

# Best Of Rajasthan with Golden Triangle

12 Nights / 13 Days

## PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit in Delhi – Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar & Humayun Tomb
- Drive past in Delhi - Red Fort, Rajghat, President House & India Gate
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Visit in Agra – Taj Mahal, Agra Fort & Fateh-pur Sikri
- Visit in Jaipur – Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar Observatory & Hawa Mahal
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- In Pushkar, visit Brahma Temple & Pushkar Lake
- In Khimsar, visit Khimsar Fort
- In Jaisalmer, visit Jaisalmer Fort, Havelis (Old Houses) and Sunset visit of Sam Sand Dunes
- In Jodhpur, visit Mehrangarh Fort & Jaswant Thada
- In Udaipur, visit Lake Pichola, City Palace and Jagat Temple.
- Boat Ride in Lake Pichola
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours
- Assistance at airport and sightseeing tours by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Start From Delhi and End in Udaipur

## ITINERARY:

### Day 01 Delhi

Meet our representative upon arrival in Delhi and check-in at the hotel. India's capital & a major gateway to the country, Delhi is contemporary and a bustling metropolis which successfully combines in its fold the ancient & the modern. Its strategic location was one of the prime reasons why successive dynasties chose it as their seat of power. New Delhi also reflects the legacy the British left behind. Overnight in Delhi.

### Day 02 Sightseeing in Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for a full-day tour of Old and New Delhi. This fascinating city has been in existence since the 6th century BC and has seen ups and downs from the rule of the Pandavas right up to the British Raj. Visit Jama Masjid, which is the largest mosque in India, commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan. The courtyard of the mosque can hold about 25,000 worshippers. Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, the busiest market in Old Delhi...noisy, chaotic and uniquely Indian. You will then drive past to the Red Fort, which was constructed during the rule of Emperor Shah Jahan and served as the residence for the Mughal royal family. It continues to be significant till date, as every Independence Day, the Prime Minister makes a speech from its ramparts as the Indian flag is hoisted. Later, drive past President House and several other government buildings in Edwin Lutyen's Delhi before you head toward Rajghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. This simple memorial marks the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Thereafter, visit Humayun's Tomb, commissioned by Humayun's wife Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden tomb built in the Indian sub-continent where the Persian architect used red sandstone on a large scale. Later in the evening visit the Qutab Minar, which is the tallest brick minaret in the world; it was commissioned by Qutbuddin Aibak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi. Overnight in Delhi.

### Day 03 Delhi – Agra (210 kms/ approx. 4 hours)

On arrival in Agra, check-in into your Hotel. Later proceed for Half Day City Tour of Agra. Visit the Red Fort, which was commissioned in 1565 by Akbar. The beautiful yet forbidding structure is a handsome example of Mughal architecture. Later, visit the Taj Mahal ... a mausoleum built as a symbol of Emperor

Shah Jehan's devotion to his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Considered an architectural marvel, its construction took thousands of workers over 21 years to complete. Overnight in Agra.

#### **Day 04      Agra – Jaipur (230 km/approx. 5 hours)**

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur and enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri, which was built by Emperor Akbar and is home to many historical buildings. Akbar wanted to make Fatehpur Sikri his headquarters; however, he had to abandon it due to shortage of water. The Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti enshrines the burial place of the Sufi saint who lived a religious life here. Today, Fatehpur Sikri is a UNESCO World heritage site. Further drive to Jaipur and check into your Hotel. Jaipur is the gateway to the magnificent and vibrant state of Rajasthan. Evening take a stroll in the markets of Jaipur for the traditional dresses and shoes, curio shops, blue pottery etc. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### **Day 05 Jaipur**

Proceed for full-day sightseeing trip of Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City'. The city of Jaipur is capital to the state of Rajasthan, famous for its colorful culture, forts, palaces, and lakes. Jaipur owes its name to the founder of the city, warrior king Sawai Jai Singh II. Visit the Amber Fort. The best way to explore the fort is to ride up to it on Elephant back. Prominent structures inside the fort are the Diwan-i-Aam, adorned with latticed galleries, the Ganesh Pol, with a beautiful painted image of Lord Ganesh, and the stunning Sheesh Mahal, a hall decorated with thousands of tiny mirrors. Later, stop to photograph the beautiful Hawa Mahal, also known as the "Palace of the Winds." This beautiful façade with its ornately carved latticework windows was designed so the ladies of the palace could look out onto the streets unobserved. Later you will visit the City Palace... again, a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The museums here showcase rare and ancient manuscripts, arms dating back to the 15th century, and costumes of erstwhile royalty. Later, visit the Jantar Mantar Observatory, comprising geometric devices for measuring time, and tracking stars in their orbits. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### **Day 06      Jaipur – Pushkar (145 kms / approx. 3 hours)**

After breakfast, drive to Pushkar. Arrive Pushkar and check-in to your hotel. Proceed for a half day sightseeing tour of Pushkar. The picturesque Pushkar is set in a valley just about 14 km off Ajmer. Surrounded by hills on three sides and sand dunes on the other, Pushkar forms a fascinating location and a befitting backdrop for the annual religious and cattle fair. It is said that in battle lord Brahma killed the demon Vajra Nabh with a lotus flower, whose petals floated down to earth and landed in three places in and around Pushkar where lakes sprang up. The charming Pushkar Lake amidst the hills has fifty-two bathing ghats, built around lake. The water around each ghat is supposed to have special powers. Pushkar is a city of temples of all sizes. Visit the famous Brahma Temple, said to be the only temple dedicated to Brahma in India. Overnight in Pushkar.

#### **Day 07      Pushkar – Khimsar (185 kms / approx. 3.5 hours)**

After breakfast, drive to Khimsar. Arrive Khimsar and check-in to your hotel. Proceed for the visit of Khimsar Fort. The fort walls, turrets, and stables were built solely for war, and were constructed around the beginning of the 16th century. Today, this fort ranks amongst the premier Heritage Hotels of India. Overnight in Khimsar.

#### **Day 08      Khimsar – Jaisalmer (300 kms / approx. 6 hours)**

This morning after breakfast proceed to Jaisalmer. Jaisalmer, which lies in the heart of the Thar Desert...a city, seeped in color and rich tradition; it was once a major center on the trading route between India and the west. Arrive Jaisalmer and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

#### **Day 09      Jaisalmer**

This morning after breakfast proceed for half day tour of Jaisalmer. Visit Jaisalmer Fort, which is the only living fort of India and houses the entire township within its ramparts. Visit Salim Singh ki Haveli, built around 300 years ago, followed by a visit to Nathmal Ji ki Haveli, a grand mansion that blends Rajput and Islamic architecture. Later, drive past the beautiful Gadisar Lake and Badal Vilas, the present residence of erstwhile royal family. Later, visit Sam Sand Dunes, around 42 kms from Jaisalmer, is the closest place from where you can lose yourself in 'The Great Thar Desert'. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

#### **Day 10      Jaisalmer – Jodhpur (285 kms / approx. 5.5 hours)**

After breakfast proceed to Jodhpur. Arrive Jodhpur and check-in to your hotel. Proceed for half-day sightseeing trip of Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and also 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 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. Later, drive past the Mandore garden, which showcases cenotaphs of Jodhpur's former rulers; instead of the usual umbrella-shaped cenotaphs these are built along the lines of a Hindu temple. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Jodhpur.

### **Day 11 Jodhpur – Udaipur (270 kms / approx 6 hours)**

After breakfast, proceed to Udaipur. Enroute, visit the Ranakpur Temples, acclaimed worldwide for their intricate and superb architectural style. These temples form one of the five major pilgrimages of the Jain's. Arrive Udaipur and check in to your hotel and relax. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Udaipur.

### **Day 12 Sightseeing in Udaipur**

After breakfast, proceed for full-day tour of Udaipur. Visit the City Palace, standing on the east bank of Lake Pichola. The complex is a massive series of palaces built at different times from 1559. The balconies of the palace provide panoramic views of the Lake Palace Hotel and Jag Mandir on one side, and the city of Udaipur on the other. The paintings, mosaics, intricately carved 'chhatris' and the architecturally brilliant facade all contribute to making your visit to the City Palace a truly memorable experience. Thereafter, visit a picturesque garden, Sahelion ki Bari. You will visit also visit Jagat Temple, which is dedicated to Goddess Ambika- a form of Goddess Durga. Built in 961 A.D, this temple is renowned for its intricate carvings in the exteriors. In the evening, enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola (depending upon the water level of lake), which is an artificial fresh water lake, created in the year 1362 AD. Overnight in Udaipur.

### **Day 13 Departure from Udaipur**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Udaipur airport for return flight back home.

End of Services.

### **HOTELS OFFERED:**

City	Nights	Category A	Category B	Category C	Meal Plan
Delhi	2	Holiday Inn Mayur Vihar	Park Inn By Radisson	Surya International	CP
Agra	1	Double Tree By Hilton	Four Points By Sheraton	Taj Vilas	CP
Jaipur	2	Four Points By Sheraton	Park Regis	Hotel Libra	CP
Pushkar	1	Ananta Spa & Resorts	Pushkar Fort	Pushkar Fort	CP
Khimsar	1	Khimsar Fort	Khimsar Fort	Khimsar Fort	CP
Jaisalmer	2	Welcome Heritage Mandir Palac	Rang Mahal	Gorbandh Palace	CP
Jodhpur	1	Indana Palace	Ranbanka Palace	The Fern Residency	CP
Udaipur	2	Radisson Blu Palace Resorts & Sp	Rajputana – A Justa Resor	Vishnupriya	CP

PACKAGE COST	Category A	Category B	Category C
Cost Per Person when 2 Pax Travelling	INR 70208	INR 65115	INR 59720
Cost Per Person when 4 Pax Travelling	INR 57000	INR 51915	INR 46520
Cost for Extra Adult / Child with Bed	INR 33233	INR 31435	INR 26250

### **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- 12 night accommodation in well-appointed rooms as mentioned above hotels or equivalent
- Assistance at the airport & Hotel check-in / check-out
- Services of English-speaking guide during sightseeing tours except Ranakpur Temples
- Entry Fee at the Monuments
- Sightseeing as per itinerary by private tourist AC vehicle
- Rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Camel ride at Sam Dunes, Jaisalmer
- Boat Ride in Lake Pichola
- Camel ride at Sam dunes, Jaisalmer
- Drivers' allowances, toll taxes and Govt. Service Tax

**PACAKAGE EXCLUSIONS:**

- Air tickets and airport taxes
- Items of personal nature like laundry, phone calls, tips to guides / drivers etc.
- Camera / Video camera fees applicable at monuments

**NOTE:**

- Monuments closed on
- Agra - Taj Mahal on every Friday
- All Temples and monuments will be closed on 25 March'16 (Holi Celebration day)Jaipur – Elephant ride at Amber Fort will not be operational during Eid /Navrataras Festivals
- Hotel Check in 1400hrs and check out 1200hrs

**Rooms are subject to availability**

**Package Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September**