



# Classical Rajasthan

Rs.61,768 PP onwards

12 Nights / 13 Day

2 N New Delhi | 1 N Mandawa | 1 N Bikaner | 2 N Jaisalmer | 1 N Jodhpur | 2 N Udaipur | 2 N Jaipur | 1 N Agra



## HOLIDAY PACKAGE ITINERARY

### DAY 01 New Delhi

Welcome to the Historic city of Delhi! Following your arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

### DAY 02 New Delhi

Enjoy a guided tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi which includes drive past the Red Fort, a visit to Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in Asia and Raj Ghat, the simple but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Later, drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), Parliament buildings, Rashtrapati Bhawan (the President's residence) and end the tour with a visit to Qutab Minar, a masterpiece of perfect proportions.

**Note:**

Visitors are required to take their shoes off before entering the Jama Masjid. Shorts, sleeveless tops, revealing clothes are not allowed inside Jama Masjid. Overnight in Delhi. (Breakfast)

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## DAY 03 Mandawa

Explore the beautiful havelis in the semi-desert region of Shekhawati, lying in the triangular region between Delhi, Jaipur and Bikaner. Famous for its plethora of painted havelis (mansions), all commendable pieces of the rich artistic traditions of this region display a unique architectural style. The havelis, painted predominantly in the blue, maroon, yellows, green and indigo have beautiful wall paintings that adorn their walls. The turn of the 19th century saw the appearance of new motifs, an outcome of the Raj's influence upon the Indian culture. Overnight in Mandawa / Alsisar. (Breakfast)

## DAY 04 Bikaner

Today, you will proceed on a visit to Junagarh Fort, one of the most interesting forts in Rajasthan, with its sumptuously decorated interiors. Built in 1588 by Raja Rai Singh it is unusual in the sense that it was one of the few major forts of Rajasthan that was not built on a hilltop. Instead, it was built on the desert plains; its rugged sandstone bastions and graceful pavilions and balconies are silhouetted against the sky. Later, walk around the local bazaar of Bikaner. Overnight in Bikaner. (Breakfast)

## DAY 05 Jaisalmer

Today you will be driven to Jaisalmer, where on arrival you will check into your hotel. Overnight in Jaisalmer. (Breakfast)

## DAY 06 Jaisalmer

In the morning, explore one of the largest forts of the world the Jaisalmer Fort. Built in 1156 the fort stands proudly amidst the golden stretches of the great Thar Desert. The majestic fort's yellow sandstone walls are a tawny lion colour during the day and turn to a magical honey-gold during the sunset against the picturesque yellow desert. During your tour visit the Gadisar Lake a rainwater reservoir built in 1367, which was once the city's only source of water. Also visit the delightful Folklore Museum with its collection of informative displays of folk art. Also visit the famous Nathwon and Patwon ki Havelis. In the afternoon, drive out of the city towards the dunes to view the sunset on the picturesque sand dunes. The ripples on the wind-caressed dunes creating an enchanting mirage are surely a delight. An exciting camel ride on the sandy terrain will allow you to get the real feel of the desert. Overnight in Jaisalmer. (Breakfast)

## DAY 07 Jodhpur

In the morning, you will be driven to Jodhpur. On arrival in Jodhpur, check into your hotel. Late afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Jodhpur, which includes a visit to the Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. The 5-kilometre long majestic Mehrangarh Fort is set on a 125 metre high hill and is one of the most impressive and formidable structures. Inside the fort is a series of courtyards and palaces. Continue to Jaswant Thada which is located a short distance from the fort and is a white marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Overnight in Jodhpur (Breakfast)

## DAY 08 Udaipur

In the morning, you will be driven to Udaipur en- route visiting the beautiful Jain Temples at Ranakpur. Built in light coloured marble, the temple is dedicated to Adinatha and is one of the five most important pilgrimage sites of Jainism. The Ranakpur Temple can be called a treasure house of pillars, which have been arranged in such a manner that none of them obstructs the view of the Lord's image from any corner of the temple. On arrival in Udaipur, check into your hotel. Overnight in Udaipur. (Breakfast)

## DAY 09 Udaipur

This morning, enjoy a half day excursion of the Nagda and Eklingji Temples. Nagda temple comprises of a majestic pair of 11th century temple of Saas-Bahu, literally, Mother and Daughter-in-law Temples dedicated to Vishnu are located here. Continue to Eklingji, which is a complex of 108 temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. The main temple is built of marble and granite and dates back to the 16th century. The walled complex includes an elaborately pillared hall under a large pyramidal roof and features a four-faced Shiva image of black marble.

### Note

Eklingji Temples are not accessible during the Maharana's visit on Monday .Afternoon explore the marvellous treasures of Udaipur on a City Tour. Enjoy a half day guided tour of Udaipur, which includes a visit to the City Palace and Saheliyon ki Badi. Built in 1567, the City Palace stands on a hill on the banks of Lake Pichola and is surrounded by crenulated walls. City Palace is an intriguing mixture of Rajput and military architecture and Mughal-style ornamental techniques. Its firm, fortress-like facade, topped by a plethora of graceful balconies, cupolas and turrets, has been justly described as a massive plain cake topped with fabulous icing. Continue to Saheliyon-ki-Bari (Garden of the maids of honour), a small ornamental garden which was a popular relaxing spot where royal ladies came for a stroll and hence the name. Overnight in Udaipur. (Breakfast)

## DAY 10 Jaipur

Drive to the royal city of Jaipur en route visiting Pushkar, which is one of the most holy places in the country for Hindus. This little town is dotted with more than 400 temples dedicated to various Hindu Gods and Goddesses, the main being the Brahma Temple as it is considered to be the only Brahma Temple in the world. On arrival in Jaipur, check in to your hotel Overnight in Jaipur (Breakfast)

## DAY 11 Jaipur

In the morning, proceed for a guided tour of the fabulous Amber Fort, en route taking a photo-stop at Hawa Mahal, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires. Located at the top of a hill, Amber Fort offers spectacular view of the old town below, where Akbar stopped en route on his annual pilgrimage to Ajmer. Ruins and remains are spread over the Aravalli hills and sprawling walls lattice the surrounding area. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Pink City Enjoy city tour of the royal city of Jaipur. The highlights of the tour include a visit to the City Palace Museum, which has a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of Mughals and Rajputs including swords of different shapes and sizes with chiselled handles. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical Observatory built by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th-century. You may want to walk around the colourful bazaars later in the evening. Overnight in Jaipur. (Breakfast)

## DAY 12 Agra

In the morning you will proceed on a drive to Agra, en route visiting Fatehpur Sikri the beautiful deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. Explore the environs of this historic monument that was built by Akbar to commemorate the birth of his son only to be abandoned after 14 years due to lack of water. On arrival in Agra, you will check into your hotel. Afternoon visit of the Enchanting Taj Mahal.

## DAY 12 Agra

Today you will proceed on a guided tour of the Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Shah Jahan, the Taj's creator, spent the last years of his life imprisoned at the fort by his son Aurangzeb. It was built in the late 1560's by their predecessor, Akbar, with later embellishments by Jehangir, his son, and Shah Jahan, his grandson. Later you will proceed on a drive to Delhi. Your arrangements conclude today with a drive back to Delhi as you proceed for your onward journey.

### HOTEL DETAILS

CITY	NO. OF NIGHTS	HOTELS IN STANDARD CATEGORY
New Delhi	2	The Park Or Similar
Mandawa	1	Sara Villas Or Similar
Bikaner	1	Gaj Kesri Or Similar
Jaisalmer	2	Gorbandh Palace Or Similar
Jodhpur	1	Park Plaza Or Similar
Udaipur	2	Udai Kothi Or Similar
Jaipur	2	Radisson Blu Hotel Jaipur Airport Or Similar
Agra	1	Trident Hilton Or Similar

### INCULSION

- All road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes and portorage at all hotels
- Entrances at all the monuments as mentioned in the program (One visit)
- Services of language / English Speaking Escort will be provided throughout the tour. (Staying in different hotels) from 6 paying pax onwards.
- English speaking Nitya Tours representative on all arrival/departure transfers
- All currently applicable taxes including 3.09% Government service tax

### EXCULSION

- Airfare
- Charges Not Mentioned
- Personal Expenses
- Porter Charges
- Surcharges