



India - Jewels of Rajasthan – 9D / 10N – (CODE – AT IND 05) FROM R13,950 Per person sharing- LAND ARRANGEMENTS ONLY

Set out on the most rewarding travel experience in India with the Jewels of Rajasthan tour. This 10-day journey takes you through the semi-desert state, where the highlight is exploring Raj palaces, strolling through the enchanting blue and pink cities, savouring delectable cuisine, and discovering perfect bargains.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of India's street life, find tranquillity in hidden havens, experience cultural shocks, and witness architectural splendours.

The tour covers the three most visited cities in the country's northwest; Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur, collectively forming the renowned "golden triangle." These cities are aptly named for their extraordinary wealth of cultural and historical splendour.

Delight in the well-connected roads and rail links that make exploring Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur a seamless journey. These cities serve as a perfect embodiment of India's cultural, historical, and architectural wealth, creating the India of your dreams.

Step back in time on this private tour, immersing yourself in the major highlights of Rajasthan and creating memories of a lifetime

Rajasthan Profile

Rajasthan is a vast land and very different from the other states of India. The province remains deeply rooted in rich culture and glorious past. Undoubtedly, the main tourist attractions comprise of forts, palaces, sand dunes, step-wells and much more. In other words, the state is a permanent stronghold of Indian culture and spirituality, where relics of its golden heritage are carefully preserved. Rajasthan is a treasure house of history. Its spellbinding scenic beauty, ranging from the golden glow of desert landscape to the lofty hills of Aravallis. This exotic land is also a treasure trove of handicrafts and a shopper's paradise. Certainly, the dances, music, fairs, and festivals of the State have become popular in all corners of the globe.

Rajasthan History

Rajasthan's history is prized in its fortifications and several are seen in its parched landscape. The Rajput's were prolific builders who left behind a legacy of some of the most imposing and magnificent forts and palaces in the world. As a matter of fact, cities, towns, and villages – all had their forts & protective ramparts. It was customary to build the palace within the fort, enclosed within a fortified wall, as seen in Jodhpur and Udaipur. Some forts occupied commanding heights on hills overlooking the city, as in Jodhpur, the entire settlement is within the fortification as an enclosed unit.

Rajasthan is the real home of traditional Maharaja's. Basically, it is a land packed with Forts and Palaces of Maharaja's and also home to a large population of tribes. The Bhils and Minas form the largest groups.

At a glance

- Day 1 Arrive Delhi. Transfer to your hotel
- Day 2 Travel to Agra.
- Day 3 Taj Mahal and Agra Fort tour
- Day 4 Continue to Jaipur with a stop in Fatehpur Sikri
- Day 5 Full day Jaipur tour incl. Amber Fort on elephant back
- Day 6 Morning departure to Jodhpur
- Day 7 Jodhpur city tour
- Day 8 Onwards to Udaipur.
- Day 9 Udaipur city tour and boat lake ride
- Day 10 Flight to Delhi for onward/return flight

Highlights

- > Daily departures from Delhi
- > Tours with local professional English speaking guides
- > Visit the magnificent Meherangarh Fort in Jodhpur
- > Take a romantic boat ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur
- > See the glorious Taj Mahal
- > Ascend the Amber Fort on Elephant back

Inclusions

- Meet and assist on arrival and departure by our local representative
- Sightseeing tours and intercity transfers as per itinerary in AC vehicle
- 9 Nights' Accommodation at selected hotels in double room sharing
- Meals: as mentioned
- Local English Speaking Guide
- Jaipur offers sightseeing tour with an elephant ride/jeep ride

Exclusions

- International/Domestic flights – Departure & Fuel taxes (Contact us for best airfares)
- Personal expenses, meals and drinks unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance
- India visa fee
- Tips
- Entrance fees
- Services not stated in the itinerary

Validity

- Rate valid for travel between 16 APR and 30 SEP 2024

Contact us for any other date of travel required

ITINERARY

Day City	Day to Day Itinerary
Day 1 Arrive Delhi	Welcome to India. Clear customs and proceed to the Arrival Hall Our representative will meet you for transfer to your hotel and check-in The remainder of the day will be at leisure
Day 2 Delhi – Agra (B)	In the morning we depart for Agra by road. You will be met and assisted; upon your arrival and then transferred to your hotel. Check-in at your hotel and the rest of the day is free at your leisure to enjoy the sights of Agra. Overnight at your hotel in Agra.
Day 3 Agra (B)	Morning sightseeing tour of the Taj Mahal & Fort. Visit the world famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1560 in memory of his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20;000 craftsmen brought together from Persia; Turkey; France and Italy and who took 17 years to complete this ‘Love Poem in Marble’. (Friday closed). Later visit the Agra Fort containing the halls of private & public audiences & other palaces. Shah Jahan spent years of confinement here at the hands of his son Aurangzeb; looking wistfully at the Taj Mahal from the Fort. The afternoon is free at your leisure to continue exploring Agra. Overnight at your hotel in Agra.
Day 4 Agra – Jaipur (B)	Depart Agra for Jaipur by car. En route visit Fatehpur Sikri; built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. The Fatehpur Sikri complex houses tomb of Salim Chisti; Panch Mahal and other palaces; which surprisingly have withstood the ravages of time and are still in good condition. On arrival check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight at your hotel in Jaipur.

<p>Day 5 Jaipur (B)</p>	<p>Morning excursion to Amber Fort. Standing tall over a small hillock overlooking the Pink city; Amber is a classic; romantic Rajasthani Fort-Palace. Miniatures painted on the walls depict hunting and war scenes; apart from festivals. Precious stones and mirrors are embedded into the plaster.</p> <p>A major attraction at Amber is the Elephant Ride; all the way up to the Fort entrance.</p> <p>Afternoon half day sightseeing tour.</p> <p>The tour begins with a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace;- the former Royal residence;- part of it converted into a museum. One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as Armory Museum; housing an impressive array of weaponry -pistols; blunderbusses; flintlocks; swords; rifles and daggers.</p> <p>Also see the miniature items and old carpets at the Textile Museum. Later visit the Jantar Mantar; which is the largest stone-and-marble-crafted Observatory in the world. Situated near the gate of the city palace; the Observatory has 17 large instruments; many of them still in working condition.</p> <p>After the tour return to your hotel.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel in Jaipur.</p>
<p>Day 6 Jaipur – Jodhpur (B)</p>	<p>In the morning we depart for Jodhpur by road.</p> <p>On arrival check-in at your hotel.</p> <p>The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore Jodhpur.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel in Jodhpur.</p>
<p>Day 7 Jodhpur (B)</p>	<p>The city of Jodhpur; with its gentle atmosphere belies a stormy yet glorious past. Its walls; seven gates and numerous bastions and towers were built in the 16th century by Rao Maldeo. 393 feet above the flat surrounding plains soars a bold bluff on which was built the massive Meherangarh (Majestic) Fort.</p> <p>In the old city's maze of old lanes lie several palaces; havelis and some temples.</p> <p>The famous puppet makers of Jodhpur are found here.</p> <p>Visit the Sardar Bazar with its Clock Tower of 1912.</p> <p>Visit the fort and palaces; some of which contain a fine collection of Rajput miniature paintings; a museum; Maan Vilas which houses Rathore armoury and on the ramparts stand cannons; the spoils of Gaj Singh.</p> <p>On the road down from the Fort see Jaswant Thada; the blinding white marble cenotaph (chhatri) of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II.</p> <p>the afternoon is at your leisure.</p> <p>Overnight at your hotel in Jodhpur</p>

<p>Day 8 Jodhpur – Udaipur (B)</p>	<p>In the morning depart for Udaipur by road. On arrival in Udaipur; check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore Udaipur. Overnight at your hotel in Udaipur.</p>
<p>Day 9 Udaipur (B)</p>	<p>Morning sightseeing tour of Udaipur is one of the most charming cities of Rajasthan. It nestles like a gem in a valley surrounded by the green Aravalli hills; reflected smooth and white in the clear blue of Lake Pichola. Old dwellings; temples and palaces speak of an aristocratic past. Visit the City Palace; once the home of Mewars rulers; is today a museum. It consists of several flawlessly integrated palaces which overlook the clear blue of Lake Pichola. Visit Sahelion-ki-Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honour) the scene of royal parties for centuries. Drive around Fateh Sagar Lake excavated in the late 17th century by Maharana Fateh Singh and past the Puppet Museum (Lok Kala Mandal) and the statue of Maharana Pratap (Moti Magri). (Duration – 3 1/2 hours – 18 kms) Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola – this lake takes its name from the small village of Picholi on its west bank. In the lake are several islands; on two of them the Maharanas of Udaipur constructed pleasure palaces; the Jag Mandir and the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace Hotel). After the tour return to your hotel. Overnight at your hotel in Udaipur.</p>
<p>Day 10 Udaipur – Delhi (B)</p>	<p>After breakfast we depart Udaipur for Delhi by flight. On arrival in Delhi you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight for your onward destination. Services end at Delhi airport.</p>

Thank you for choosing **Sure Mirage Travel** for your **Indian** experience.
We value your patronage & look forward to serving you again in the near future.

mirage
travel

Country information

India's Different Seasons

India climate is considered hot; however, the weather varies a lot depending on which part of the country you visit. The South has Monsoons whereas the North may be covered in snow. The best time to travel is between October and March (except for the Far North, where you will encounter winter conditions from November onwards)

- **Overview of food & drink**

India's food is tantalizing and spicy and comes in so many varieties. Rice is the foundation of each dish. This does not exclude a number for breads from light to roasted. Northern Indian food mostly consists of meaty stews and kebabs. Southern India is known for its spiced vegetarian curries and dosas. Goa and Kerala will serve you the best seafood dishes.

Drink only bottled water during your stay in India. Nimbu Pani (Lemonade) is a traditional and most common Indian drink, made of lemon and ginger juice. Coconut water is preferred by many locals across India. Toddy is a famous alcoholic drink in Madhya Pradesh that is made from various palm plants. Jal Jeera, the magical drink to survive the hot Indian Summers

- **Tipping**

Usually, add 10 to 15% when eating out. Restaurants in Delhi and Mumbai often charge a 'service charge', not to be confused with 'service tax' (which is a government-levied tax). When a 'service charge' is levied no tip is expected. When you have a driver over multiple days you should tip him between 150 – 300 INR per day. Again, base this on how happy you were with his service and local knowledge

- **Culture and Language**

It's traditional to greet people using 'Namaste'; place both hands together and bow slightly. In urban areas this is often overlooked. Indian culture is based on a hierarchical system, so elders and superior are greeted first. Avoid standing too close to others. Use your right hand to touch, accept or give something. Do not use public displays of affection. Hindi is the official language, but English is widely spoken throughout the country

- **Getting around in India**

Air carriers serve all major cities and large towns. There are several domestic "low Budget" options Taxis and auto rickshaws are a very popular way of getting around the major cities. These rides are charged by the kilometre. Insist that your vehicle has a meter before going on your journey.

Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai have metro systems. Rail in India is widely available. Shatabdi Express connects major and secondary cities. Advanced reservations are essential

Here are some traditional dishes

Alu Gobi: a dish made with potatoes (aloo), cauliflower (gobi) and Indian spices

Butter Chicken: traditionally cooked in a tandoor; but may be grilled, roasted or pan-fried with a special gravy

Rogan Josh: consists of braised lamb chunks cooked with a gravy based on browned onions or shallots, yogurt, garlic, ginger and aromatic spices

Malai Kofta: cooked in a creamy gravy made of tomatoes and cashew nuts

Naan: leavened, oven-baked flatbread normally served with all meals



sure



mirage

travel



sure



mirage

travel