An Introduction

India is not a country but a sub-continent and travelling through it is an experience like none Overwhelming in its chaos at first, it gradually unfolds unique delights as you discover its majestic forts, monuments and temples; in exquisite crafts; in traditional and contemporary arts; in the bustle of its colourful bazaars; landscapes and nature reserves; in diverse cuisines; or in the unexpected beauty that filters through the chaos.

Legendary cities, opulent palaces, majestic forts, teeming jungles, barren deserts, bustling temples and a myriad ruins form the state of Rajasthan. Never more than two minutes away are the flashes of brilliant colour of the ladies saris and men's carefully twisted turbans which punctuate the landscape. Witness life in the countryside which has changed little through the centuries, stubbornly refusing to give in to modernisation, where village markets surround the crumbling cupolas of long forgotten monuments, selling local produce in spectacular displays. Camels will take you out to villages to meet with ancient tribal populations, horses can carry you between heritage forts and places where each day provides a different spectacular backdrop, elephants take you to imposing forts and off road jeeps can take you through deserts or take a day trek from one UNESCO world heritage monument to another. In Rajasthan, there is never a question of what to photograph or when, it is a never ending kaleidoscope, the only question will be, when to stop.

This itinerary has been designed to showcase some popular iconic destinations along with some smaller unique destinations where the experience is more authentic. Accommodation selection in some of the smaller destination reflects the property's individuality and uniqueness that adds to the city experience.





Day 1

Arrive in Delhi. No activities are planned for this day as this is a post tour / extension. Overnight is at Holiday Inn, Aerocity.

Day 2

This morning after breakfast transfer by road to Jaipur (5hrs). After lunch you will be met by your city guide who will help you explore the old city, City Palace and the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Overnight will be at ITC Rajputana.

Day 3

Today visit the Amber Fort and Dera Amer for an elephant interaction. Here one gets to bathe the elephant, and learn more about these magnificent animals. After lunch explore the arts & crafts of Jaipur.

Day 4

We are dedicating today to exploring wildlife around Jaipur at the Jhalana Widlife Sanctuary. Jhalana is known for excellent viewing of the leopard and if you are lucky you can also see the striped hyena, Indian fox and the jungle cat. Overnight will be at ITC Rajputana.

Day 5

After breakfast you transfer by road to Shahpura Bagh – a bespoke homestay that lets you explore authentic India. Experiences here range from village visits, to bird watching, excursions to the farmland, to sundowners or dining at old fort ramparts, boating on the lakes to just lazing around there scenic poolside. Overnight will be at Shahpura Bagh.

Day 6

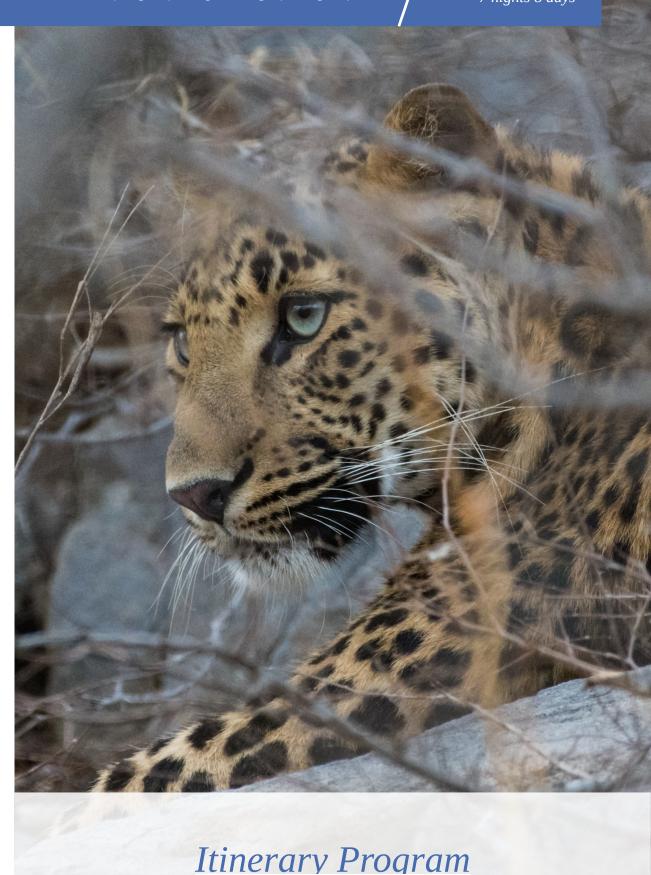
Today you continue exploring Shahpura. Overnight will be at Shahpura Bagh.

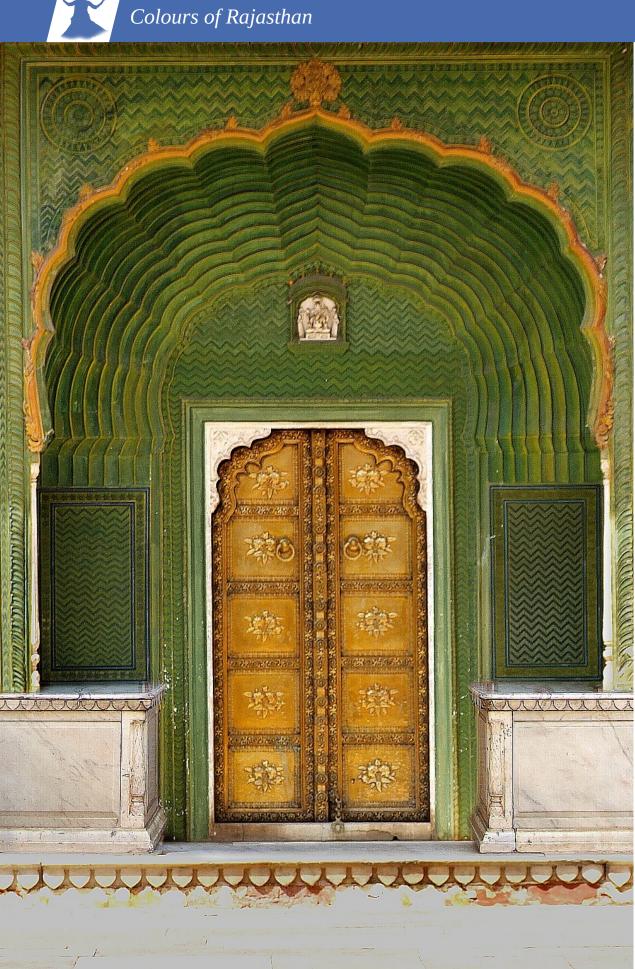
Day 7

After an early breakfast transfer by road to Udaipur (5hrs). You have the day at leisure in the evening enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola. Overnight will be at The Trident Hotel.

Day 8

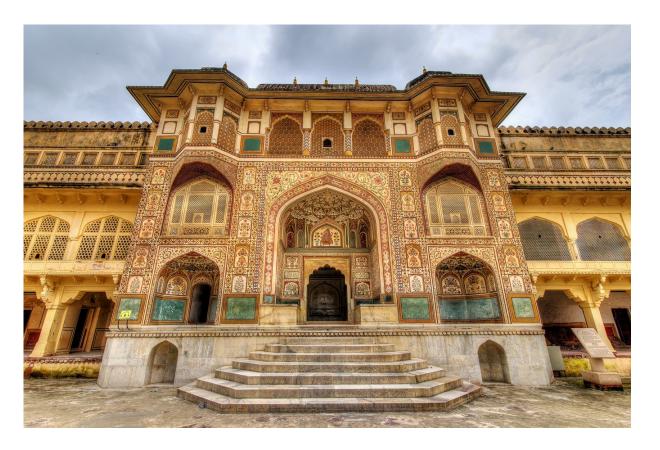
Explore the city of Udaipur this morning including a visit to the city palace & Jagdish temple. This evening transfer to the airport for your flight back to Delhi to connect with your international flight back home.





Jaipur

A hue of delicate pink which suffuses buildings and monuments of Jaipur, offers a feeling of warm invitation as you set foot in the city. Visit the impressive Amber Fort (pronounced Amer), from where the Hindu Rajput princes ruled over Jaipur. The magnificence of the fort, expanded over the time of several rulers needs leisurely exploration. Also take time out to wander through the impressive City palace, now a public museum, which lies in the heart of the old Jaipur city. Marvel at the magnificence of Rajasthani architecture and artistry that blends seamlessly with distinct Mughal influences. However, there are other rarely explored aspects to Jaipur, it is also famous for its block printing, still done by hand and producing unique designs, for its jewellery, 80% of the world's precious and semi-precious stones come through this city at some point, and its blue pottery, as well as its mouth-watering Rajasthani cuisine.



Shahpura Bagh

Shahpura bagh prides itself on providing an authentic bespoke home stay experience in Rajasthan. Life is unhurried here. The days filled with sunshine, conversation and picnics, fishing and boating on the lakes with lazy sundownners to trap the blazing sunset. Spontaneous excursions trace the history of the region through neighbouring forts and legends, rambles transform into safaris in the flash of a beckoning wing -the surrounding wetlands are a birdwatcher's paradise, tempting even to the uninitiated.

With only 9 Luxury Suites set in 45 acres of garden and pasture, surrounded by two lakes, the working farm estate resplendent with trees of Neem, Ashoka, Peepal and Mango, is a very special and ultimately serene oasis. Holstein Cows graze languidly in peaceful co-existence with peacocks, an entire menagerie of birds fill the Bagh with birdsong and the occasional blue bull and jackal flit silently amongst the woods.

There's a lot to do for the outdoor enthusiast. The Shahpura region has a rich varied landscape dotted with many manmade lakes, rustic original quaint villages and friendly innocent people un-spoilt by modernity. Long warm days in the sun and fresh air alongside lakes teeming with wild fowl remind you of earlier carefree days of youth. Whether you are drifting away in a boat surrounded by reeds, day dreaming on a comfortable charpoy at the farm, or just taking in the rural scenery, staying here will bring you the joys of "the simpler life of bygone ages".

Walking trails skirt the lakes, hammocks and charpoys are located at scenic spots to relax, read, meditate or watch spectacular sunsets. Go boating on the lakes, surrounded by hundreds of wild fowl which swoop and circle in formation or simply float away in our heated pool, soaking in the winter sun, pristine sky and water.







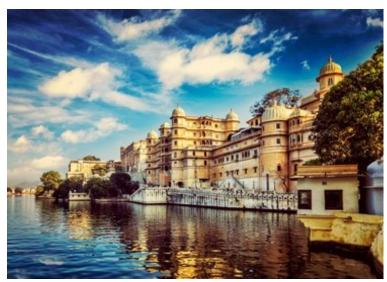




Udaipur

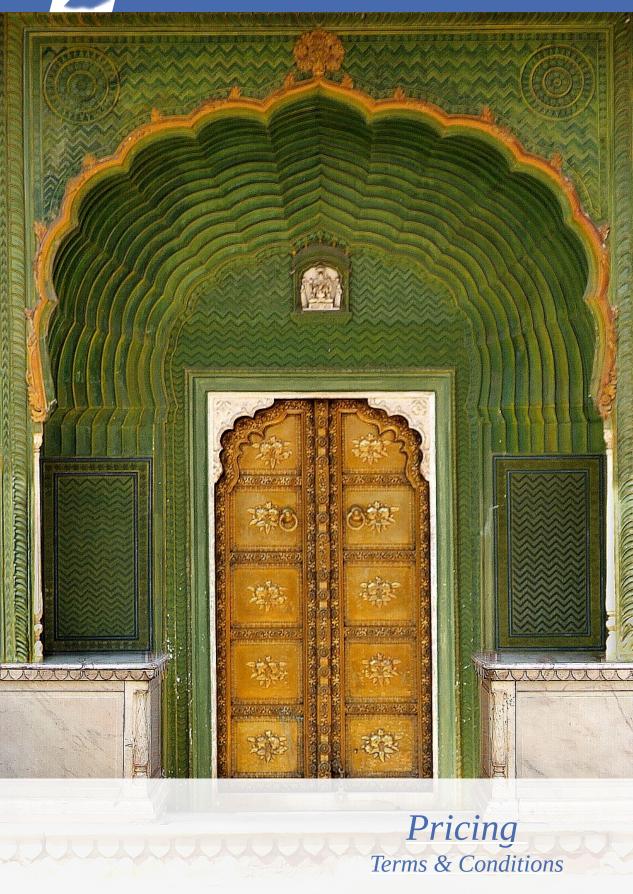
Udaipur is set amongst rolling hills and shimmering lakes with fairy-tale palaces so it is not surprising that it is considered by many to be the most beautiful and romantic city in Rajasthan. Winding alleyways and tree-lined streets leading to the impressive City Palace, which overlooks the legendary "floating" Lake Palace on Lake Pichola. Where else can one stay in a Maharana's opulent palace in such a romantic setting and where better to spend a couple of nights on honeymoon? We have created a selection of unique experiences for you to make the most of your stay in this romantic destination.











INCLUDED ACCOMMODATION

City / Park	Name of Hotel	Room Category
New Delhi	Holiday Inn, Aerocity	Superior Room
Jaipur	ITC Rajputana	Executive Club
Shahpura	Shahpura Bagh	Suite
Udaipur	The Trident	Deluxe Garden View Room

JOURNEY COST

Cost Details	USD
Price per person on twin sharing	2090
Single Room Supplement	1090
Airfare Supplement (Udaipur - Delhi) Tentative price as of today. Is bound to change at the time of booking.	100

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation for Seven (07) nights in Delhi, Jaipur, Shahpura Bagh and Udaipur inclusive of Breakfast.
- Sightseeing in Jaipur as per itinerary. City Palace, Jantar Mantar & Amer Fort entrance fee is included.
- Sightseeing in Udaipur City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Miniature Art School (entrance fee included)
- Shahpura Bagh offers a diversity of experiences, some of these are payable and can be opted for on direct payment at the property itself.
- Two (2) exclusive jeep safaris at Jhalana.
- All tours will be led by a local English speaking expert.
- All transfers will be made in a private air conditioned Toyota Innova.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Does not include any beverages including mineral water, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks etc. unless otherwise specified. It is more cost effective for us to bill you for all beverages based on actual consumption.
- Any camera fees. This can be added in if desired.
- Any items of a personal nature such as beverages, tips (except for group meals and baggage handling), laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Anything featured as optional.
- The prices do not include: undue escalation in fuel prices, new taxes levies on hotels and transportation services or any hikes in entrance fees.

BOOKING PROCESS

Booking:

- 25 % of Journey cost to be paid at the time of booking
- Remaining payment to be paid 90 days prior to Journey
- If booking is made within 90 days of the journey, full payment is required to confirm the Journey
- Payment can be made by bank transfer or through online payment gateway (a small credit card processing fee shall be applicable)
- We can provide a quote in different currencies, please do feel free to ask in case you need it in another currency.

CANCELLATION PROCESS

Cancellation:

- Between 90 days prior to Journey 25% cancellation fee shall be applicable
- Between 89 31 days prior to Journey 50% cancellation fee shall be applicable
- Less than 30 days prior to Journey 100% cancellation fee shall be applicable

