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Colors of Rajasthan

11 Nights • Luxury Experience

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Discover the very best of Rajasthan in 11 nights on an exciting group tour! Explore the hues and contrasts that define India as you travel from Delhi, the historical center and modern capital of India, to Agra, where the glimmering white Taj Mahal towers over bustling streets and wooded forests. In Jaipur, ride to an ancient fort upon the back of an elephant before discovering a pink paradise in town; then continue on to Udaipur to see majestic palaces as they seem to float in green-watered lakes. Next, you find yourself in Jodhpur, the Brahmin's Blue City, where you can stroll through its gardens protected by an impressive fort. Finally, witness a glorious sunset over the sand dunes of Jaisalmer's desert.

When you return to Delhi after 12 days of adventure and relaxation, you will have truly experienced all of the vibrant *Colors of Rajasthan*.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

NEW DELHI

Arrive in India's capital city of Delhi and let the experience begin! A traditional welcome marks the start of your magnificent journey before you are transferred from the airport to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure resting and relaxing from your long flight and stay overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2

NEW DELHI

After breakfast this morning, proceed for a full-day tour of Old and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the bazaars that have been the center for the spice and cloth trades for centuries in Old Delhi. This portion of your tour is an amazing contrast to your private tour of modern New Delhi later in the day, where you may visit such places as the historic Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat, Qutab Minar, Parliament House, and Birla Temple. The evening is free to spend at your leisure.

DAY 3

AGRA

Depart Delhi this morning after breakfast and drive to Agra. Upon arrival, check in to your luxury hotel and enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Agra Fort and Sikandra's Tomb, followed by a visit to the magnificent marble Taj Mahal, which glitters in the moonlight.

DAY 4

JAIPUR

Awaken early this morning to enjoy an unforgettable sunrise view of the most opulent wonder of the modern world - the Taj Mahal. Return to the hotel for breakfast and depart by road for Jaipur. En route, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the abandoned Mughal palatial complex of Emperor Akbar. Upon arrival in Jaipur, check into your hotel and spend your evening at leisure.

DAY 5

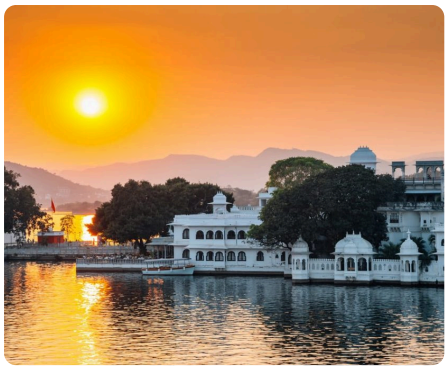
JAIPUR

This morning after breakfast, begin your tour of Jaipur with an elephant ride to the top of Amber Fort. After lunch, embark on a guided sightseeing tour of the "Pink City" visiting such places as Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), the City Palace and Museum, Jantar Mantar Observatory and Albert Hall Museum. You are treated to dinner tonight accompanied by a cultural show.

DAY 6

CHITTORGARH

After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, check out and embark on the drive to Chittaurgarh. Enjoy the views from the window as the colorful countryside passes by. Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.



DAY 7

UDAIPUR

A morning excursion to Chittaurgarh gives you an insight into the historic charm of Rajasthan. The massive Chittaurgarh Fort sits high upon a hilltop and symbolizes the glory, bravery and nobility of the Rajput tradition. Later this afternoon, drive to Udaipur, the serene "City of Lakes." Visit City Palace and Museum, Sahileyon Ki Bari (Garden of Royal Ladies), Jagdish Temple and Bhartiys Lok Kala Mandal. Check in to your next luxurious hotel and stay overnight.

DAY 8

JODHPUR

Your private chauffeur driven car awaits to take you to Jodhpur. En route, visit the famous temples of Ranakpur, including a white marble Jain temple with over 1,400 exquisitely carved pillars and distinctive domes and turrets.

DAY 9

JODHPUR

Enjoy a full-day guided sightseeing tour of Jodhpur, a city ringed by a high stone wall with seven gates and several bastions. Rediscover the heritage of Rajasthan at the rock-solid Mehrangarh Fort, Mandore Garden and the impressive Umaid Bhawan Palace.

DAY 10

JAISALMER

Today, depart Jodhpur for Jaisalmer, a jewel of a city set in the heart of the Thar Desert. Enjoy an exciting camel ride on the sand dunes of Sam and witness an explosion of color as the sun sets against the golden dunes.

DAY 11

JODHPUR

Embark on a full-day sightseeing tour of Jaisalmer, whose temples, forts and palaces are constructed mainly out of yellow sandstone. See the Patwon Ki Havelis, Salim Singh Ki Haveli, and Gandhi Sagar Tank before returning to Jodhpur later this afternoon.

DAY 12

NEW DELHI

This morning after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi or to your next destination as you recall the exciting adventures and marvelous sights of the past twelve days which remain forever as cherished memories.

Tips & Travel Guide

What is the best time to travel to Rajasthan?

Rajasthan is a colorful destination with many activities, fairs and festivals throughout the year. The most visited time is September to mid-April. Starting at the end of April, it will get hot and the rains occur from late July to August. In the summer months (May to August) the temperatures can reach over 40 degrees Celsius and may be even higher in Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and other areas closer to the desert.

What are the passport/visa requirements for travel to India?

A passport with validity at least six months beyond your departure from India is required. Also, visas must be obtained prior to arrival in India. If you are a US citizen, please follow this link for details on obtaining an Indian Visa: https://www.indian-visa.com/. If you are not a US citizen, Please visit www.mea.gov.in, click on "Welcome" and then under "MEA Links" at the right, click on "Missions and Posts Abroad" and then click "Consulate Generals". You can then select your appropriate Consulate General office and link directly to its website, where detailed visa information and application forms can be found.

Where and when are meals taken?

All breakfasts are a la carte and are served at your hotel. Lunches and dinners are usually not included unless specified. During your tour, your escort will have a list of hotels and restaurants where our guests typically enjoy lunch or dinner. We have tried our best to identify these based on our experiences and that of other travelers since quality and safety of food is an important factor while traveling. Your attendant / escort will go over the list of these establishments with you and recommend you best option. You would be able to choose the location depending on the availability and feasibility during your tour.

If I have a specific diet restriction or preference, will you be able to accommodate my request?

All efforts are made to accommodate reasonable diet preferences. We communicate the requests to the hotels and restaurants where you would be eating and your request should generally be honored and ready. However, it is always better to re-coordinate the requirements with our escort / attendant who will be able to ensure the establishments know about your requirements. We also request you to re-inform the establishment about your requirement at the time you go for meals

Can you provide a wheelchair if I need assistance on the sightseeing tours?

Wheelchairs and attendants are available but the arrangements must be made well in advance. Please do let us know and we will be happy to arrange for this. If there is an additional charge, it will be communicated to you depending on your exact requirements. Please be aware that sightseeing vehicles and many monuments are not fully wheelchair accessible. Therefore, it will be beneficial if the party can stand and walk at least a few steps with assistance for entering/exiting vehicles and maneuvering within certain monuments.

What kinds of hotels are used?

We use the best properties available in each location, only standard, deluxe, and luxury, 4- or 5-star hotels such as Taj, Oberoi, Imperial, Intercontinental and Hiltons, which give you good value, best security and hygiene conditions, and excellent service. In order to maintain our high standards of safety and security for our clients, we do not deal with low-end or budget hotels. We want you to enjoy every moment of your trip and not worry about your person or your belongings.

Please contact us if you would like to replace a hotel that we are using in the itinerary so we may provide you a price comparison and recommendation. Please look at the "Accommodation" tab for this tour in order to see the list of hotels used.

What airlines are used for domestic flights?

We use Jet Airways, Jet Lite, Kingfisher and at times (if needed for big groups) we use chartered aircraft.

The tour ends in Delhi, but I would like to go to Mumbai instead. Does the tour cost change?

The tour cost itself does not change, as airfare is not included in the cost. Please advise us of which city you would like to fly to at the end of your tour and we can quote you the additional costs for the airfare.

What is the recommended gratuity?

Gratuities are solely at your discretion, and should reflect your enjoyment of the journey and your satisfaction with the quality of service provided. As a general guideline, per day, a tip of $10 for the driver and $5-$10 for the guide is appropriate.

Are doctors available at all times?

We have identified qualified doctors in each destination you visit. These doctors are available in any case you need emergency medical attention. The hotels that we use usually have their own panels of on-call doctors available to their guests. In any case, please let the escort / attendant / anyone in our ground office know immediately if you feel unwell or think you are going to need medical attention.

What is the travel time between each city?

Delhi - Agra is about 5 hours by car, depending on local traffic conditions

Agra - Jaipur is about 5 hours by car, plus the time taken for sightseeing in Fatehpur Sikri

Jaipur - Chittorgarh is about 6.5 hours by car, depending on local traffic conditions
Chittorgarh - Udaipur is about 2 hours by car

Udaipur - Jodhpur is about 6 hours by car

Jodhpur - Jaisalmer (and return trip) is about 6.5 hours by car

Jodhpur - Delhi is by air which takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

PAYMENT TERMS:

25% of total tour cost due at the time of booking

75% or balance no later than 65 days prior to tour departure date

CANCELLATION FEES:

(i) 25% of the total tour value if cancelled more than 65 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS
(ii) 100% of the total tour value if cancelled 0-64 days prior to date of first service sold by TRAVBUZZ / PALACE TOURS

We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance to cover the losses incurred in case of cancellation. For information on available plans or to purchase travel insurance, please visit www.palacetours.com/insurance.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Colors of Rajasthan tour and which cities does it visit?

> Colors of Rajasthan is a 12-day, 11-night tour. The route runs Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Chittaurgarh, Udaipur, Jodhpur via the Ranakpur temples, and Jaisalmer in the Thar Desert, returning to Jodhpur before your flight to Delhi or your next destination on Day 12.

How many times do I see the Taj Mahal on Colors of Rajasthan?

> Twice. Entrance to the Taj Mahal is included for two visits: one in the evening of Day 3 after touring Agra Fort and Sikandra, and one at sunrise on Day 4 before you drive on to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri.

What is included in the Colors of Rajasthan tour price?

> The price includes breakfast daily, arrival and departure transfers with assistance, all sightseeing in the itinerary with a local English-speaking guide, monument and cultural event entrance fees, still and video camera charges, baggage handling, bottled water during sightseeing, the elephant ride to Amber Fort, and two Taj Mahal visits.

What is not included on Colors of Rajasthan?

> Not included are international or domestic airfare, airport departure taxes, lunches and dinners, travel insurance, beverages, laundry, telephone calls and gratuities, any compulsory holiday dinners such as Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve imposed by hotels, and anything not specifically listed as included.

What do I see in Delhi on this Rajasthan tour?

> Day 2 is a full-day tour of Old and New Delhi. You take a rickshaw ride through the historic spice and cloth bazaars of Old Delhi and may visit the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat, Qutab Minar, Parliament House and Birla Temple.

What are the highlights in Jaipur, the Pink City?

> On Day 5 you ride an elephant up to Amber Fort, then tour Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, the City Palace and Museum, the Jantar Mantar observatory and Albert Hall Museum. That evening you are treated to dinner with a cultural show.

Why does the tour stop in Chittaurgarh?

> Chittaurgarh Fort, set high on a hilltop, is one of the great symbols of Rajput courage and nobility. You stay overnight nearby on Day 6 and explore the fort on the morning of Day 7 before driving on to Udaipur.

What is visited in Udaipur, the City of Lakes?

> In Udaipur you visit the City Palace and Museum, Sahelion ki Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honour, Jagdish Temple and the Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal folk art museum. The city is famous for palaces that appear to float on its

What are the Ranakpur temples?

> On Day 8, on the way from Udaipur to Jodhpur, you stop at Ranakpur to see its famous white marble Jain temple, with more than 1,400 exquisitely carved pillars and distinctive domes and turrets. You travel in a private chauffeur-driven car.

What do I see in Jodhpur, the Blue City?

> Day 9 is a full-day guided tour of Jodhpur, a city ringed by a stone wall with seven gates. You visit the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, Mandore Garden and the impressive Umaid Bhawan Palace.

What is the difference between Royal, Maharaja and Luxury class?

> Colors of Rajasthan is offered in Royal, Maharaja and Luxury classes. All services and sightseeing are the same in every class; only the hotels differ. The accommodation section on this page lists the hotels used, or similar ones.

Why can the Colors of Rajasthan price change after I book?

> Rates are calculated in Indian rupees, so the price can move with exchange rates and the balance is payable at the rate at that time. You can instead pay in full at booking to lock in the current exchange rate; ask us for details.

How much is the deposit for Colors of Rajasthan?

> A 25% deposit secures your booking, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. If you book within 65 days of travel, the full amount is due at booking.

Are there fixed departure dates for Colors of Rajasthan?

> No scheduled departures are listed on this page at present. The tour runs on your chosen dates, subject to hotel availability. Contact us with your preferred start date and class and we will confirm the exact fare.

Are there child rates on Colors of Rajasthan?

> Yes. Child rates are based on age at departure, with one band for children under 2 and another for children aged 2 to 11. Children aged 12 and over pay the adult fare.

Can I book Colors of Rajasthan as a single traveller?

> Yes. The tour is priced per person sharing a double room, and single occupancy is available on request with a supplement. Our travel specialists will quote the single fare for your dates and class.

When is the best time to travel on Colors of Rajasthan?

> The most popular time to visit Rajasthan is September to mid-April. From late April it gets hot, and from May to August temperatures can exceed 40 degrees Celsius, especially in Jodhpur and Jaisalmer near the desert. Rains fall from late July to August.

Can I upgrade rooms or add extra nights to Colors of Rajasthan?

> Yes. You can ask about upgraded room categories, hire a car with driver and optional guide for your free time, and add extra nights in Delhi at special rates. Contact us and we will price the options you choose.

How do I ask a question or book Colors of Rajasthan?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply. When departures are listed on this page they can be booked directly online; otherwise send us your dates and we will confirm availability and the fare.

What happens in Jaisalmer, the Jewel of the Thar, on Colors of Rajasthan?

> On Day 10 you travel from Jodhpur to Jaisalmer in the heart of the Thar Desert and take a camel ride on the dunes to watch the sun set over the golden sand. Day 11 is a full-day tour of the city's temples, fort and carved yellow sandstone havelis, including Patwon ki Haveli, before returning to Jodhpur that afternoon.

Do I need a Visa for India?

> All visitors to India need a Visa

Do you help with getting a Visa

> Unfortunately, we don't offer Visa assistance but we can provide you with all the information that you need for getting a visa to India

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