



# A JOURNEY THROUGH RAJASTHAN

"The Land of Kings"

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# RAJASTHAN - THE LAND OF KINGS



Rajasthan, India's largest state by area, is the legendary "Land of Kings," renowned for its magnificent forts, opulent palaces, vibrant cities, and the sweeping sands of the Thar Desert. Once known as Rajputana, this royal land of maharajas and warrior dynasties is rich in history, culture, and colour, with a heritage expressed through its architecture, folk traditions, and celebrated cuisine.

This journey takes you through some of North India's most iconic destinations, including the historic cities of Amritsar, Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Udaipur. We also venture into Ranthambore National Park, one of India's most famous wildlife reserves, where you will set out on safari in search of the elusive Bengal tiger and other remarkable wildlife.

## THE ROYAL ROUTE

From the spiritual heart of Amritsar to the imperial grandeur of Delhi and Agra, onward into the wild landscapes of Ranthambore, through the royal cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Udaipur, and ending back in New Delhi – this journey captures the very essence of India's royal and cultural heritage.

**DAY 1**

## LONDON TO AMRITSAR (VIA DELHI)

Depart London for your overnight flight to Amritsar via Delhi.

## DELHI TO AMRITSAR

**DAY 2****DINNER INCLUDED**

On arrival in Delhi, transfer to your domestic flight to Amritsar and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax after your journey or begin exploring at your own pace before meeting for a welcome dinner.

[Taj Amritsar](#)

**DAY 3**

## AMRITSAR

**BREAKFAST INCLUDED**

This morning we visit the Golden Temple, the spiritual heart of Sikhism and one of India's most moving and beautiful sites. Its serene marble walkways and shimmering sacred pool offer a powerful contrast to the energy of the surrounding city.

Afterwards, enjoy some free time to relax at your hotel, browse local markets, or sample Amritsar's renowned street food. Later in the afternoon, we travel to the Wagah Border to witness the famous Changing of the Guard ceremony – a dramatic daily display of pageantry and patriotism marking the frontier between India and Pakistan.

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## AMRITSAR TO DELHI

DAY 4

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

This morning we explore historic Amritsar, winding through colourful bazaars and narrow lanes of the old town, including the atmospheric passageways of Qila Ahluwalia, once home to one of the city's most powerful Sikh clans. It's a journey back through centuries of history, craftsmanship, and daily life.

In the afternoon, we fly to Delhi. On arrival, enjoy a panoramic city tour en route to your hotel, offering a first glimpse of India's dynamic capital – where ancient monuments stand alongside modern boulevards and colonial-era architecture.

[The Connaught](#)

DAY 5

## DELHI TO AGRA

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED

After breakfast, we drive a short distance to visit the Sikh temple Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, a beautiful white marble complex crowned with a golden dome. At its heart lies the sacred Sarovar (holy water tank), believed to hold healing powers, and the vast Langar (community kitchen), which serves free meals to thousands each day – a powerful symbol of Sikh hospitality, equality, and selfless service. Located near Connaught Place, the complex also includes a prayer hall, museum, library, school, and hospital, and welcomes people of all faiths.

We then visit The Salaam Baalak Trust (SBT), a respected NGO supporting vulnerable and street-connected children in Delhi. Here, we take a unique city walking tour led by former street children, offering an inspiring and insightful perspective on life in the capital.

After an included lunch, we continue by road to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, we check into our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to relax and unwind.

[The Trident](#)



## AGRA

DAY 6

BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED

We rise early this morning to witness sunrise over the Taj Mahal – one of the world's most breathtaking sights. This exquisite white marble mausoleum was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal and is the finest expression of Mughal architecture, blending Indian, Persian and Islamic design. Intricate floral inlays, delicate calligraphy and perfectly balanced gardens come together in a monument that has become the ultimate symbol of eternal love.

We return to the hotel for breakfast before visiting the impressive Agra Red Fort (Lal Qila), a vast 16th-century fortress on the banks of the Yamuna River, its red sandstone walls enclose elegant palaces, audience halls and mosques, offering a fascinating insight into Mughal power and court life. After returning to the hotel for lunch, the afternoon is at leisure, or you may choose the optional tour of the beautiful Baby Taj and Mahal.

This evening we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

DAY 7

## AGRA TO RANTHAMBORE

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED

This morning, we begin with a visit to one of Agra's renowned marble inlay workshops to see the exquisite art of Pietra Dura in action. This centuries-old technique – made famous by the Taj Mahal – involves the precise inlay of semiprecious stones such as lapis lazuli, malachite and jasper into marble, creating beautifully detailed and durable works of art. We also visit a private collection of striking 3D tapestries.

We then travel to Bharatpur for an included lunch before continuing by train to Ranthambore.

On arrival, we transfer to our hotel for a two-night stay. This evening, enjoy an insightful talk from a resident naturalist, introducing you to the wildlife and landscapes of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve ahead of tomorrow's safari adventure.

[The Regency](#)



# RANTHAMBORE SAFARI

DAY 8

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER INCLUDED

We rise early this morning for our first thrilling safari into Ranthambore National Park, venturing deep into the reserve in search of elusive tigers, leopards, sloth bears and a wealth of other wildlife.

We return to the lodge for a late breakfast, with the remainder of the morning at leisure to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

In the afternoon, we head out once more for our second safari, giving us another opportunity to spot the park's magnificent wildlife in a different light. We return in time for afternoon tea, followed by an included dinner at the lodge.

DAY 9

## RANTHAMBORE TO JAIPUR THE PINK CITY

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

After breakfast, we travel by coach to Jaipur, the legendary Pink City, arriving around lunchtime.

Our sightseeing begins at the remarkable Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. This UNESCO World Heritage Site features vast stone instruments designed for naked-eye celestial observation, including the world's largest stone sundial – a fascinating blend of science, architecture and artistry.

We then stroll to the magnificent City Palace, a grand complex at the heart of Jaipur that still serves as the residence of the royal family. Blending Rajput and Mughal architecture, it features elegant courtyards, ornate gates, beautiful gardens and museums housing royal costumes, textiles and weaponry, offering a captivating glimpse into Rajasthan's regal past. We check into our hotel for a two-night stay, with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

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# JAIPUR

DAY 10

**BREAKFAST, SNACKS AND DINNER INCLUDED**

After breakfast, we stop at the iconic Palace of the Winds (Hawa Mahal) for photos before heading to the magnificent Amber Fort, the former capital of the Kachchawah Rajput rulers. Perched high on a hilltop, this UNESCO World Heritage palace-fort is a masterpiece of Rajput and Mughal architecture, built from pink sandstone and marble. Inside, explore grand courtyards such as Jaleb Chowk and beautifully decorated halls, including the Diwan-i-Am and the dazzling mirror-lined Shish Mahal.

This afternoon offers the chance to discover Jaipur's celebrated craftsmanship. Visit specialist workshops showcasing traditional rug weaving, block printing and fine textiles, where you'll be welcomed with refreshments and a light local snack while watching the artisans at work. There is also time to browse and purchase rugs, scarves, bedding and even made-to-measure garments. We return to the hotel for a short rest before heading out again for a charming evening rickshaw ride through the Pink City with the Pink Ladies, followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

**DAY 11**

## JAIPUR TO JODHPUR VIA PUSHKAR

**BREAKFAST INCLUDED**

Today, we leave the Pink City behind and journey into the desert heart of Rajasthan, arriving in the sacred town of Pushkar, one of India's oldest and most revered pilgrimage destinations.

Set beside its holy lake and surrounded by desert hills, Pushkar is famed for its spiritual atmosphere, colourful bazaars and temples, including the rare and important Brahma Temple. The town is also known worldwide for its legendary camel fair, which brings the desert to life each year with vibrant trading, music and celebration.

With its peaceful lakeside ghats, incense-filled streets and gentle rhythm of daily rituals, Pushkar feels like a true desert oasis. We continue our drive to Jodhpur, Rajasthan's famous "Blue City" – a desert city renowned for its striking blue-painted houses, majestic forts, vibrant bazaars and rich Rajput heritage. Check in to our hotel, with the remainder of the day at leisure.

[Ratan Vilas](#)



## JODHPUR

DAY 12

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Perched dramatically on a steep rocky outcrop, Mehrangarh Fort, often called the "Majestic Fort", provides breathtaking panoramic views over the sprawling blue and whitewashed houses below.

An afternoon at leisure, perhaps you will choose the optional Bishnoi Village Safari, visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace or wander through the Sardar Market and eat at the famous Omelette Shop.

DAY 13

## JODHPUR TO UDAIPUR VIA RANAKPUR

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

We depart for the beautiful City of Udaipur, stopping en route to visit the magnificent Ranakpur Jain Temple.

Set amidst the tranquil Aravalli Hills, the Ranakpur Jain Temple is a 15th-century architectural masterpiece, celebrated for its exquisite white marble construction and its dedication to Lord Adinath. The temple is renowned for its remarkable 1,444 uniquely carved pillars, each different from the next, supporting an intricate network of domes and halls. Every surface is adorned with extraordinary carvings depicting celestial nymphs, mythological figures, and elaborate geometric patterns, creating a breathtaking labyrinth of spiritual and artistic beauty.

[Lake Pichola Hotel](#)



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## UDAIPUR

DAY 14

BREAKFAST AND DINNER INCLUDED

Udaipur is the romantic “City of Lakes,” famed for its shimmering white marble palaces, tranquil Lake Pichola, and dramatic Aravalli Hills backdrop. Often referred to as the “Venice of the East” and the “City of Sunrise,” Udaipur enchants visitors with its historic beauty, intricate architecture, picturesque waterways, and charming small-town atmosphere.

Today, we enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour that includes the magnificent City Palace, the beautifully preserved Bagore Ki Haveli Museum, and the sacred Jagdish Temple. We also take a boat ride across Lake Pichola to the elegant Jagmandir Island Palace, set serenely in the middle of the lake.

DAY 15

## UDAIPUR TO DELHI

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

This morning, you can enjoy a relaxed and peaceful breakfast before transferring to the airport for your flight back to Delhi, where we stay overnight for one final night.

[Hyatt Andaz](#)

## DELHI TO LONDON

DAY 16

BREAKFAST INCLUDED

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flight to London or your chosen destination.





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