

## Day 01 : - JAIPUR ( Pink City )

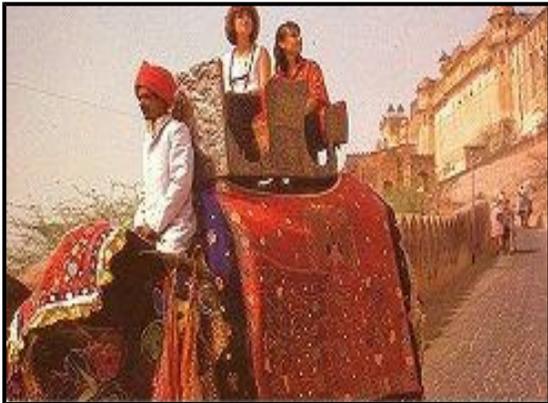
Upon Arrival Check Inn at Hotel.

It is complete with palaces and mosques and used to be a town larger than London when it was originally constructed.

Over Night at Jaipur.

## Day 02 : JAIPUR

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the **ancient capital of Amber** to see the fabulous Amber Fort.



Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power.

**An elephant /Jeep** will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress (*Elephant ride is subject to availability*) once on top, stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Many of the rooms have delightful wall paintings, with precious stones and mirrors inlaid in the walls. Most fascinating, perhaps, is the Sheesh Mahal (hall of mirrors) where a single lamplight is reflected in the many mirrors, lighting up the room.



Later you will visit the **city of Jaipur**. Among the highlights to be seen while touring Jaipur include the **City Palace**, which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens and courtyards, decorative art and carved doorways. The palace museum houses collections of rare manuscripts, armory, costumes, carpets and miniature paintings. Walk to the

adjacent **Jantar Mantar or Astronomical Observatory** made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the five such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even to this day. Then you will stop and see the '**Palace of Winds**', otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate facade behind which the ladies of the court used to watch the daily goings on in the street below. It is extremely intricate in its pink sandstone carving. The cool wind blows through its facade of windows and latticed screens through which the queens of the court once viewed the streets of the city. You will also have the opportunity to wander about the local markets.

Return back to the hotel after sightseeing. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 3 : JAIPUR - PUSHKAR**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven for Pushkar . the prime attraction of Pushkar is the Pushkar Lake , water of this lake is considered sacred like the Mansarovar Lake in Tibet. Pushkar has become a place of Hindu pilgrimage because of this holy lake and Legend of Lord Brahma,. Legend has it that this lake was consecrated to Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe when a lotus dropped from his hand into the valley and a lake emerged there The Pushkar lake is surrounded by many important Hindu temples and .52 ghats where pilgrims descend to the lake to bathe in its sacred waters.

#### **Brahma Temple**

Pushkar is dedicated to Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe according to Indian mythology, It is said that Brahma performed penance here for 60,000 years. Pushkar has many temples.. The most famous among all is the Brahma Temple not because of its grandiose architecture or opulence but because it is dedicated to Brahma. Today Just a few temples dedicated to Lord Brahma exist world wide they are at Bithoor in Uttar Pradesh -,village Asotra near Balotra city of Barmer district in Rajasthan , Besakih in

Bali and Prambanan in Indonesia. The most important temple is the one at Pushkar.

### **The Ranganath Venugopal Temple**

This temple also referred to as the Old Rang-Jee temple in Pushkar was built in 1844 by Seth Puranmal Ganeriwal of Lakshmagarh of Shehawati. The main deity of the temple is the four armed Venugopala (Krishna) made out of the Black Kadappa stone from Tamil Nadu, his statue is flanked by statues of Ruhkmani and Satyabhama. The temple architecture is a mix of the Gopurams and the Shikharas of the South Indian style of temple architecture merged with arches and Jharokas and was the first temple of the Ramanuja sect in Rajasthan.

### **Day 4 : PUSHKAR - BIJAPUR**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven **for Bijapur** (approx 300 KMS/ 6 hours)

Encircled by lush green forests, Castle Bijapur, Chittorgarh, stands by retaining its ancient glory and pride. The breathtaking views and warm hospitality is a must-experience at Castle Bijapur. One tends to feel mesmerised with the comfort and relaxation offered here. Well-appointed rooms and affirmative staff makes the holiday memorable.



Rest of the day at Leisure

Over night at Hotel

## Day 05 : CASTLE BIJAIPUR - UDAIPUR

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, enjoy the Horse Safari in village surroundings. The village offers a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

After Safari return back to Hotel & Drive for Udaipur  
On arrival proceed for check-in at the hotel.

Udaipur Set on the shores of Lake Pichola and surrounded by hills, Udaipur grew in complete contrast to the harsh deserts of the rest of Rajasthan. As capital of the old Mewar State it was the only Rajput stronghold to uphold its Hindu allegiance in the face of Muslim invasion. From the late 16th century, peace brought about an era of renaissance in the arts and encouraged the building of beautiful palaces around the lake, culminating in the City Palace, one of the largest palace complexes in the world. The lake itself is a romantic setting surrounding the gleaming white Lake Palace and the Jag Mandir, a refuge of the rebel Mughal prince, Shah Jahan, soon to be the creator of the incomparable Taj Mahal.

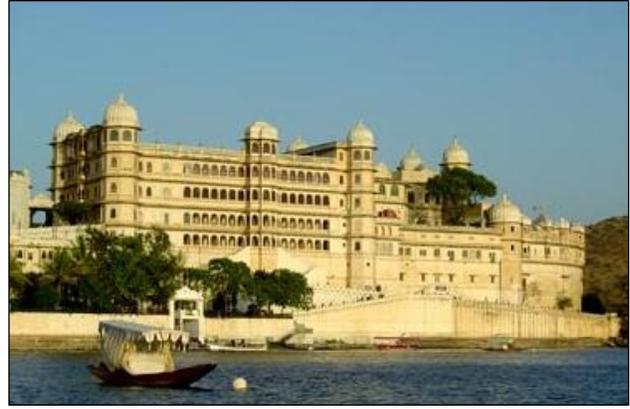
Evening free for leisure activities. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 06 UDAIPUR

In the morning after breakfast, you would be taken for the **sightseeing tour of Udaipur City**, also known as the City of Sunrise

First on your sightseeing tour you will proceed for a tour of the **City Palace**, which overlooks the Lake Pichola. The City Palace was built in 1725 of granite and marble with filigreed balconies, ornate windows and craftsmanship in glass. The royal palace walls stretch over a mile on the eastern side of the lake. Within the palace is a maze of courtyards, apartments and decorated halls. The rooms are covered with frescoes, displays of royal processions, stone and glass mosaics and ornamental doors and painted windows. The marble throne in the coronation rooms was last used during the time Maharana Sangram Singh II (1710-30) and nearby is the Sun Window installed by Maharaja Bhim Singh (1778-1828). This is the divine symbol of the house of Mewar, which traces its lineage to the Surya Vansha, descendants of the Sun. Each palace within is an outstanding creation of art. Visit the museums and the hall of public audiences, the private chambers of the royal ladies at the palace and **Sahelion-ki-Badi**.

In the evening, **experience the hustle bustle of the old market** at Udaipur. Walk past the spice shops, jewellery shops, utensil shops, jaggery shops, silver market, local meat and food shop.



You can also enjoy **boat ride** (*Boat ride is subject to enough water in Lake Pichola*) in and around **Lake Pichola**.

Return to the hotel after sightseeing tour. Overnight at the hotel

### **Day 07 UDAIPUR – ROHITGARH**

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven to Rohet

This morning and en-route visit Ranakpur Jain Temple .Ranakpur Temples are acclaimed world-wide for their intricate and superb architectural style. These temples form one of the five major pilgrimages of the Jains. Located in village of Ranakpur near Sadri town in the Pali district of Rajasthan, Ranakpur temple lies at a distance of 95 kms in the north of Udaipur city. The temple is easily accessible from the city of Udaipur as regular buses are easily available. Built in the 15th century, Ranakpur temples are known for being the largest and most important temples of the Jain cult. In the complex, there are several temples including Chaumukha temple, Parsavanath temple, Amba Mata Temple and Surya Temple. Amongst all of them, Chaumukha Temple is the most important and as the term Chaumukha suggests, this temple is four-faced. Chaumukha temple is dedicated to Lord Adinath, who is the first 'Tirthankara' of the Jains. The Temple structure is highly compound having four different doorways to get into the chambers. These chambers ultimately take you to the main hall where the image of Adinath is positioned.

Check Inn at Hotel

Later if time permits take a walk to the village just outside the heritage hotel to observe the happenings of a village life in India.

Explore Rohet Village in India. Visit **Bishnois** on a Bishnoi Village Safari. Guardians and protectors of the environment for over 500 years; they have been responsible in the survival of the rare Black Buck

antelope (a protected species today). Observe how the tribe shares a beautiful relationship with the environment and the mammals around them. Later during the day, enjoy horse-riding in India with the prized Marwari breed of horses on a countryside ride; a memorable experience if you try it.

## Day 08 ROHITGARH - JODHPUR

In the morning after breakfast, you would be taken for Jodhpur. Upon arrival, proceed for check-in at your hotel.

Jodhpur looks out over the desert to the West and the massive fort, topping a sheer rocky hill, which rises right in the middle of the town, totally dominates the city. The old city of Jodhpur is surrounded by a wall 10km long, which was built about a century after the city was founded. From the fort you can clearly see where the old city ends and the new begins. The old city is fascinating jungle of winding streets of great interest to wander around. Eight gates lead out from the walled city. It's one of the more interesting cities in India and those baggy-tight horse riding trousers, jodhpurs, took their name from this locale.

## Day 09 : JODHPUR – JAISALMER ( Golden City )

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, Morning visit the **Mehrangarh Fort (citadel of the Sun)** that evokes the very spirit of the Rathores, the ruling local Rajput clan. Visit its various palaces with their delicate friezes and respective museums, displaying treasures of the royal family.



North of Mehrangarh Fort, and connected to it by road, **Jaswant Thanda** is a pillared marble memorial to the popular ruler Jaswant Singh II (1878-95), who purged Jodhpur of dacoits, initiated irrigation systems and boosted the economy. The cenotaphs of members of the royal family who have died since Jaswant are close by his memorial; those who preceded him are remembered by *chhatris* at Mandor. This south-facing spot is also the best place from which to photograph the fort, looming above the sheer rocky Mehrangarh plateau.

**Later drive from Jodhpur to JAISALMER.**

Upon arrival proceed for check-in at the hotel.

Jaisalmer, the golden beauty etched in yellow sandstone, standing tall against miles of gleaming sand. Founded in 1156 AD by Maharawal Jaisal, Jaisalmer's location kept it almost untouched by outside influences and even during the days of the Raj, Jaisalmer was the last to sign the Instrument of Agreement with the British. Very few cities can boast of the magnificence that surrounds Jaisalmer. There is a fort that seems to rise out of a desert haze, its yellow sandstone walls and bastions taking on a golden hue in the afternoon sun, which is why it is aptly called Sonar Kila or the Golden Fort.

Overnight at the hotel

## Day 10 JAISALMER

After buffet breakfast, Check out from the hotel & proceed for a **city tour of Jaisalmer**.

You will walk up to **The Fort**, which dominates the town. Built in 1156, it is one of the oldest forts in Rajasthan. About a quarter of the old city's population resides within the fort walls, which have 99 bastions around the circumference. Within the fort is a fine group of Jain temples built between the 12th and 15th centuries, many containing ancient manuscripts. Walk through Jaisalmer's narrow streets dotted with ornately decorated Hindu and Jain temples.



After city Sight Seeing drive for Sun Sand Dunes



Over night at Tents at Sun.

## Day 11 JAISALMER - BIKANER

After buffet breakfast, proceed for Bikaner .

The prime attraction of Bikaner is **JUNAGARH FORT** - The Junagarh Fort, built by Rai Singh in 1593, has a 986 mts extended wall with 37 bastions, a moat and two entrances. Situated at 700 feet above sea level, it can be seen from a distance towering over the city.

The fort and its palaces are profusely ornamented with magnificent stone carvings.



The major structures within the fort include the Anup Mahal, Hawa Mahal, Diwan-e-Khas, Badal Mahal, Phool Mahal, Chandra Mahal, Dungar Mahal, Rang Mahal, and Ganga Mahal. The Chandra Mahal has remarkable frescoes; Phool Mahal has glass work on its walls; and Anup Mahal is decorated with golden pen works.

## Day 12 BIKANER – MANDAWA

After breakfast drive from Bikaner to Mandawa - a small town situated in the heart of



Shekhawati region.

Mandawa is well-known for its Havelies, fort palaces and fresco art. Upon arrive check into hotel & later enjoy the village walk and see how the clay potteries are made by Indian potters. The most important places to see are Chokhani, Ladia, Binsidhar Newatia, and Gulab Rai Ladia Haveli. Another haveli, the Binsidhar Newatia Haveli, is known for its curious paintings. Overnight stay at Mandawa

### **Day 13 MANDAWA - DELHI**

After breakfast drive from Mandawa to **Delhi**. Drop you to Hotel / Airport

### **END OF THE TOUR**

**Please find package cost as under:-**

#### **Transport Service**

Ac Innova @ INR 45,700/- GST as per above itinerary

Ac Tempo Traveler (07 or 9 Seater) @ INR 64,450/- + as per above itinerary

Ac Mini Coach (18 to 21 Seater) @ INR 1,10,750/- + as per above itinerary

**Above transport quote includes all Toll/Parking, State/Inter State Tax, Driver allowances, Mineral water, Tissue Paper etc..**

**Government Approved Local English Speaking Guide**

01-05 Pax @ INR 10,000/- (Jaipur, Pushkar,Udaipur,Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Mandawa)

06 – 14 Pax @ INR 12000/- (Jaipur, Pushkar,Udaipur,Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Mandawa)

15 to 40 Pax @ INR 14000/- (Jaipur, Pushkar,Udaipur,Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Mandawa)

### **Activities**

Rickshaw Ride in Old New Delhi @ INR 250/- Per person

Elephant Ride at Amber fort @ INR 1210/- Per Elephant

Common Boat Ride in Udaipur @ INR 900/- Per person

Jeep Safari in Bishnoi Village, Jodhpur @ INR 850/- per person

Camel safari at Sam sand Dunes in Jaisalmer @ INR 350/- Per person

Dinner at Camp followed by Folk dances @ INR 1350/- Per person

### **Optional Activities**

Elephant safari followed by Dinner in Jaipur @ INR 5500/- + Tax

Dinner with Rajput Family followed by cooking demonstration

### **Note:-**

- Government Service tax will be applicable on total package.
- Above cost is subject to change in case of any extreme hike in fuel price and tax structure