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Rajasthan Tourism

Rajasthan, India's largest state, is renowned as the "Land of Kings" for its royal heritage, grand forts, and vibrant culture. Located in the northwest, it features the Thar Desert and the Aravalli Range. Key attractions include historic forts like Amber and Mehrangarh, wildlife reserves like Ranthambore, and spiritual sites such as Ajmer Sharif and the Brahma Temple in Pushkar. The state is celebrated for its colorful festivals, rich cuisine (Dal Baati Churma, Laal Maas), and traditional arts. Rajasthan's unique blend of desert landscapes, royal architecture, and lively traditions make it a top destination for travelers.



Tourism Highlights

Rajasthan, the "Land of Kings," is one of India's most vibrant and culturally rich states, offering a blend of majestic forts, opulent palaces, desert landscapes, and colorful traditions

Historical and Architectural Marvels : **Jaipur (The Pink City): Amber Fort:** A majestic hilltop fort blending Rajput and Mughal architecture. **Hawa Mahal:** The "Palace of Winds," known for its intricate honeycomb design. **City Palace:** A magnificent royal residence with museums and courtyards.

Jodhpur (The Blue City): Mehrangarh Fort: One of the largest forts in India, offering stunning views and a museum. **Umaid Bhawan Palace:** A luxurious palace partly converted into a hotel.

Udaipur (The City of Lakes): Lake Pichola: Famous for boat rides and views of the City Palace and Lake Palace. **City Palace Complex:** A grand complex showcasing Rajasthani art and architecture. **Saheliyon Ki Bari:** A beautiful garden with fountains and marble pavilions.

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Jaisalmer (The Golden City): Jaisalmer Fort: A living fort with shops, homes, and temples inside. **Patwon Ki Haveli:** An intricately carved haveli with beautiful architecture. **Sam Sand Dunes:** Experience desert safaris, camel rides, and cultural performances. **Chittorgarh: Chittorgarh Fort:** A UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its tales of bravery and sacrifice.

Bikaner: Junagarh Fort: A well-preserved fort with impressive courtyards and museums. **Karni Mata Temple:** Also called the "Rat Temple," where rats are considered sacred.

Spiritual Sites : Pushkar: Home to the **Brahma Temple**, the only temple in the world dedicated to Lord Brahma. Known for the **Pushkar Camel Fair** and serene Pushkar Lake. **Ajmer: Ajmer Sharif Dargah:** A sacred Sufi shrine dedicated to Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti. **Dilwara Temples, Mount Abu:** Exquisite Jain temples known for their intricate marble carvings.

Natural Beauty and Adventure : Thar Desert: Desert safaris, dune bashing, and camel rides in Jaisalmer and Bikaner. **Mount Abu:** The only hill station in Rajasthan, known for its cool climate and Nakki Lake. **Keoladeo National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site):** A birdwatcher's paradise located in Bharatpur. **Ranthambore National Park:** Famous for tiger safaris and the historic Ranthambore Fort. **Sariska Tiger Reserve:** Known for wildlife safaris and its diverse flora and fauna.

Cultural Experiences : Festivals: Desert Festival (Jaisalmer): A vibrant celebration with camel races, folk dances, and music. **Gangaur Festival:** Celebrated with colorful processions and rituals. **Teej Festival:** A monsoon festival celebrated by women with dance and music.

Local Cuisine: Try **Dal Baati Churma**, **Laal Maas**, **Ker Sangri**, and **Ghevar**.

Handicrafts and Shopping: Explore block-printed textiles in Jaipur, blue pottery in Jodhpur, and leather goods in Bikaner.

Folk Art and Music: Experience Rajasthani folk dances like Ghoomar and Kalbelia and the soulful music of Manganiyar artists.

Unique Experiences Palace Stays: Stay in heritage hotels like Umaid Bhawan Palace, Taj Lake Palace, or Neemrana Fort. **Hot Air Ballooning:** Enjoy panoramic views of Jaipur, Pushkar, or Ranthambore. **Camel Safaris:** Explore the golden sands of the Thar Desert in Jaisalmer and Bikaner. **Village Tours:** Experience rural Rajasthan in Bishnoi Village near Jodhpur or Khimsar.

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DESERT TRAILS

(3 NIGHTS 4 Days)

DAY 01 – JODHPUR – JAISALMER (300 KMS)

Arrive at Jodhpur Airport / Railway Station and drive to Jaisalmer.

Arrive Jaisalmer and transfer to your hotel. Jaisalmer - a fairy-tale town in the Thar Desert founded about 800 years ago by Rawal Jaisal. Unlike any other city, this desert fortress is one of Rajasthan's most exotic and unusual towns. Jaisalmer, an important ancient trading centre because of its strategic location on the camel trade routes, is often described as the 'golden city'. The annual desert festival takes place in January and February each year and is a riot of colour and activity. Jaisalmer is also famous for its embroidery, Rajasthani mirror work, rugs, and blankets, antique, silver jewellery, and stonework and camel safaris.



After Lunch leave for the city tour of Jaisalmer. Visit the famous Havelis (mansions) known for their frescoes. Jaisalmer's strategic position on the camel terrain route brought it great wealth. The merchants grew prosperous and commissioned great havelis, or mansions, to flaunt their ever-growing status in society. Made of local golden-yellow sandstone and wood, some of the havelis are still in excellent condition. The most elaborate and magnificent of all the Jaisalmer havelis is the Patwaon Ki Haveli. Five Jain brothers-built Haveli between 1800 and 1860. Salim Singh Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli are the other two havelis that are open to visitors.

Built in 1156 by the Bhatti ruler, Jaisal, THE FORT here stands atop the 80 m high Trikuta hill. 3 walls and 99 bastions surround the fort. Over the centuries, the golden sandstone fortress witnessed many battles between the Bhatti Rajput's, the Mughals, and the Rathore's of Jodhpur. Within the fort complex lie the beautifully carved

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Jain Temples built between the 12th and 15th centuries. This houses priceless ancient manuscripts and other exhibits like astrological charts, besides the Jain equivalent of the Christian Shroud of Turin.

Afternoon is free to walk around in the colorful and bustling bazaars for personal exploration or shopping.

Overnight stay at your Hotel

DAY 02 JAISALMER

After breakfast departure for Full Day Excursion **Gadsisar Lake** -The beautiful arched gateway across the road down to the tank A scenic rainwater lake with numerous beautiful shrines around. The lake is an idyllic spot for outings. **Lodhurva** - Lodhurva, the ancient capital of Bhatti's is 16 kilometers from Jaisalmer. Mostly in ruins, it is visited for the great Jain temple, which contains the most exquisite jail work screens, grand ceiling, and a magnificent triumphal arch at the entrance.



The original carriage for the deity, made in 1675, is still preserved. The most interesting object is Kalpataru, a mythical tree of wish fulfillment. Lodhurva has a great number of peacocks, which hover around the temple walls lending spectacular color to the dry and stony landscape. Here once flowed the river, Kak. Along its banks flourished the romance between princess Momal, and prince Mathendru of Amarkot. Their tragic end is the theme of folk songs. When the lovers perished, the river Kak stopped flowing.

Visit the **Amar Sagar**- From Lodhurva, the road to Jaisalmer passes through Amar Sagar, which has a grand artificial reservoir for water, a temple, and a promenade on the bank. **Kuldhara Village** - One of the most interesting places is Kuldhara village. This is among the 84 villages inhabited by the rich, hard-working Paliwals. The Paliwals deserted their houses overnight with the curse that anyone who removed even a stone from the houses would come to grief and perish. Howling winds rush through empty streets and skeletons of houses now exposed to the elements remains of the village.

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In the evening, proceed for the excursion to Sam Sand dunes. Located at a distance of 42 kilometers from Jaisalmer, Sam Sand Dunes is the closest point to witnessing the total sandy desert. You can also see the patterns and motifs created by the shifting sands and air. Moreover, Sam Sand Dunes also provide you with an unforgettable experience of camel rides and the sunset.

Overnight stay at your Hotel

DAY 03 – JAISALMER– JODHPUR – (300 KMS)

After breakfast proceed for Jodhpur, arrive Jodhpur and transfer to your hotel.

Jodhpur – The Blue City –An oasis in the arid Thar Desert, Jodhpur is the second largest city in the state of Rajasthan. Representing this colourful city with shades of blue, Jodhpur has a history that is rich and a present that beckons strongly to the discerning tourist. Forts and palaces, temples and havelis, culture and tradition, spices, and fabrics, colour and texture, Jodhpur has them all and in plenty. Situated in Western Rajasthan, Jodhpur has long attracted both domestic and outside tourists. It not only offers tangibles in terms of what you can see and buy but also fills one with a sense of history and the splendours of an era gone by. The hospitality of the locals, the demure women, and the colourful turbans -all set against the beloved desert (Marwar) is something to feel, not just see. Every pore of Jodhpur tells its own.



tales of heroic deeds that made legends out of kings and soldiers, romances that continue to warm the heart and a time when epics were lived out on the streets by everyday man.

After lunch , Today, take a sightseeing trip of Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and called the 'Sun City.' Visit the Mehrangarh Fort. This spectacular fort made from red sandstone stands on a perpendicular cliff above the skyline of Jodhpur. The foundations of this fort were laid in 1459; today it houses a museum with a fine collection of arms, costumes, paintings and even a collection of palanquins. Also visit

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Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph built to commemorate Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. The monument, in its entirety, is built out of intricately carved sheets of marble. These stones are extremely thin and polished so that they emit a warm glow when the sun's rays dance across their surface.

Also visit Sardar Bazaar and Clock Tower markets where you can see the vegetable, spice, Indian sweets, and textile and silver markets. These colourful markets with tiny shops dot the narrow lanes replete with woodcarvings, wrought iron, lacquer work, silver and ivory ornamentation and leather handicrafts.

Afternoon is free to walk around in the colorful and bustling bazaars for personal exploration or shopping.

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DAY 04 - JODHPUR

After breakfast, the day is free until transferred to Airport for your onward journey to the next destination.

TOUR ENDS

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