



# Rajasthan Panorama

From \$6,935 - 21 Days - Fully Inclusive From New Zealand

Rajasthan conjures up images of royalty, beautiful princesses and the princes who stole their hearts. It is a land steeped in history and is regarded as one of the most colourful and exciting states in all of India. Your tour commences in Delhi. This incredible city can be confronting for the first time visitor, however, you will soon discover that India's capital has many hidden delights, captivating monuments and museums. It is here that you will witness the influence of the British Raj.

Visiting Bikaner, a major desert town in the north that will fascinate most. This interesting town was once an important staging post on the great caravan routes. Your 'Arabian Night' fantasies will come alive as you experience a camel ride across the sand dunes in the Thar Desert. Imagine watching the sunset over the rippled sand dunes from the back of a camel! Your overnight accommodation will include a stay in a tented camp. This is one of the most memorable ways to experience the natural beauty of India. In Jodhpur visit Meherangarh Fort regarded by many as one of the most magnificent forts in Rajasthan. At Ranakpur, a tour to a Jain temple will simply amaze you. This jewel of architecture contains 1444 pillars; no two of which are alike. An afternoon cruise on Udaipur's enchanting Lake Pichola will enthral you as you feast your eyes on the panoramic vistas. Deogarh will fascinate you as you walk through its bustling streets. Perhaps you will encounter the shy smiles of local ladies as they draw their colourful veils across their faces.

Travel to Phulad will be onboard a wonderful 1930s train. At Jaipur, popularly known as the 'Pink City', you will visit the amazing Jantar Mantar (Observatory). Anyone interested in astronomy will find this place incredibly fascinating. You will view the beautiful Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) and be astounded at its beauty. Your tour takes you to the palace and fortress at Amer. You will even learn about printing practices and carpet weaving, Indian style! The highlight for some will be a visit to Ranthambore National Park. The park provides one of the best opportunities in the world to see tigers, leopards, crocodiles, sloth bears and a wealth of birdlife. At Agra you will travel by romantic horse drawn carriages to view the majestic Taj Mahal as the sun rises. The Taj Mahal switches personality hour by hour, season by season, from timid to fearless, from daunting to magnificent.

Finally your return to Delhi includes a viewing of the Lotus Temple which is often compared to the Sydney Opera House. Your last day takes you to Jama Masjid often described as the most beautiful mosque in India. With so much on offer, we look forward to welcoming you on this magical tour of Rajasthan - its rich heritage, culture, amazing variety of lush forest and varied wildlife - make it an unparalleled destination.

## Day 1: New Zealand to Delhi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Delhi for 1 night.

## Day 2: Delhi to Alsisar

This afternoon leave Delhi and drive to the small desert town of Alsisar.

## Day 3: Alsisar to Gajner via Bikaner

Head west to Gajner today stopping in Bikaner en route where we visit Junagarh Fort and enjoy a rickshaw ride through the mediaeval streets to the old city bazaar. Later this afternoon continue driving to Gajner.

## Days 4-5: Gajner to Jaisalmer

Drive to Jaisalmer, enjoy an evening visit to the Sunset Point. Tomorrow visit the fort atop the 80m high Trikuta Hill. Later in the afternoon visit the Sam Dunes and take a camel ride on the sand dunes to view the sunset.

## Day 6: Jaisalmer to Manvar

Drive back into the Thar Desert to Manvar. This afternoon experience a camel and jeep safari to local Bishnoi villages to meet the locals. Tonight we will have a memorable stay in a tented camp in the desert. (Manvar Resort if camp unavailable)

## Day 7: Manvar to Jodhpur

Today we leave our camp and drive to Jodhpur, located on the edge of the Thar Desert it is the 2nd largest city in Rajasthan.

## Day 8: Jodhpur

This morning visit Meherangarh Fort, one of the most impressive complexes in Rajasthan, followed by the museum located in the Umaid Bhawan Palace. Take an auto rickshaw ride to a local restaurant for lunch before walking through Subji Mandi, the local vegetable and spice market.

## Day 9: Jodhpur to Udaipur via Ranakpur

Today we drive to Udaipur, visiting India's largest Jain temple complex in Ranakpur en route. Cruise Lake Pichola this afternoon, fringed with hills, palaces, havelis, ghats and temples.

## Day 10: Udaipur

This morning visit Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens, the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery, the City Palace and walk through the local streets and shops. This evening enjoy an enchanting dinner at a local restaurant overlooking Lake Pichola.

## Day 11: Udaipur to Deogarh

Drive to Deogarh. Enjoy an evening walk through the bustling streets of the village taking in the sights and sounds of rural India.



### Day 12: Deogarh to Pushkar

Enjoy a short train ride on a rural 1930s train to Phulad and continue by road to Pushkar. Enjoy a walking tour of the market and visit one of the temples by the lake.

### Days 13-14: Pushkar to Jaipur

Continue on to Jaipur. This afternoon visit the City Palace and the Jantar Mantar. Start tomorrow's touring with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, drive to the palace and fortress at Amer before learning about printing and carpet weaving. In the afternoon we shop at Choti Choper, before enjoying traditional dancing and dinner at a local restaurant.

### Days 15-16: Jaipur to Ranthambore National Park

Today we head south to Ranthambore National Park where we will enjoy a canter safari this afternoon. Tomorrow enjoy morning and afternoon canter safaris.

### Days 17-18: Ranthambore National Park to Agra

Take a train to Bharatpur from where we drive to Agra stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Rise early tomorrow and travel by horse drawn carriages 'tongas' to view the Taj Mahal, visit a marble factory to see traditional stone inlay work and Agra Fort.

### Day 19: Agra to Delhi

This morning drive to Delhi. Visit Qutab Minar and the Lotus Temple before stopping at Connaught Place markets for some local shopping.

### Day 20: Depart Delhi

Today we visit Old Delhi, drive past the Red Fort, walk through Chandni Chowk to Jama Masjid and have a photo stop at India Gate. After a late check out and dinner transfer to the airport to board our flight home.

### Day 21: Arrive New Zealand

Arrive home in New Zealand.

## Inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in India, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, New Zealand and India departure taxes (where included in air tickets)

## Price Guide

21 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share

✈ From \$6,935 per person - Departing Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch with Singapore Airlines

🏠 Single Supplement - From \$1,919

🚗 Land Only - From \$4,728

💰 Compulsory Tipping, approximately US\$115 per person (see page 26)

★★ Medium Paced Tour (see page 2)

Due to flight schedules, Christchurch passengers arrive home one day later. This will extend the itinerary to 22 days

## Departures

Tour Code	Depart New Zealand	Arrive New Zealand	Twin Share Price
<b>2010</b>			
I2070	04 Feb	24 Feb	\$6,935
I2071	25 Feb	17 Mar	\$6,935
I2072	04 Mar	24 Mar	\$6,935
I2073	25 Mar	14 Apr	\$6,935
I2074^	23 Sep	13 Oct	\$7,159
I2076	21 Oct	10 Nov	\$7,159
I2077#	04 Nov	24 Nov	\$7,159
<b>2011</b>			
I2080	03 Feb	23 Feb	\$6,935
I2081	24 Feb	16 Mar	\$6,935
I2082	03 Mar	23 Mar	\$6,935
I2083	24 Mar	13 Apr	\$6,935

^ Manvar Resort is used

# Departure coincides with the Pushkar Fair 13 to 21 November 2010 (dates are subject to change)



Local - Menerangh Fort, Jodhpur

