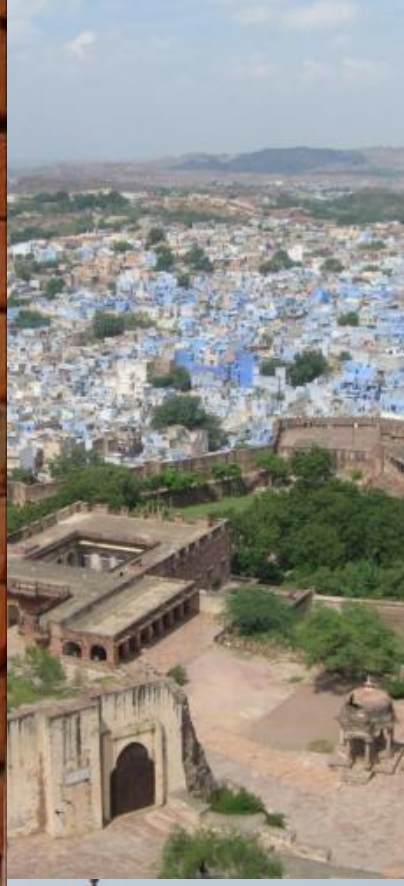


SPACE AGE TRAVEL & TOURS

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Itinerary

DAY 01: ARRIVAL → DELHI

Today you will arrive at Delhi's International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, our representative will meet you as you EXIT the ARRIVALS TERMINAL building and transfer you to your hotel (**Standard check in time at Hotel is 1200 Hrs**). Overnight stay at the Hotel

Value add – Traditional Welcome Aarti Tikka and Garlanding

DAY 02: DELHI

After breakfast, we will proceed to visit the famous Visit the imperial avenue of **Rajpath, India Gate, Parliament House, Central Secretariat, President's House, & Qutub Minar. Visit the Dohbi Ghat- The Open Air Laundry.**

Travel like the locals and take a metro to Old Delhi. Now proceed towards for a visit of **Jama Masjid (mosque)** and explore Old Delhi through a heritage walk in narrow lanes of old part like the Kenari Bazaar (wedding market), Spice Market, visit the Sikh Temple Gurudwara Seesganj. You will also try a local Snack tasting or see how the India Tea is prepared. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value Add – Heritage Walk in Old Delhi and Local Snack Tasting / Prepration of Indian Tea. (Chai) and Experience a ride in Delhi Metro

DAY 03: DELHI / AGRA (200 KMS / 4 HRS)

After breakfast, we will proceed to **Agra. Arrive Agra and check –in.** Later visit of Red Fort or Agra Fort - Built by the Emperor Akbar between 1565 and 1573. End the tour with a visit to Mother Teresa's Misionaries of Charity.

In the evening cooking demo with Dinner with the local family.

Overnight at a local House.

Value add –Cooking demo with a Dinner with a local family. . Stay with a Local Family in a home stay

DAY 04: AGRA / ABHANERI / JAIPUR (250 KMS / 6 HRS)

After breakfast visit to the **Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays)**. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. **Optional – Mughal Heritage walk of Kachpura. Later proceed** | proceed to **Jaipur enroute visiitng Abhaneri Stepwells.**

Later proceed to Jaipur, Capital of Rajasthan also known as "PINK CITY", true to its name, the old parts of Jaipur is painted in the mellow pink colour which glows in the sunset and leaves you intoxicated. Arrival at Jaipur & transfer to the hotel. Evening free at leisure. Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – Optional Mughal heritage walk ..

DAY 04: JAIPUR

After breakfast, we will proceed to visit the Amber Fort, to reach there we will take an elephant ride in true maharaja style (**Subject to availability**). Inside the fort you can visit 15th century's constructed various palaces. After the visit proceed to Elephant Village (Haathi Gaon) a home to many elephants from in and around Jaipur.

Later we will proceed to visit **City palace**, where you will find rare manuscripts, swords, and painting are on display. Then visit 17th century's an astronomical observatory "**Jantar-Mantar**", which is the largest and best preserved. After that enjoy the colourful bazaars around **Hawa Mahal** and admire the palace too.

Watch a Bollywood blockbuster with the locals and soak in the atmosphere. After the movie, Experience Jaipur by night in a Tuk Tuk.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – Visit to Elephant village and Indian Movie at Rajmandir and Jaipur by night in a Tuk Tuk

DAY 05: JAIPUR / BARLI BY SURFACE (180 KMS / 4 HRS)

Morning after breakfast you will drive to Barli.. This area is made of many small villages and you will sleep tonight in Barli in its fort dating from 1675, and recently opened to the public by the younger generation. Still very far off the beaten path, you will discover your first village and Rajput history. The direct descendants of the royal family will be your hosts and will reserve you a warm welcome. Staying here you will discover the charms and mystery of this building with glorious past. In the evening, you will be served a delicious meal as the Indians know so well.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – experience of staying at 17th century Fort.

DAY 06 : BARLI / CHITTORGARH / BIJAIPUR BY SURFACE (180 kms / 6 hrs approx)

You leave Barli this morning to go to the borders of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in Bijaipur in a small green agricultural valley. But along the way you will stop at Chittaurgarh's cradle of Rajput value within one of Rajasthan's most impressive fortress. It will take you about 2 hours to get there. You will take your time to visit this ancient capital of the Méwar. Before the foundation of Udaipur this impregnable fortress clinging to the top of a plateau, fell into the hands of Mughal Muslims in the 16th century. The end of this terrible siege saw the sacrifice of the Jauhar perpetrated by 1500 women of the citadel who immolated themselves together in a giant log rather than falling into the hands of enemies. After the visit of the city you resume your way to quietly join Bijaipur in the heart of a lost valley. You settle in Bijaipur Castle: a place full of charm where the amateurs of horsemanship will be able if they wish to make a ride on horseback (optional). The Rajput were valiant horsemen and their famous Marvari horses throughout northern India.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – Optional Horse back ride.

DAY 07: BIJAIPUR / UDAIPUR (150 KMS / 3 HRS APPROX)

Today after breakfast you leave for Udaipur , second largest city of Rajasthan. On the way to Udaipur, depending on the season, you can see very large poppy fields grown in the area for pharmaceutical use and used by the ancients for opium ceremonies that you will see later on towards Bhadrachal. The Rajasthani tradition is that they drink a decoction of opium to seal weddings or to honor guests. They never smoke it and do not transform it.

Arrival in Udaipur, check-in at Kankarwa Haveli or similar: Located in the heart of the old town on Lake Pichola. It is a simple Haveli with a family atmosphere and a superb terrace overlooking the City Palace, Lake Palace and Aravallis Mountains. The afternoon will be devoted to the visit of the city: Visit of the City Palace which dominates the old city before leaving around 17 hours at sunset to make a boat trip. Magic moment on Lake Pichola from where we admire the white facades of the city and palaces covered with golden lights of the setting sun. Udaipur is also an important shopping center, where you will find local crafts. Visit the Colorful market of Dhan Mandi. Udaipur has a specialty of silver jewelry and especially miniature painting schools.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add- stay at a traditional Haveli by the lake and visit to Dhan Mandi.

DAY 08: UDAIPUR

Day free to relax and unwind. Explore the city on your own.

DAY 09 & 10: UDAIPUR / RANAKPUR / JOJAWAR (150 KMS 4 HRS)

You go up this morning a little north to Jojawar where you will spend two nights. On the way you visit Ranakpur and its Jain temples dating from the 15th century and 16th century counting among the wonders of sacred Indian art. The Jain Temple of Charmuka, built for the adoration of Adinath, is a pure jewel, completely carved and minutely carved marble. Be careful, you are in a Jain temple, that is to say that every living creature, animal and insect, is untouchable. So do not be surprised if you are asked to remove your belt, watch or other leather items. You continue your Indian journey to Jojawar where you settle in Rawla Jojawar: house of the lord of the village recently tastefully restored by the younger generation. You continue your discovery of the Rabari community in the surrounding hamlets where locals come to shop in the small village very alive.

The next day in Jojawar your driver will take you to a small train station where you board a small local train for a journey of about an hour crossing part of the small chain of Arawallis which extends from South West to North East Rajasthan. A meeting full of surprises with locals who use this train frequently and who no doubt, will have in their eyes a surprise and a big smile to see you there among them. Return by early afternoon and explore the village or just simply relax.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – A local train Journey in Jojawar

DAY 11: JOJAWAR / JODHPUR BY SURFACE (175 kms / 4.5 hrs)

After breakfast you go up to the North East to another mythical city of Rajasthan the city of Jodhpur nicknamed "the blue city". Why was it called the "Blue City?" The locals found that this color repelled mosquitoes and other insects and therefore colored their homes.

The city is dominated by a fortress built on a rocky outcrop. It is Fort Mehrangarh, one of the most beautiful and imposing of India. From the ramparts, the town is dominated by stone houses and narrow and winding alleys. Mehrangarh Fort is accessed by a steep road that crosses seven successive gates called "Pol". The red sandstone facade of the palace is quite remarkable. The interiors include many courtyards and halls, some of which is turned into a museum with a very well-designed French headphone system. Go for a stroll in the Bazaar teeming with life on the Clock Square to soak up its atmosphere and cool off with the famous Lassi. (the yougurt drink)

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

Value add – Try the World famous Lassi (Yougurt drink)

DAY 12 & 13: JODHPUR / JAISALMER BY SURFACE (280 kms / 6 hrs)

Today you will reach the fabulous city of Jaisalmer, the pearl of the Thar Desert where you will spend two nights. The vegetation over the kilometers is becoming increasingly rare: we see, all along, herds of cows, dromedaries and some cervicapros gazelles characteristic of the region. Arriving by road, the first vision of Jaisalmer is that of the fortified citadel emerging from the horizon, impressive with its walls and massive towers. The afternoon is devoted to the discovery of the lower town with its havelis of merchants with yellow sandstone facades carved in lace. Go to the Gadisar Basin where small pavilions with graceful arches set into the lake water. Enjoy once more the glow of the sunset before returning to your hotel at night.

The next day, you have the whole day to discover Jaisalmer and its surroundings. The beauty of Jaisalmer is largely due to its exceptional architecture, a great homogeneity. No doubt thanks to its ancestral way of life, this small town has kept all the traditions of the past. You will then have the opportunity to stroll quietly in the narrow streets where the activity of the city is concentrated with its many craftsmen: shoemakers, tailors, jewelers, ironmongers ... You can visit the royal palace, where the walls still sing the loves of Dhola and Maru, the Romeo and Juliet of the desert of Thar. One never tired of strolling in Jaisalmer where unlike the havelis of Shekawathi, those of Jaisalmer do not have almost no mural frescoes, but they are no less remarkable for the fine work of the yellow ocher sandstone used in their construction. At the end of the afternoon, go to the

Vyas, the hill of the cenotaphs a few kilometers from the city. You will see from afar the citadel of Jaisalmer dress bright red at sunset, the spectacle is striking.

Overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 14: JAISALMER / CHANDELAO BY SURFACE (310 kms / 7 hrs)

With a drive to Chandelao, this is the longest leg of your trip. Chec-in at Chandelaogarh where you will be greeted by the young Thakur Praduman Singh and his mother who prepares herself delicious meals made of vegetables grown in the village. This village is home to a large community of Bishnois: semi nomadic pastoralists. Arriving at the end of the day, if you are there before sunset, do not hesitate to go for a walk around and explore the surroundings. Choose from various optional activites being offered at the property.

Dinner and overnight at the fort.

Value add- Local Fort home stay.

DAY 15: CHANDELAO / PUSHKAR BY SURFACE (170 kms / 4 hrs)

Morning of discovery of the village of Chandelao. You will go on a jeep safari to discover the surrounding Bishnoi communities. We do not get tired, here and there weaving scenes of life seeming to emerge from the past. You must know that the Bishnoi are, in a way, the protectors of the animal world. They advocate, non-violence towards any animal. This is reflected every day by an immutable ritual where pigeons, peacocks and gazelles (Chinkara) are fed with millet (grain) and come to drink in the water tanks built for them by this community.

Later drive to Pushkar, the Holy city.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Value add – Blessings from the priest.

DAY 16: PUSHKAR / AJMER / DELHI BY TRAIN

Morning after breakfast you will visit he holy city of Pushkar, visit the Ghats and the Bhrama Temple. Later in the day you will drive to Ajmer Railway station where you will catch a trin to Delhi.

Arrive Delhi and transfer to the hôteL.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 17 DELHI → DEPARTURE

In time transfer to airport to board flight for Delhi onward journey. Upon arrival transfer to international airport to board flight for onward journey

*****End of the Services*****