Royal Rajasthan Tour

Duration: 13 Nights / 14 Days

Destinations: Delhi - Mandawa - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Pushkar - Jaipur - Agra

- Delhi

Day 01 / Arrival Delhi

Arrive Delhi, Meet assist at the airport & transfer to hotel.

Day 02 / Delhi

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing tour of Old & New Delhi:

OLD DELHI - A sight-seeing tour of Old Delhi would entail visiting the Raj Ghat - the memorial site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated; Jama Masjid - the largest mosque in India.

NEW DELHI - An extensive sight-seeing tour of New Delhi would include a visit to the Humayun's Tomb, the Qutub Minar, a drive along the ceremonial avenue - Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House, the President's Residence and would end with a drive through the Diplomatic Enclave. Overnight stay in Delhi.

Day 03 Delhi / Mandawa:

Morning drive to mandawa. Rest of the day visit Shekhavati villages of Dundlod, Mandawa, etc. Mandawa was founded in 1755 by Thakur Nawal Singh and is still the home of his descendants. Mandawa houses a collection of armories, costumes of ancestors, canons from 1820, ancient coins, numismatic collection and many other interesting items preserved in a museum. The whole area of Shekhavati has beautiful frescoes, havelis & mansions and is called the open air gallery.

Overnight stay in Mandawa.

Day 04 Mandawa / Bikaner:

Morning drive to Bikaner, on arrival check in hotel. Afternoon tour of this desert city. Bikaner is bolstered by imposing walls and has a 16th century fort housing old palaces, temples and a mosque. Founded by Raja Rai Singh, the fort is distinguished by its long range of 37 pavilions, a line of balconies and aerial windows of varying designs. An enormous arched doorway leads to the Joramal Temple. Tha royal chapel is Har Mandir where royal weddings and births were once celebrated.

Overnight stay in Bikaner.

Day 05 Bikaner / Jaisalmer:

Morning drive to Jaisalmer. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Jaisalmer.

Day 06 Jaisalmer:

Morning visit to Jaisalmer. Visit the Fort, bazars and the old mansions known as "havelis". People still live in these ancient buildings dated 12th to 15th century. Every house has exquisite carvings and filigreed work. Overnight Jaisalmer.

Day 07 Jaisalmer / Jodhpur:

Morning drive to Jodhpur, on arrival check in hotel. Afternoon visit to Meharangarh Fort, situated on a low sandstone Hill, including Moti-Mahal and Phool Mahal. Also visit Jaswant Thada, an imposing Marble Memorium built in 1899 and the museum located in Umaid Public Gardens. Overnight stay in Jodhpur.

Day 08 Jodhpur / Udaipur:

Morning drive to Udaipur visiting Ranakpur Temples enroute. Ranakpur – 98 kms from Udaipur. The Jain Temples built in the 15th century are situated in the lovely valley of the Aravalis. Its surrounding is quiet and picturesque. Ranakpur has grand structures and beautiful sculpture. There are 1444 pillars in the temple and none of them are similar. The magic of light & shade is really awe inspiring. Surya Temple ande other Jain Temples are side attractions. Overnight stay in Udaipur.

Day 09 Udaipur:

Morning tour to Udaipur. Visit the city palace, Jagdish Temple, drive around Fatehsagar Lake, Sahelion ki bari (Queen's resort for her friends) and Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandir (Folk Art Museum). Afternoon free. Overnight stay in Udaipur.

Day 10 Udaipur / Pushkar:

Morning drive to Ajmer / Pushkar, on arrival check in hotel. Afternoon visit the Tomb of the Sufi Saint, Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti, the Dargah Sharif. The city was founded by the Chauhan ruler, Aiaipal, during the 11th century & is dominated by the Taragarh Fort built by Prithviraj Chauhan.

In Pushkar, visit the holy lake and also the famous Brahma Temple. Pushkar is one of the holiest places for Hindus. Overnight stay in Pushkar.

## Day 11 Pushkar / Jaipur:

Morning drive to Jaipur, on arrival check in hotel. Afternoon tour of Jaipur. Jaipur – the capital of Rajasthan was given a colour coat of pink a century ago in honour of a visiting Prince. Built by Maharaja Jai Singh, the notable astronomer, this city is 260 years old. Visit Maharaja's City Palace, the Observatory & Ram Niwas Gardens. Drive past Hawa Mahal & through the pink residential & business areas. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

## Day 12 Jaipur:

In morning visit the Amber Fort of Jaipur – the ancient capital of the State. Visit the Sheesh Mahal or the Hall of Victory glittering with mirrors. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

## Day 13 Jaipur / Agra

Morning drive to Agra visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Fatehpur Sikri is 40 kms from Agra and built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. See the graceful buildings including the Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal and other Palaces. On arrival check in. Afternoon visit the Agra Fort containing the Pearl Mosque, the Halls of Public and Private Audience. Also the Tomb of Itmad-ud-built by Empress Noorjehan in memory of her father. Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays. Overnight stay in Agra.

## Day 14 Agra / Delhi

Morning visit to the world famous Taj Mahal built by the Mughal Emperor Shahjehan in 1630 for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Later drive to Delhi, and transfer to the airport to board the flight for onward journey.