

ENCHANTING RAJASTHAN

12 Days / 11 Nights

THOUGH IT DOES not traverse very many cities, this itinerary encapsulates the colour and vibrancy of the region. Introduction to India, are the seven cities of Delhi, amicably rubbing shoulders with modern cosmopolitan living. Agra adds further insight, particularly to the Mughal era. As tribute to the golden age of culture that it nurtured stands that 'monument to eternal love' – the Taj Mahal. The interplay of cultures is clearly visible in Rajasthan, but there are forts, such as the one at Kumbalgarh near Deogarh, that proudly assert they have never been successfully assailed.

At the edge of the Thar Desert stands Jodhpur, one of the three most powerful of the erstwhile kingdoms of Rajasthan. The splendour of its imposing fort, glory of the many palaces and havelis, and vibrant attraction of its bazaars make it one of the most popular destinations in Rajasthan. Charming Deogarh is off the beaten track, and the warm hospitality of the royal family makes it the ideal base for excursions to surrounding attractions.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Delhi

Reception and welcome at Delhi Airport followed by transfer to your hotel.

Day 2

Delhi

A full-day tour of Delhi introduces you to New and Old Delhi. B

Day 3

Delhi-Agra (200kms – 4hrs drive)

Drive on to Agra this morning. This evening you visit the Taj Mahal. B

Day 4

Agra-Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri (265kms – 6hrs drive)

Visit the magnificent Taj Mahal for the second time to see it in a different light. Later drive on to Jaipur en route visiting the deserted Fatehpur Sikri. B

Day 5

Jaipur

This morning, travel majestically up to the ramparts of Amber Fort on elephant-back or in jeeps. This afternoon is dedicated to city sightseeing. B

Day 6

Jaipur

Free day in Jaipur to further explore this magical city or shop around. B

Day 7

Jaipur -Jodhpur (310kms – 7hrs drive)

This morning, drive on to Jodhpur. B

Day 8

Jodhpur

A half-day tour of Jodhpur includes Jaswant Thada, a white marble cenotaph, and the spectacular Mehrangarh Fort. B

Day 9

Jodhpur-Deogarh (220kms – 4½hrs drive)

Travel into the hills to the charming little village of Deogarh, set among lakes and hills. Enjoy the hospitality of the Royal family at the magnificent Deogarh Palace. B

Day 10

Deogarh-Ranakpur-Udaipur (130kms – 3hrs drive)

Today we travel on to the city of lakes, visiting the Ranakpur Jain Temples en route. B

Day 11

Udaipur

Today is devoted to exploring the Lake City, famous for its palaces, lakes, museums, temples and gardens. B

Day 12

Udaipur

Your tour ends after breakfast. You will be transferred to Udaipur Airport for your flight home. B