



India Royal Rajasthan Cultural Discovery

Stunning Cities, Regal Charm & the Taj Mahal

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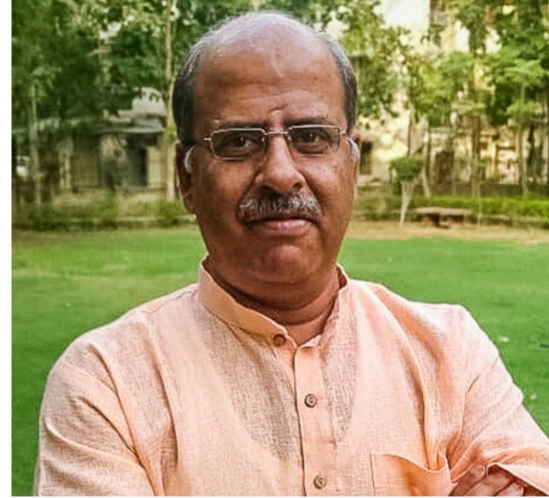
Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

This cultural discovery adventure includes the very best of Rajasthan, from Jaisalmer to the Thar Desert the iconic Taj Mahal.

REASON 2

Our trips are designed for active travelers who are looking for an authentic adventure, not a tourist experience — and this trip is no exception.

REASON 3

Explore with expert local MT Sobek guides who have more than 30 years of experience leading adventure travelers through India.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Moderate hikes and guided city tours to explore the most significant and beautiful cities of Rajasthan.



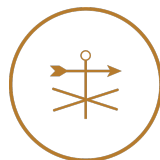
LODGING

Luxury hotels that embody the spirit and history of India, and a deluxe tented camp in the desert.



CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures range between 70°F and 95°F while nighttime temperatures can drop into the 50s. The weather should be dry and clear.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

“What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence.” - Alex M.



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Diversity abounds in historic North India revealing a welcoming blend of peoples, religions, scenery and languages. The romantic state of Rajasthan is known for its striking desert landscape and colorful festivals, and its cities—Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur, and Jaipur—are resplendent, with stunning forts and opulent palaces. Not a day will go by that you're not treated to stunning photo ops and wooed by the region's whimsical charm and regal past. End your trip with an unforgettable sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal!

13 Days

Start: Delhi, India

End: Delhi, India

Departing: February, March, October, November, December

Activities: Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Luxury Hotels

Group Size: 4-15 Guests

ACTIVITY:



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"A spectacular adventure in a marvelous and diverse country. The trip is designed for each traveller to experience first-hand the beauty and spirituality of this complex society. The guides and itinerary are outstanding. You will come home and want to learn more of this beautiful culture."

- Diane S.

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The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Delhi

Welcome to India! Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport in vibrant New Delhi, meet an MT Sobek representative outside customs, and transfer to your hotel. This evening, you will attend an orientation meeting with the Indian tour leader, followed by a welcome dinner.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private van transfer

DAY
02

Explore New and Old Delhi

Today, you will explore the capital of modern India, New Delhi, built by the British when they moved their capital here from Calcutta in 1911. Visit Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb, which pay homage to the mighty Afghan and Mughal empires. Drive past the President's Palace and visit India Gate in the Lutyens' Imperial City. Later, visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib in the heart of the city. This is the most prominent Sikh house of worship; the pool inside the complex, known as the Sarovar, contains water considered to be holy by Sikhs.

Continue on to Old Delhi, with its narrow dirt roads, myriad people, and colorful bazaars that keep alive the traditional workmanship for which Delhi is known. Pass the Red Fort, then enjoy a history-themed walk in the heart of Chandini Chowk (silver square). Finish the day at the Jama Masjid, the largest Muslim mosque in India.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Full day cultural touring and walk through the medieval city of Old Delhi

DAY
03

Journey to Jaisalmer, the "Golden City"

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Jaisalmer. Upon your arrival, transfer to your hotel, then spend the late afternoon wandering the lanes and alleyways of the city, which was founded in 1156 by Bhatti Rajput ruler Rawal Jaisal. Later, drive out to Bada Bagh, where royal family members were cremated, to watch and photograph the striking sunset from the yellow-sandstone Jaisalmer Fort.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 90-minute flight

ACTIVITY: Full day cultural touring



DAY 04

Explore the Golden City of Jaisalmer

Wander around the old town of Jaisalmer and Jaisalmer Fort, built in 1156. Perched on a 250-foot hill, the golden-hued fort stands like a sentinel in the barren desert landscape. It is the only "living fort" in India. Within its ramparts, find an enchanting maze of narrow lanes dotted with lovely havelis (mansions), palaces, and 12th-century Jain temples. Also see Patwon Ki Haveli, the most elaborate and magnificent of all the Jaisalmer havelis, with unsurpassed stone carvings. The afternoon is free to wander around the city's lanes and alleys. This evening, drive out into the desert and walk up through small hamlets to reach your special dinner location on the dunes.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3- to 4-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Full day city tour and special dinner in the desert

DAY 05

Venture into the Thar Desert

After breakfast, drive to the Thar Desert, where you'll check in to your luxury camp. This is an ideal base from which to explore Indian desert life, culture, wildlife, and the breathtaking landscape. Take a late-afternoon 4WD jeep safari to get an up-close look at the desert (perhaps an Indian gazelle or rare desert fox). Walk through villages, meeting camel herders, shoemakers, weavers, potters, Meghwals, Rajputs, Jogis, and Brahmins. This evening, you'll be treated to a memorable music and dance performance under the stars.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4WD desert safari in the desert, village to village walk in the desert



Continue the Blue City of Jodhpur

Transfer to Jodhpur in the morning, the second-largest city in Rajasthan. Check into your hotel, then spend the afternoon visiting the ridge-top Mehrangarh (Majestic) Fort, one of India's most formidable structures. Walk back to the city from the fort and wander about the "Blue City" and its medieval market, and take a traditional auto-rickshaw ride.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Walking tour of old city and auto-rickshaw ride



Spend the Day in a Land of Temples

Today, you'll drive to Ranakpur, where you'll find three Jain temples dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. The main marble temple took 65 years to complete! After visiting this magnificent temple, take a 5-mile walk through the nearby Kumbalgarh forest.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5-mile flat walk



A Day of Majestic Forts, Mountain Views & Local Wildlife

After breakfast, start the walk toward Kumbhalgarh Fort, located 3,000 feet above sea level in the Aravalli mountain range. Keep an eye out for the forest's myriad birdlife, including peacocks, doves, red spurfowl, parakeets, golden orioles, bulbuls, and white-breasted kingfishers. At the center of the forest, an animal reserve is home to deer, sloth bears, leopards, four-horned antelopes, monkeys, and more. After your hike, drive to Udaipur, where you'll check into your hotel for the night.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 5-6 hours/9 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain



Explore Udaipur

Today, you will have opportunity to discover Udaipur, full of lakes, gardens, temples and palaces - an oasis in the desert. Follow mazes of narrow, winding lanes flanked by houses decorated with Mewar folk art and stained glass, and marvel at massive havelis with large inner courtyards. Visit the City Palace on the banks of Lake Pichola, an impressive complex blending Rajput and Mughal influences; half is still occupied by the Royal family. Move on to the Jagdish Temple, with its stone elephants flanking the entrance, and the Sahelion-ki Bari, an ornamental garden from the 18th century. Take a tour of the city bazaars, then enjoy a sunset cruise on the lake, sailing past Jag Mandir island.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: City tour and boat ride on Lake Pichola



Travel from Udaipur to Jaipur

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Jaipur. Check into your hotel, then spend the evening on a walking tour of the city.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour flight

ACTIVITY: Walking tour of the bazaars of Jaipur



Explore the Pink City of Jaipur

Start the day with a half-day excursion to Amber Fort, making a photo stop along the way at the Hawa Mahal, "Palace of Winds." Located high in the Aravalli Hills, Amber Fort was the ancient capital of the Kachhawaha Rajputs until 1037. Hike to the top of the fort for the best views. Return to Jaipur to visit the City Palace, which houses the Royal residence and museums full of textiles, costumes, armory, manuscripts, and artwork. You'll have the opportunity to visit the Chandra Mahal, presently the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Stop at the Jantar Mantar, a collection of 19 astronomical instruments built by the Rajput king Sawai Jai Singh II, the founder of Jaipur, Rajasthan. This evening, enjoy dinner with a local Rajput family in their home, discovering the secrets to Indian cooking.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3- to 4-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Tour of Jaipur including a short but steep hike to the fort; dinner with a Rajput family



Continue on to Agra

After breakfast, drive to Agra, stopping in Abhaneri village along the way to see its 1,300-year-old baoris (step-wells) and temple. Take a camel cart ride or walk through the local villages around Abhaneri before continuing the drive to Agra. Check into your hotel, then meet back up for an evening drive to the other side of the river to enjoy your first views of the Taj Mahal from across the river at Mehtab Bag.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 5-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Walk or take a camel ride through the rural area of Rajasthan



Taj Mahal and Return to Delhi

Awake at dawn for your memorable sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, a World Heritage Site built by Emperor Shah Jahan over a period of 17 years in memory of his beloved late wife. After breakfast, continue to Agra Fort, a red sandstone fortress built by Akbar and later added onto by later generations of Mughal emperors. Notice the varying architectural styles within the fort, including the Jahangiri Palace, a blend of Islamic (Persian) and local Hindu influences. After your sightseeing tour of the fort, drive to Delhi, where you'll transfer to your hotel inside Delhi International Airport in advance of your flight homeward.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 4-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

The Claridges

The Claridges, New Delhi remains true to quintessential Indian hospitality, while surrounding you in modern luxury. The hotel is home to some of the city's best restaurants, a fitness center, elegant guest rooms, a pool with cabanas, and lush, inviting lawns.

Rupal Residency

The Rupal Residency is within walking distance of Jaisalmer's center, with mesmerizing views of the city's namesake fort. In the style of a traditional Indian haveli (mansion), your guest room features large windows with fort views, and a simple, yet elegant design. The rooftop Godavan restaurant features an open kitchen. The hotel also features a sauna and jacuzzi, ideal for rounding out your day's adventures.

Manvar Desert Camp

At Manvar Desert Camp, you're treated to miles of nothingness all to yourself. Feel the Thar life of centuries ago, yet relax in well-appointed tents that offer modern creature comforts fit for royalty. Large airy tents are complete with a bathing tent with a hot shower, a comfortable bed to keep warm on cool desert nights, and a private outdoor space with traditional furniture, where you can enjoy the welcoming hospitality of your personal concierge.



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Rohet Garh

The Rohet Garh is a well-known heritage hotel offering comfortable accommodations in a serene lakeside setting. Its beautiful gardens, sprawling lawn, and variety of musical birdlife complement traditionally inspired, carefully furnished rooms. Guests can revel in the Tattva Spa's soothing treatments and therapies, and in the mastery of the Rohet Garh chefs, who enthusiastically serve the finest traditional regional cuisine.

Taj Hari Mahal

The Taj Hari Mahal pulls out all the stops for its guests, celebrating the grandeur of Rajput and Mughal architecture with an arch-shaped swimming pool, latticed windows, and flower-strewn water fountains. Plush suites are filled with miniature artwork and jewel-toned furnishings. Dine on local and globally influenced cuisine, including iconic dal baati and Jodhpuri maas, complemented by world-class wines. Don't miss the chance for a wellness treatment at the peaceful spa.

Ajit Bhawan

Built in 1927, Ajit Bhawan Palace was once the residence of the prime minister and the younger brother of the Maharaja of Jodhpur. Every room and suite tells a story of Jodhpur's legacy with local aesthetics and modern facilities. Your Luxury Room features free Wi-Fi, a flat-screen television, a spacious closet, and a private patio area. The esteemed hotel offers a restaurant, bar, and swimming pool.

Fateh Bagh

You'll feel like you've arrived at your own 18th-century, Romantic Age palace upon seeing Fateh Bagh for the first time. The arresting palace is adorned with intricately carved pillars and beautiful domes, traditionally appointed rooms with period furnishings, a swimming pool, an immaculate lawn, and a grand dining room serving sumptuous lunches and leisurely dinners

Trident Udaipur

The award-winning Trident, Udaipur is a luxurious home base from which to explore the "City of Lakes." On the banks of Lake Pichola, the hotel is close to the City Palace, the Crystal Gallery, the Monsoon Palace, and the Jagmandir. Dine on authentic local cuisine at Aravalli, known for its dishes from the Kingdom of Mewar. Renovated rooms and suites are inspired by the architectural and cultural heritage of the city, with classic charm and modern creature comforts. A beautiful outdoor pool and the Trident Spa are perfect for your downtime.

Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace

Built by His Highness Maharana Fateh Singh in 1911, The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace overlooks the Fateh Sagar Lake, with the undulating Aravalli hills as a backdrop. Royal elegance exudes from every guest room and public space, which reflects the heritage of the princely state of Rajasthan. Just 55 rooms and suites make for an intimate ambience. The hotel offers several restaurants, a quiet spa, and in-room dining.



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Trident Jaipur

The Trident, Jaipur is perfectly positioned for enjoying the city's landmark monuments and bustling bazaars. Located en route to the Amber Fort, the hotel offers stunning views of Mansagar Lake and Jal Mahal. Tastefully appointed guest rooms feature modern amenities and panoramic views. Restaurants serve local delicacies, pan Indian, and international cuisines. Wellness and recreation facilities include a scenic swimming pool, the Trident Spa, and a fitness center.

Hilton Jaipur

In the heart of the city, the Hilton Jaipur features a swimming pool and spa, contemporary Indian cuisine at the Chaandi restaurant, room service, and drinks in the lounge bar, Krystal. A rooftop lounge, Nebulae, boasts cocktails, gourmet food, and incredible bird's-eye views of Jaipur.

Taj Hotel & Convention Centre

Just a short walk from the Eastern Gate of the Taj Mahal, the Taj Hotel & Convention Centre features a rooftop infinity swimming pool, an invigorating spa, a fitness center, and a number of dining options. The Daawat-e-Nawab is one of Agra's finest Indian restaurants. Your Superior Room is a retreat of soothing colors, wood flooring, large windows, and plush seating.

Holiday Inn Express Delhi International Airport

Conveniently located within Terminal 3 of the Delhi International Airport, the Holiday Inn Express offers modern, air-conditioned rooms with a flat-screen TV and double-glazed windows that eliminate outside airport noise. Your stay includes free Wi-Fi and a hot breakfast buffet.

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: February, March, October, November, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

October 25-November 6, 2024

December 2-14, 2024

January 31-February 12, 2025

March 14-26, 2025

October 10-22, 2025

November 7-19, 2025

December 5-17, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
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- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
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- Personal expenses



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