

Highlights of Rajasthan



From \$3,980 – 16 days. Fully inclusive from Australia

The magic of Rajasthan is unequalled for diversity in colour, lifestyle, wildlife, landscapes, livelihood, handicraft, history, and background. Well preserved relics co-exist with current trends and developments to present an environmental wonderland.

Day 1: Australia to Delhi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Delhi, upon arrival we will be welcomed and escorted to our hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2: Delhi

Today discover the vibrant city of Old and New Delhi. Drive past the Red Fort and undertake a walking tour of 'Chandni Chowk' (the silver street of Delhi), to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Marvel at Raj Ghat (the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi), the Qutab Minar complex, Humayun's Tomb, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib and India Gate after drive past the President's Palace, the Parliament House and other Government Secretariat Buildings.

Day 3: Delhi to Mandawa

This morning leave Delhi and drive to Rajasthan's Open Art Gallery, Shekhawati and stay in Mandawa at a mud cottage (The Desert Resort) which captures the mystery and romance of the desert in its unusual architecture. This afternoon explore Mandawa and visit the unique haveli's of the region. Later enjoy a dip in the resorts swimming pool in the midst of the open arid desert.

Day 4: Mandawa to Kuchaman

Drive to Kuchaman today along the Salt lakes of Rajasthan. The Kuchaman fort here is a rare masterpiece of royal heritage. The Kuchamani artisans have stalls in the Meena Bazaar within the fort complex, selling exquisitely made handicrafts. The Fort also houses a museum of weapons and armour, beautiful miniature paintings, murals and gilded work.

Day 5: Kuchaman to Khimsar

Visit the temple in the local village before driving to the beautiful Khimsar Fort in the Great Thar Desert of Rajasthan.



Day 6: Khimsar to Jaisalmer

Start the day with breakfast at the nearby sand dunes for a spectacular sunrise. After breakfast we drive to Jaisalmer dubbed the 'Gold City'. This desert fort city is one of Rajasthan's most exotic and unusual towns. Enjoy an evening exploration of the colorful and bustling bazaars of Jaisalmer.

Day 7: Jaisalmer

Today we see the fort built by Rawal Jaisal in the 12th century atop the 80m high Trikuta Hill. Within the fort there are beautifully carved Jain temples and the Badal Vilas Palace. Tour the famous Havelis (mansions) known for their frescoes. Later take a camel ride on the sand dunes to view the sunset.

Day 8: Jaisalmer to Jodhpur

This morning we drive to Jodhpur, the second largest city in Rajasthan. This afternoon visit Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most impressive complexes in Rajasthan, followed by the museum located in the Umaid Bhawan Palace and Jaswant Thada, the white marble memorial of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II.

Day 9: Jodhpur to Udaipur via Ranakpur

Today we embark on a beautiful drive to Udaipur en route enjoying a local Bishnoi Village tour to get a feel for the local lifestyle



of Rajasthani villagers. Also stop at Ranakpur, home to the largest Jain temple complex in India, dating back to the 15th Century. Continue drive to Udaipur, the 'City of Sunrise'. A romantic and serene city, Udaipur nestles in the scenic valley of Aravalli hills, surrounded by three lakes – Lake Pichola, Fateh Sagar and Udai Sagar.

Day 10: Udaipur

Visit the City Palace, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari (Garden for the Maids of Honour), Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandir (the Folklore Museum) and Mewar Art Gallery. The remainder of the day is at leisure before our evening cruise on Lake Pichola.

Day 11: Udaipur to Pushkar

Embark on a drive amidst the arid Rajasthan desert towards Pushkar. Apart from its religious significance, Pushkar is known for its Cattle and Camel fair held every year in the festival month of Kartik (October – November). Being a religious town, alcohol and non-vegetarian food are taboo. This afternoon visit the holy Pushkar Lake and mingle with saadhu's, holy men in orange attires. This evening enjoy dinner with bon fire and Rajasthani cultural performance. Stay at our tent resort in Pushkar.

Day 12: Pushkar to Jaipur

Leaving Pushkar we continue on to Jaipur, known to ancient forts and palaces and known as the 'Pink City'. En route visit Bagru village to see the traditional Rajasthani printing process. Visit the Jaipur City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the ancient astronomical observatory. This evening enjoy the Aarti ceremony at Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

Day 13: Jaipur

Start the day with an exciting excursion to the Amber Fort on elephant back! Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), Jagmandir and Hall of Victory before returning to the city via the Jal Mahal. Visit gem and carpet weaving factories then haggle for souvenirs in colorful crowded lanes and by-lanes of Jaipur.

Day 14: Jaipur to Agra

We drive to Agra stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri, a fortified ghost city. Agra arose to fame in the medieval period as the capital of the Moghul Empire and was beautified with gardens, waterfalls, bathhouses and canals. In modern times the city still supports thriving handicraft industries. View the Taj Mahal in all its glory. Visit the red sandstone Agra Fort which stands like a crescent on the banks of Jamuna River. Enjoy the evening at leisure around the Taj Mahal.



Day 15: Agra to Delhi Departure

Today we have the option for a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal. Return to our hotel for a late breakfast followed by a drive back to Delhi. Visit Sikandra en route, the tomb of the great Moghul Emperor Akbar. Transfer to Delhi International airport to board our flight home.

Day 16: Australia

Arrival home in Australia

Tour Facts

- Medium Paced Tour – Ideal for those who want to focus on an in depth tour of Rajasthan
- Order of events, sightseeing may vary according to local conditions
- All tours are guaranteed at the listed price with a National Escort subject to a minimum of 10 people traveling together

Inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in India, all meals, entrance fees, guides, daily tours, visa fee for Australian passport holders.

Tour Code	Depart Australia (Sat)	Arrive Australia (Sun)	Twin Share Price
2009			
I9201	28 February	15 March	\$3,980
I9202	07 March	22 March	\$3,980
I9203*	17 September	02 October	\$3,980
I9204	26 September	11 October	\$4,160
I9205*	08 October	23 October	\$4,260
I9206	17 October	01 November	\$4,260
I9207	07 November	22 November	\$4,260
I9208	14 November	29 November	\$4,260
2010			
I0201	06 February	21 February	\$4,260
I0202	27 February	14 March	\$4,260
I0203	06 March	21 March	\$4,260
I0204	27 March	11 April	\$4,260

* I9203 & I9205 Depart on Thursday and Return on Friday.



Price Guide:

16 Days, Fully inclusive Twin Share. Fly with Singapore Airlines or Thai Airways. **From \$ 3,980** per person – Departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Perth Single Supplement – From \$910. Land Only from \$ 3,080 Airline Depart taxes and fuel surcharge are not included **Option:** Price start from \$380 per person twin share for a 3 Day/2 Night stopover in Singapore or Bangkok.