mahal, the world's most exquisite testimony to undying love, it is easy to rekindle romance at The Oberoi Amarvilas. The best hotel in Agra, it is inspired by Mughal palace designs; with fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools, and pavilions. The Oberoi Amarvilas is a five-star hotel that offers unrestricted views of the Taj Mahal from all rooms and suites, complemented by warm, personalized hospitality.

With tastefully appointed accommodation, exquisite restaurants serving authentic Mughal and international cuisines, private dining beside the silhouette of the Taj Mahal, and couples spa therapies with views, at the Oberoi Amarvilas, your experience of Agra will be unforgettable.

#### Accommodations

**Premier Room with Balcony** 

Mehtab Bagh

## **Activity overview**

**Evening visit of Mehtab Bagh (***Garden***):** Taj Mahal looks stunning from its grand entry. But Emperor Shahjahan booked the best view of Taj Mahal from a grassy, crescent-shaped flood plain across the river Yamuna that is known as Mehtab Bagh. It is believed that this garden was built originally by Babur, but later Shahjahan transformed it into a moonlit pleasure garden profuse with white plaster pathways, breezy pavilions, pools and fountains. However, plaster pathways, pools and fountains are not visible





DAY 4

#### Check out from The Oberoi Amarvilas

## Taj Mahal

## **Activity overview**

The soul purpose of visiting Agra is the Taj Mahal. Built by Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is a white marble memorial to his beautiful wife Mumtaz Mahal. Designed and planned by the Persian architect Ustad Ahmad Lahori, the monument took 22 years to complete and is recognized as the greatest architectural achievements of the Indo-Islamic architectures. It was not only designed with balance and perfect symmetry, but its elegant domes and lace like intricate carved screens personify its beauty.

During the Mughal Dynasty, the Agra Fort was the main residence of the emperors until 1638, when the capital was shifted from Agra

Rise early (Around o515 am) for morning coffee and prepare for a truly spectacular sight, the legendary Taj Mahal at daybreak. It is often said that Taj Mahal changes its colours by every minute depending upon angle of sunrays and it is best seen either by sunset or sunrise. Sunrise however is best timing for taking pictures of this monument under mild sun light.

## Transfer to Ranthambore

- Depart Agra
  - Transfer Duration: Approx. 5 hrs and 30 mins
- Arrive Ranthambore

#### Welcome to Ranthambore National Park

#### **Area Overview**

Ranthambore is teeming with wildlife, and one of the most popular wildlife parks in India. This dry deciduous forest in Rajasthan was once the hunting ground for the Jaipur royals. It is home to several species and is one of the best parks to spot a tiger.

In the midst of the thorny, scrubby vegetation, interspersed by tracts of grassland, you will find some of India's oldest Banyan trees — and a wide variety of wildlife. From felines to crocodiles, waterfowl to primates, and several herbivores and reptiles, one can explore this park over and over again and still not see it all.

It's charm is elevated by ruins of its past, such as an ancient temple complex overrun by monkeys, and beautiful chattris (pagodas) and a former fortress that lie along the banks of the river. Watching a tiger prowl amid through the arches and crumbling ramparts is a sight to behold.

Ranthambore plays a pivotal role in tiger conservation & is a key reserve for Project Tiger's conservation and research efforts. This park has some of India's oldest tigers and some of its youngest. Thanks to tireless conservation efforts, the tiger population in Ranthambore has grown at a very healthy rate, and new cubs are born each season.

The prey-base is abundant, and herbivores like sambhar, spotted deer, Nilgai antelope, and the chinkara gazelle, often fall victim to the predators.

A large number of ponds, waterholes, and streams make Ranthambore a favourite with birds. The River Chambal snakes through the park, & one often finds animals pausing for a drink along its banks. You will often find several species of waterfowl like pelicans, ibises, storks, and cormorants, as well as chattering parakeets, bulbuls, hornbills, and darting kingfishers. Ranthambore is also a popular hunting ground for raptors and it's not unusual to spot falcons, eagles, or owls

## Check in at Suján Sher Bagh

Tented Suites x 1 (Full Board)

2 Nights



## **Property Overview**

Sher Bagh, evokes nostalgic sensibilities of life on safari during the heydays of an era celebrated for its art de vivre, living elegantly under canvas, whilst on safari. With crackling campfires under starlit skies, sumptuous Anglo-Indian repasts using homegrown organic produce, coupled with old-world service, the camp epitomises life on safari as it ought to be lived. Ranthambhore is the world's finest place to observe tigers in the wild, and SUJÁN Sher Bagh is the ideal base from which to explore this billion-year-old forest.

#### Accommodations

## **Tented Suites**

The 12 tented suites, kitted out with custom-made campaign furniture and accourrements, include two resplendent suites, each a celebration of elegance.





DAY 5

#### Safari

## **Activity overview**

A wake up call well before Sunrise and a cup of coffee or Tea at the dining hall will get you started for your morning safari. You will be greeted by your guide who will escort you to your open 4x4 jeep before you set off towards the Park gates. Here you will meet your local tracker who will also accompany you for your safari adventure.

Our guides and trackers visit the park every day and keep a track of these movements by checking the spoor of the tigers and listening to the alarm calls of animals.

During your morning safari, you will stop for a picnic breakfast and then continue on with the rest of your morning Safari, returning to the lodge for lunch and a little down time.

After Tea and Coffee load up into your jeeps with your guide and tracker. Set off for the afternoon safari, experiencing the park in a new light and noticing the change in the activeness of the jungle.

## Overnight at Suján Sher Bagh

Tented Suites x 1 (Full Board)





DAY 6

## Check out from Suján Sher Bagh

## Morning Safari

## **Activity overview**

A wake up call well before Sunrise and a cup of coffee or Tea at the dining hall will get you started for your morning safari. You will be greeted by your naturalist who will escort you to your open 4x4 jeep before you set off towards the Park gates. Here you will meet your local tracker who will also accompany you for your safari adventure.

During your morning safari, you will stop for a picnic breakfast and then continue on with the rest of your morning Safari, returning to the lodge for lunch.

## Transfer to Jaipur

- Depart Ranthambore
  - Transfer Duration: Approx. 3 hrs and 30 mins
- Arrive Jaipur

## Welcome to Jaipur

#### **Area Overview**

Colour me pink! Jaipur gives you a birds eye view of India through rose-tinted glasses. History, heritage, romance waft across its skyline — through the fairy-tale galleries of the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), over the ramparts of Amer Fort, and across the exquisitely manicured gardens of Rambagh Palace.



Jaipur is full of street candy — literally, as the old city's bazaars are lined with sweet shops selling toothsome burfi, and vendors dishing up sizzling yellow and orange jalebis fresh off the griddle at street corners in the Pink City. It's also a shopaholic's fantasy with lines of shops selling just about everything from jootis (shoes) to jewellery (particularly the silver and stones that Rajasthan is famous for).

Shopping in Jaipur is a mesmerising experience for the uninitiated. Before you know what's happening you'll have tye-dye saris and duppattas (scarves) draped over your shoulders, bejewelled bangles being slipped onto your wrist, a rope of pearls strung around your neck and a cup of hot tea and a sizzling jalebi pressed into your hand. How can you resist? So what's with the rosy hue? In 1876, HRH Edward Albert, Prince of Wales, decided to pay a visit. The Maharaja of Jaipur, Sawai Ram Singh, decided to give the city a glowing facelift and painted all the buildings pink. The pink has outlived both.

Jaipur is all about living to the fullest. Everything is a little larger than life here. The Jantar Mantar is a great place to start with its massive astronomical instruments scattered across an outdoor park. Amer Fort dominates the skyline. Encounters Asia leads you on a guided hike through the woodland behind the fort gives you birds eye views of the old city, and a unique perspective on the fortress itself.

There's a palace around every corner. Jaipur revolves around the City Palace, which stands majestically, in the heart of the city. Ornate and opulent, the City Palace has a regal hauteur about it.

## Check in at Rambagh Palace

Historical Suites x 1 (Breakfast Included)

2 Nights

## **Property Overview**

Originally built in 1835, Rambagh Palace has stepped gracefully through many royal transitions—from the home of the queen's favourite handmaiden, to royal guesthouse and hunting lodge, and later as the residence of the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II and his queen, Maharani Gayatri Devi. Today, this jewel in the Taj's crown offers 78 stunningly restored grand luxury rooms and suites in Jaipur which were the chambers of the former Maharaja.

The Rambagh Palace is an architectural masterpiece exuding magnificence and grandeur, spread across 47 acres of green land. Huge verandahs, symmetrical settings and lush lawns festooned with beautiful peacocks to welcome visitors.



The palace retains its elaborate splendour, extravagantly decorated with hand-carved marble 'jalis' or latticework, sandstone balustrades, cupolas and 'chattris' or cenotaphs, and elaborate Mughal Gardens that echo fairy tales, with history pouring out of every brick and cornice.

Within this most glorious of palaces showcasing the best of Rajasthan's royal heritage, you also experience the best finedining restaurants in Jaipur. Enjoy a royal Indian feast at Suvarna Mahal, the former palace ballroom built in the 18thcentury French style with huge crystal chandeliers. For multi-cuisine options, head to Rajput Room, the all-day-dining restaurant, or Verandah Café. Find Mediterranean delights at the lounge bar, Steam, or unwind in the sophisticated charm of the Polo Bar, with the trophies and memorabilia of the Jaipur polo team on display.

The 33 grand suites and 45 rooms are exquisitely furnished with antiques, rich silks and carpets - a reflection of the aristocratic life style of Indian Royalty, complete with modern conveniences.

#### **Accommodations**

#### **Historical Suites**

The Historical Suites are havens of cool marble floors, four-poster beds, Rajasthani art and sheer fabrics, opening onto a sitting area with a garden view.





DAY 7

#### Amber Fort

## **Activity overview**

A Morning visit to the magnificent Amber Fort, the most iconic monument of Jaipur. Your pick up from the hotel will take you to the bottom of the Aravali hills where you will load up into Jeeps for a ride to the top of the hill and begin your tour of the Amber Fort.

In shades of honey and rose stone, white marble and gilt decor, Amber Fort is more of a palace than a fortress, and the design is a unique mix of Hindu and Muslim styles. The 4 expansive sections house many palaces, halls, gardens, and temples. Including one of the most mesmerizing halls, Sheesh Mahal, with its walls covered with elaborate mirror work, it well worth the visit.

Our visit to the Fort will take approximately two hours.

## Cooking Demo Followed By Lunch

## **Activity overview**

We feel that people and personalities make up for a special journey. Story's told by real people who share their passion of their past is what makes a holiday into a journey. We will engage with Durga Singh Ji of Dera Mandawa, who will join us for a part of our day today, and we will visit his home for a lunch this afternoon. And while you are there, you may try your hand at Indian Cooking if you wish.



Thakur Durga Singh is an exceptional narrator and host. A proud, aristocratic Rajput, Durga brings his culture and country vibrantly alive. Thakur Durga Singh was educated at the Mayo college Ajmer which is called the Eton of India. He developed a keen interest in history, folk music, Sanskrit, Dramatics and comparative religious study. As Thakur Durga Singh takes great pride in his history, cultural traditions, folk traditions and eastern religions, he likes to present Rajasthan and India to visitors. The current custodian of Dera Mandawa is an exceptional host.

He is a Renaissance man who is a keen observer of history, culture, religion, current affairs, and is a bank of knowledge so vast that he has a point of view on anything under the sun. He is what one could call a modern traditionalist, actively seeking the use of modern technology and methods to support the principles of traditional living. The inquisitive can have endless conversations with him on a number of his projects like rain – water harvesting, biogas plant, solar heating and, even, healthy cooking.

The cooking demonstration and meal involves the cooking instructor working and demonstrating to the guests all ingredients and techniques neatly typed cooking recipes in a Sanganeri handmade paper folder given as a take away to every guest. This cooking demonstration is unique in as much that it covers ingredients and recipes of Rajasthan which the guest easily replicate. The guest also works hands on and can cook on the cooking station.

## Royal Grandeur Tour Of City Palace

#### **Activity overview**

Enjoy a memorable **private guided** tour to visit City palace, the residence of the present Royal family who have opened their gates to visitors and converted a part of their palace into a museum. The palace of Jaipur which is full of brilliant architecture and intricately carved walls and pillars. Visit the beautiful Chandra Mahal or Chandra Niwas which is the most commanding building in the City Palace complex.

It is a seven-storeyed building and each floor has been given a specific name such as the Sukh-Niwas, Ranga-Mandir, Pitam-Niwas, Chabi-Niwas, Shri-Niwas and Mukut-Mandir or MukutMahal. It contains many unique paintings, mirror work on walls and floral decorations. It contains many unique paintings, mirror work on walls and floral decorations. There is beautiful peacock gate at the entry to the Mahal. It has screened balconies and a pavilion at the roof from where a panoramic view of the city can been seen. It is set amidst well laid out gardens and a decorative lake in the foreground.

#### Overnight at Rambagh Palace



Historical Suites x 1 (Breakfast Included)





DAY8

## Check out from Rambagh Palace

## Transfer to Jodhpur

- Depart Jaipur
- Transfer Duration: Approx. 6 hrs
- Arrive Jodhpur

## Welcome to Jodhpur

## **Area Overview**

Once you set eyes on the walled city of Jodhpur, you'll quickly understand why it's nicknamed the Blue City. The sight of the indigo washed blue houses is quite striking, set against the backdrop of the majestic Meheranghar Fort perched above the city of Jodhpur. Built over a period of 500 years, Meherangarh is a maze of palaces, terraces, chambers and gates, and don't miss the Meherangarh Museum's exquisite collection, and the section devoted to the fortress' restoration. The history of the city is deeply intertwined with its aristocratic lineage.

The royal family of Jodhpur inspires and motivates Jodhpur's cultural community, to make it a global centre for the arts and heritage.

Head towards the main market place and a lively energy takes over. Jodhpur's markets are its best-kept secret. Beyond the sidewalk bazaars, step into fashion boutiques where you can buy a custom-made Bandh Gala or Nehru Jacket, chic stores like Nicobar and Good Earth where you can pick up quirky décor or accessories, and boutiques like Mahrani for gorgeous stoles and jewellery.



At the far end of the city, the sun glints off the massive domes of Umaid Bhawan Palace, home to the royal family. A seamless blend of Rajput and European architecture, and Art Deco interiors, Umaid Bhawan is one of the last grand palaces of India. It sets the tone for the city's architectural signature — sandstone *havelis*, *chattris* (pagodas), intricately carved temples, and graceful palaces, that dot the skyline.

## Check in at Raas Jodhpur

Luxury Room x 1

2 Nights

## **Property Overview**

Raas is Jodhpur's first boutique hotel, with a signature look born from a fusion of modern and ancient styles. The courtyard is a tranquil haven within the hustle and bustle of Jodhpur's old town. With a stunning entrance, flanked by a magnificent pool, the hotel comprises four original buildings with three additional contemporary structures. Inspired by the walled city, the new buildings feature a modern approach to the use of space and light, yet each is grounded in tradition. Intricate architectural carvings adorn the structure in the iconic style of 18th-century havelis.

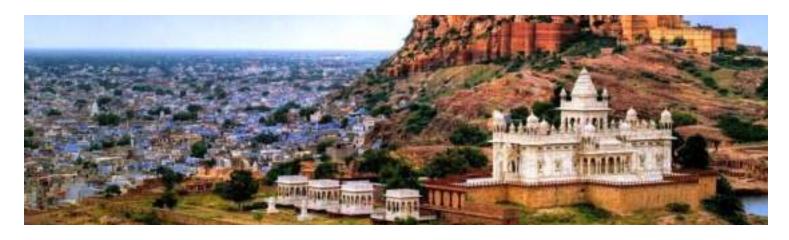
The hotel has forty rooms and suites, each of which had been constructed with distinctive design principles. The signature style balances the historic charm of the original Rajput residence and the sleekness and simplicity of contemporary design. Modern artwork and age-old pink sandstone blend in perfect combination, interspersed with polished black terrazzo and flashes of Jodhpur blue. This magical atmosphere allows guests to enjoy the royal splendor of bygone years, while simultaneously being treated to the luxuries of the modern age.

#### Accommodations

#### **Luxury Room**

These Luxury Rooms give a view of the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort filling the skyline. The rooms are decorated in a contemporary style and monochromatic colour scheme that contrasts spectacularly with the hand-crafted red sandstone windows and Jodhpur cityscape. The room is 481 square feet with a spacious bathroom and a private balcony: the perfect spot for admiring the mystical beauty of the city.





DAY 9

## Jodhpur Walks

## **Activity overview**

You will start your morning at the Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone Hill. Inside the Fort, there are many other monuments and Palatial buildings such as Moti- Mahal, Phool Mahal and Sheesh Mahal.

Winding your walk through the Fort, the Heritage walk will take you down into the Forted city of Jodhpur. Many of the ancient temples and historical havelis still exist today dating back from the mid 1400s. You will also see why Jodhpur is give the name the Blue City, as you walk through rows of houses washed in indigo blue.

We believe the soul of a city is usually within its people and the personalities you meet. Hence, your lunch will be inside the forted walls in a traditional home with a family who once in a while take in special guests. Full of memories, you will have the opportunity to see what the typical Rajasthani home looks like, while enjoying some of the traditional dishes every Jodhpur house has grown up on.

Post lunch, we get into tuk tuk's and make our way towards the Old City near the Clock Tower, where you will visit a 98 year old, 5th generation major handicraft and textile store. Jodhpur is a major export hub and this particular store supplies to fashion houses such as Chanel, Mui Mui, Prada and Kenzo.

## Overnight at Raas Jodhpur

Luxury Room x 1





**DAY 10** 

#### Transfer to Jawai

- Depart Jodhpur
- Transfer Duration: Approx. 3 hrs
- Arrive Jawai

#### Welcome to Jawai

#### **Area Overview**

**JAWAI** is where the hills throw the moon out and just as soon absorb its glow onto their gorges; where nomadic Rabari herdsmen are as much a part of the earth's tales as the mysterious felines that grace these hills and vanish at will into their folds; where pastoral fields meet and merge with wild grasslands and the swells of the JAWAI Bandh's waters lap at the toes of mighty granite forms; where flamingos flock and cranes in their hundreds dance to springtime sounds.

The best time to see the leopards is morning and late evening. Hence, our safaris will be done during those times, with day activities encompassing some village visits and walks in the nearby hills. There are also possibilities of seeing Nilgai, Jungle Cat, Crocodiles at Jawai Bandh (Dam), Osprey, Black Shouldered Kite, Sarus Cranes, Asian Openbill Stork, Black Ibis, Ruddy Shelduck, Pelicans, to name a few.

## Check in at Suján Jawai

Tented Rock Suites x 1 (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)

2 Nights



## **Property Overview**

Amongst spellbinding, billion-year-old granite rock formations, where leopards roam wild and free, coexisting comfortably with the charismatic communities, is the pioneering Suján Jawai. Spectacularly set in a dramatic wilderness, the camp celebrates the great outdoors with panache. Spend unforgettable days in the wilderness tracking leopards and other wildlife. Blending sophistication and ecology, there is no better place to discover one of India's most enchanting and breathtakingly beautiful landscapes.

## **Experience & Activities**

The Jawai experience offers some the most thrilling, authentic and unique ways to encounter the wilderness and wildlife and immerse in the local culture of the region.

#### **Accommodations**

#### **Tented Rock Suites**

These sumptuous luxury tents have been upgraded to be even more spacious than before. Each double tent has its own private sit-out with sweeping views of the Jawai wilderness. The new en suite bathrooms now include a bath tub and marble shower.

## Check out from Raas Jodhpur





**DAY 11** 

#### Jawai Safari

## **Activity overview**

Wilderness Drives, the freedom, sense of solitude and joy of the wilderness experience at Jawai. The Jawai experience offers some the most thrilling, authentic and unique ways to encounter the wilderness and immerse in the local culture of the region. Amongst spellbinding, billion-year-old granite rock formations, you have the chance to see leopards roaming wild and free, coexisting comfortably with the charismatic communities. Trying our best to follow the schedule of our wild neighbours, we usually wake early and head out on our morning game drive before the sun rises and once again in the afternoon.

Customized 4x4 jeeps, with a guide on board will share this magical landscape with you. Whilst for many the leopard is the star attraction, there is so much to see on a safari at Sujan Jawai. There are close to 300 species of birds and over three dozen other animal species to see on Jawai's wilderness drives. An early start to your morning game drive, certainly before the sun is up, our customized 4x4 jeep, with a driver tracker and naturalist on board will convey you expertly to every corner of Jawai. Leopards are Jawai's predominant attraction and thriving population of the felines has always ranged across this region.

## **Community, Temples Shrines**

Jawai's solitary hills are dotted with temples, shrines and memorials. All events and festivities in this region are devoted to religion. Over centuries, the various communities of JAWAI have preserved their traditions and are proud to have maintained their customs. Every temple has some spiritual significance and has a legend attached to it and there are nearly 300 temples and shrines in the region. Visit some of the temples, taking a daily Aarti, and learn about how the leopards of JAWAI are considered to be guardians of this area, having a semi-divine status in the eyes of the communities.



## Rabari Community

The Rabari tribe have walked these hills for centuries. Their colourful turbans make for photogenic scenery shots. Take some time out to interact with these tribes, either during your wilderness drives or during one of your walks

## Overnight at Suján Jawai

Tented Rock Suites x 1 (Full Board With Coffee, Tea, And Soft Drinks)





**DAY 12** 

## Check out from Suján Jawai

## Jawai Morning Safari

## **Activity overview**

Heading out before Sunrise for another chance to spot the roaming leopard. While on the lookout try to discover new animals, before heading off to your next destination.

## Transfer to Udaipur

- Depart Jawai
  - Transfer Duration: Approx. 3 hrs
- Arrive Udaipur

## Welcome to Udaipur

#### **Area Overview**

Udaipur, popularly known as the City of lakes, founded in 1559 by Maharana Udai Singh II. The beautiful city of Udaipur houses 5 pristine lakes with Pichola being the most impressive. The Old City of Udaipur is dotted with numerous historic temples, Havelis and baoris (Step wells). Through our carefully designed heritage walking Tour we aim to bring the diverse culture, traditions, craftsmanship. A city is made up of mysteries, histories, and stories. Behind the buildings and beauty that keeps changing and developing with time, there are some things which stay intact.



Udaipur is also referred to as the ""Venice of the East", the ""Most Romantic City of India" and the ""Kashmir of Rajasthan". Udaipur the "City of Lakes" is one among the most romantic and most beautiful cities of India. The city of Dawn, Udaipur is a lovely land around the azure water lakes, hemmed in by the lush hills of the Aravalis. A vision in white drenched in romance and beauty, Udaipur city of Rajasthan state is a fascinating blend of sights, sounds and experiences --- an inspiration for the imagination of the poets, painters and writers.

Udaipur's kaleidoscope of fairy---tale palaces, lakes, temples, gardens and narrow lanes strewn with stalls, carry the flavor of heroic past, epitomizing valor and chivalry. Their reflection in the placid waters of the Lake Pichhola is an enticing sight.

#### City Palace Udaipur

## **Activity overview**

Morning City Palace & Beyond: City Palace is Udaipur's most iconic tourist attraction "City Palace Complex "with its marble and granite walls laden with miniature paintings, and decorated with tiles, glasswork and mirrors, it's a great insight into the lives of the royalties. Our departure time from the hotel will be 8 AM for the tour.

Udaipur City Palace is one of the architectural marvels of Rajasthan, located peacefully on the banks of Lake Pichola. This majestic City Palace is the most-visited tourist attraction of Udaipur and often distinguished as the largest palace complex in Rajasthan. Initially, Maharana Udai Singh built this superb wonder, but the present form of the Palace is the result of subsequent additions by his successors.

City Palace boasts of the wonderful blend of Medieval, European and Chinese Architecture. The Palace has various towers, domes and arches, which add to the flavor of heritage site. Towering on the banks of Pichola Lake, City Palace is truly a feast to the eyes. City Palace is a marvelous assortment of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens. Encircled by fortifications, this imposing Palace is wholly built in granite and marble.

#### Check in at Taj Lake Palace

Historical Suites x 1 (Breakfast Included)

1 Night



## **Property Overview**

The Lake Palace is a fairytale. A summer palace of the Udaipur royal family, it is over 300 years old. It rests amid the serene waters of Lake Pichhola, overlooking the majestic City Palace of Udaipur on one side, and the Monsoon Palace on the other. As you float up to it by boat, the sheer romance of the setting captures your imagination completely. As you step off and are serenaded by a local flautist, you really feel like you've arrived.

Intimate and embellished with a décor that has a soft ethnic touch, we love the lake facing rooms. The suites are beautiful, retaining several original touches and elements of the original design. Hand-painted murals, ornate ceilings, and beautiful pillars and furnishings transport you back to a bygone era of old world Rajputana. The property is owned and managed by the Taj Group. Personal butler service, warm, attentive service, and a highly experienced team, elevate the property to its original royal splendour.

A gorgeous swimming pool overlooking the lake, a stunning rooftop terrace, and the lily pond, which is open to the sky, are ideal for a romantic and leisurely dining experiences, while the Jiva spa boat that floats on the lake, while you enjoy your treatment, is exquisitely soothing. For a sense of romance and heritage, there's nothing quite like a stay at the Taj Lake Palace.

#### **Accommodations**

#### **Historical Suites**

The historical suites present a welcoming ambience with marble floors, exquisite Rajasthani artwork, and sheer fabrics, which enable crisp sunlight to enhance the beauty of each room. A four-poster bed, a sitting area overlooking Lake Pichola, a walk-in wardrobe, and a spacious bathroom make these suites ideal for the discerning leisure traveler.





**DAY 13** 

## Transfer to Udaipur Airport

- Depart Hotel
- Arrive Udaipur Airport

## Flight from Udaipur Airport to Delhi Airport

- o 9:55 AM · Depart Udaipur Airport
- 11:15 AM · Arrive Delhi Airport

Connect on to Varanasi flight at Delhi Airport

## Flight from Delhi Airport to Varanasi Airport

- 3:20 PM · Depart Delhi Airport
- 4:45 PM · Arrive Varanasi Airport

## Welcome to Varanasi

## Check in at BrijRama Palace

Dhanurdhara Rooms x 1 (Breakfast Included)

2 Nights



## **Property Overview**

BrijRama Palace, which stands mighty on the serene banks of Darbhanga Ghat, is one of the oldest man-made structures in the city and is considered to be a top-tier luxury hotel in Varanasi. The palace is often praised for its striking architecture and design which mirrors the rich heritage and culture of the city that it calls home. One can see the influence of the Maratha Dynasty that was in power during the construction of the palace.

This 210-year-old palace is the perfect choice for those who aspire to spend a holiday in royal comfort, removed from the daily hustle and bustle. Tourists and pilgrims often visit this city for spiritual healing and at BrijRama they promise the kind of spiritual healing you are seeking. Towering over the Ganges, BrijRama is conveniently located close to the tourist hotspots of Varanasi including Dashashwamedh Ghat and Vishwanath Temple.

#### Accommodations

#### **Dhanurdhara Rooms**

Dhanurdhara translates to 'wielder of the bow,' referring to Lord Shiva. These rooms in Kashi, like all the other living spaces at BrijRama Palace, come with all the required comforts and in-room facilities. At Dhanurdhara rooms, you can opt for twin beds or a double bed, depending on your requirements. These rooms are nestled along the easily accessible terrace. At these rooms, your stay in Varanasi is graced with superior views of the city and the Ganges.

#### Check out from Taj Lake Palace





**DAY 14** 

#### Varanasi Morning

## **Activity overview**

The Subah or Morning Banaras! Get up early at the crack of dawn with us for this amazing boat journey. Spiritually enlightening and fantastically photogenic, Varanasi is at its brilliant best by the Ghats, the long stretch of steps leading down to the water on the western bank of the Ganges. You will observe the living traditions of one of the oldest religions. Boat ride from Assi Ghat to Manikarnika ghat will be conducted to enjoy beautiful & colorful view of River Ganga in mellow light and watch pilgrims perform morning prayer to the rising sun.

With the Sunrise, we venture again down the Ghats (banks of the river). Much less crowded than the evening before, we make it back to Assi Ghat to witness the morning Aarti (prayer). A fraction of the people compared to the night before, and hence, we can get up close to these priests. At times, you will also hear students of music chanting hymns, while the priests are performing the morning rituals.

We get back on our boat and cruise down to Kedar Mandir. As Varanasi wakes up, you will see many priests coming to the banks for their rituals and many children taking their morning bath. Yoga, is a common practice early in the morning and we will see many priests practicing the same. We will arrive at Kedar Ghat from where we will visit Kedar Mandir. The temple can be identified from its red and yellow steps and it is more popular amongst the locals than tourists. Although, there are thousands of temples in Varanasi, this would be a great introduction to temple structures.



From here, we start walking to explore various other activities happening in Varanasi, an example would be Kushti Akharas. Faith and fitness have always found common ground in Varanasi. In its traditional 'gymnasiums' or kushti akharas along the Ghats, wrestlers continue to practice millennia-old moves with single-minded devotion. The day starts with a prayer at the small Hanuman shrine, before warm-up begins in earnest with a range of kushti equipment. Young boys wear gar nals or stone rings that act as weights around their necks.

Return to your hotel for breakfast.

#### Historical Walks Of Varanasi

## **Activity overview**

A walk through the mystical landscape of poets, sacred temples, holy ponds near Assighat, the southernmost embankment of the holy Ganga river, walk in the footsteps of 16th century Banaras poet and mystic Pandit Goswami Tulsidas, translator of the sacred Ramanyana text.

You will hear about the history and special culture of Varanasi while visiting the Southern temple established by Tulsidas! The walk ends with a special darshan, meaning 'taking sight' of a hidden sun temple behind his home.

During the walk if you hear bells jingling and yelling coming from behind, get out of the way. It is probably a body coming through. Family carry them on stretchers above their heads down the main street in Varanasi. Although normal, it may shock you at first.

#### **Evening Ganges Visit**

## **Activity overview**

An evening visit to the Ganges for a magical evening Aarti (prayer) ceremony, this is memorable experience, a rickshaw ride through the bustling streets of this unique city followed by a sunset cruise on the Ganges. Here you will witness striking religious rituals being performed—a truly unique experience.

## Overnight at BrijRama Palace

Dhanurdhara Rooms x 1 (Breakfast Included)





**DAY 15** 

## Check out from BrijRama Palace

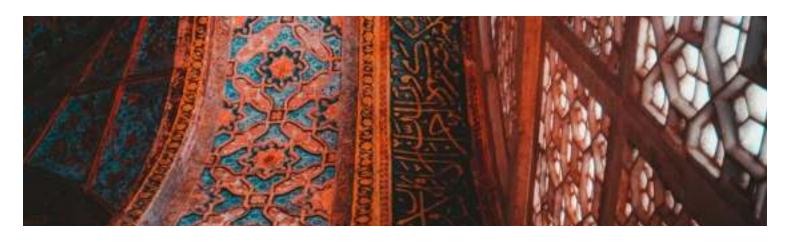
## Transfer to Varanasi Airport

- O Depart Hotel
- Arrive Varanasi Airport

## Flight from Varanasi Airport to Delhi Airport

- 3:20 PM · Depart Varanasi Airport
  - Vistara Airlines Flight UK 674
- 4:45 PM · Arrive Delhi Airport





#### **COSTS**

Total per person based on 2 guests in shared accommodation: \$13,685USD

Airfare Supplement – Economy Class Per Person- \$750

20 kgs, Business 30 KG

**For sector** from, Jaipur– Udaipur & Jodhpur – Varanasi in Economy Class.

Varanasi - Delhi in Business Class.

#### **Notes:**

- •AIRFARE / AIR TIMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Airfare is quoted on the basis of best available average fare which is subject to change. This fare can be low or can be higher at the time of booking. Exact fare will be advised at the time of booking.
- •Standard check in time is 1400 hrs and check out time is 1200 noon at most of the hotels.
- •Taj Mahal closed on every Friday.

## This cost includes:

- •Accommodation on Twin/Double sharing basis at hotels.
- •Meals, on bed & breakfast basis at all the places except Ranthambore & Jawai.
- •Meals, on full board basis at Ranthambore & Jawai (Breakfast + lunch + dinner).
- •Services of Air-Conditioned Toyota Innova Crysta for airport transfers & sightseeing as per the vehicle.
- •Assistance at airports and at the hotels at the time of check in/out in all the major cities.
- •Entrance fee to places of monuments.
- •Services of expert English-speaking explorer with walking experiences.



#### **COSTS**

- •Services of English-Speaking naturalist services at Ranthambore & Jawai.
- •In Ranthambore National Park, Jeep Safaris are on exclusive basis as mentioned in itinerary.
- •In Jawai, Jeep Safaris are on shared basis as mentioned in itinerary.
- •Cooking lesson followed by lunch with Mr. Durga Singh Ji at Dera Mandawa, Jaipur.
- •Lunch with a local family in Jodhpur.
- •Exclusive Boat Ride on River Gangers, Varanasi.
- •Entrance fee.
- •Government Service Tax.

## This cost does not include:

- •International Airfare.
- •Indian Visa.
- •Any insurance-fee.
- •Any sudden increase in price due to steep hike in fuel cost, change in government tax policy or for any reason beyond our control like acts of god, natural calamity, law and order situation, riots etc and any forced change in itinerary for any unforeseen situation or reason beyond our control.