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ROMANTIC PALACES & FORTS

14 days/13 nights

HIDDEN AWAY out of sight just off the main tourist track, are some lovely small palaces and hunting lodges of erstwhile maharajas. Linked to make up a complete itinerary, they provide a unique experience and exposure to aspects of the country you may not otherwise notice.

Almost at the gates of Jaipur, the richly decorated and elegantly managed Samode Palace takes you back in time – to when the rhythm of ankle bells beckoned from mirrored halls and soft whispers of intrigue scurried around the *zenana*.

Echoes of the past are found in some of the special small forts in little villages, while the fort of Devigarh has been innovatively converted into a beautiful boutique hotel with minimal interiors concept and spa and wellness programmes.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Delhi

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

Day 2

Delhi

Today's sightseeing of Delhi introduces you to the different faces of the capital, contemporary Indian, Raj relic, conservative Hindu, Mughal.

Day 3

Delhi-Agra

Drive to Agra this morning. Visit the Taj then other monuments and return to see the setting sun paint the Taj in fiery hues.

Day 4

Agra-Samode via Fatehpur Sikri 235kms

A five hours drive brings you to the personalised hospitality at Samode, located just outside Jaipur.

Day 5

Samode-Jaipur-Samode 33kms

Discover Jaipur city and Amber Fort.

Day 6

Samode-Khimsar 275kms – 6hrs

A long drive to Khimsar where you spend the night at the Castle.

Day 07

Khimsar

Spend the day at leisure. Experience sunset in the sand dunes in the Thar Desert this evening,

Day 08

Khimsar-Jodhpur-Rohetgarh 140kms

Drive to Rohetgarh en route visiting Jodhpur for a two-day sojourn.

Day 9

Rohetgarh

Take a jeep safari this morning into the desert and tribal areas and the picturesque Bishnoi and Brahmin villages.

Day 10

Rohetgarh-Deogarh 250kms – 5hrs

On to Deogarh this morning to stay the night in another of the beautiful palaces of Rajasthan.

Day 11

Deogarh - Devigarh 110kms – 2½hrs

Visit the Jain Temples at Ranakpur en route to Delwara for a relaxing 3-night stay in one of the most luxurious Forts in India.

Day 12

Devigarh

Free day in Devigarh. You may like to enjoy some special Ayurvedic treatments.

Day 13

Devigarh-Udaipur-Devigarh 56kms return

Take a day excursion to Udaipur to see the sights and enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 14

Udaipur

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning. You will be transferred to the airport today for your onward or homeward flight.