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Heritage of Rajasthan

Duration: 11N/12D

Key Sights: Delhi - Neemrana - Samode - Jaipur - Dundlod - Khimsar - Jodhpur - Udaipur

Day	Program	Mode	Distance/Time
Day 1	Arrived Delhi	By Flight	
Day 2	Delhi		
Day 3	Delhi – Neemrana	By Surface	130KM/02-03 Hours
Day 4	Neemrana – Samode	By Surface	123KM/02-03 Hours
Day 5	Samode – Jaipur	By Surface	41KM/01 Hour
Day 6	Jaipur		
Day 7	Jaipur – Dundlod	By Surface	148KM/02-03 Hours
Day 8	Dundlod – Khimsar	By Surface	230KM/03-04 Hours
Day 9	Khimsar – Jodhpur	By Surface	98KM/01-02 Hours
Day 10	Jodhpur – Udaipur	By Surface	260KM/04-05 Hours
Day 11	Udaipur		
Day 12	Udaipur – Delhi	By Flight	



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Day 1	Arrived Delhi	By Flight	
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Upon arrival in India you will be greeted and assisted by our airport representative to your hotel. Check in at hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 2	Delhi		
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Breakfast at hotel, later proceed for the full day city tour of Old and New Delhi. Old Delhi in earlier times known as Shahjahanabad has impressive monuments built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan, visit the Red Fort for a photo stop - 17th century imposing fortress built of red sandstone, the Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque where more than 20,000 people can kneel in prayer at a time, visit Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city with a cycle-rickshaw ride and Raj Ghat - Mahatma Gandhi's Memorial. Later visit New Delhi designed and built by the British in the 1920's it's a city of wide boulevards impressive Government buildings, green parks and gardens. First drive past Connaught Place, the heart and main shopping district of the capital, then drive to Rajpath (King's Way), India Gate - the 42mt high stone "Arch of Triumph", erected in the memory of Indian soldiers who died in First World War. Drive past Rashtrapati Bhawan (President Palace) and Parliament House. Later visit the Qutab Minar 12th century minaret built by Qutub-ud-din Aibek of the Slave Dynasty - this building complex dates back to the onset of Muslim rule in India and is fine example of Afghan architecture which is graceful and well sculptured and stands 75 meters. Also visit the Baha'i Temple (Lotus Temple) Lotus being a symbol of peace and prosperity all around the world, the shape of the temple personifies the purpose for which the foundation of this marvelous man-made architectural was laid. Lotus temple is made of pristine marble blocks, cement, dolomite and sand and the entire ascetic value is coddled by the group of nine pools filled with crystal clear water. In accord with the mores of Baha'i religion, the temple is open to everyone from anywhere in the world who is looking for inner peace & tranquility and wants to break the shackles of trepidation. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 3	Delhi – Neemrana	By Surface	130KM/02-03 Hours
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Breakfast at hotel and later check-out. This morning drive to Neemrana. Arrive and check into the hotel. Afternoon visit Neemrana Fort Palace now turned into the one of the oldest heritage hotel of India built in 1464 AD in rock cut Aravali hills and local sightseeing of Neemrana visiting 11 storey deep step well and local traditional village. Evening explore the Fort Palace - stepped palaces of this architectural jewel cut into the hillside to sprawl over 3 acres/1.2 hectares and rises to 10 levels commanding the most splendid views. Including a vista pool to the horizon. From 1986, the ruins of this Fort-Palace have been sensitively restored and reconstructed. The rooms are furnished with an eclectic mix of traditional Indian and colonial furniture, antiques and objects d'art. Overnight stay at hotel.



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Day 4	Neemrana – Samode	By Surface	123KM/02-03 Hours
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Breakfast at hotel and later check-out and leave for Samode, a place nestled among rugged hills. On arrival, check into the hotel. Visit the Fort and the village during the day. The Fort is built on a small hillock and planned in a progression of courtyards of increasing height. In the mid 19th century, Rawal Sheo Singh, also the Chief Minister of Jaipur, was responsible for the extravagantly hand painted Darbar Hall and the breathtaking Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors). Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 5	Samode – Jaipur	By Surface	41KM/01 Hour
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Breakfast and check-out. In the morning drive to Jaipur - The picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is colour washed in Pink - the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. Arrive and check-in at hotel, relax for sometime in your room. During the day time visit the Albert Hall Museum - supposed to be the oldest museum in Rajasthan. It was designed by Colonel Swinton Jacob in 1876 to welcome King Edward VII as Prince of Wales on his visit to Jaipur. It was brought to life by Thomas Holbein Hendley. The collection that he put together is a valuable inheritance today: Arms and Armour, Sculptures, International Art, Pottery, Stone work, Wood work, Ivory, Jewellery, Clay models, Musical Instruments, Coins and Seals, Carpets, colourful Crystal work and Miniature Paintings. It is also home to the rare Persian Garden Carpet and also an Egyptian Mummy. Initially Maharaja Ram Singh II wanted this building to be a town hall, but his successor, Sawai Madho Singh II, decided it should be a museum for the art of Jaipur and included as part of the new Ram Nivas Garden. In the evening visit the Birla Temple, to learn more about the fascinating religious life of Jaipur. Built recently in 1985, houses ornate statues including one of Lakshmi (Goddess of Wealth and Beauty) and Narayan dressed in gaudy robes, representing a Hindu vision of heavenly luxury. Witness the Aarti Ceremony (Prayer ceremony) which involves oil lamps being lit and waved, in order to awake and invoke the deity. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 6	Jaipur		
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After your breakfast at hotel, embark for an excursion to Amber Fort in the morning, situated outside the city, it is perhaps the most beautiful example of Rajput forts, this complex stands amidst wooded hills, with its threatening battlements reflected in the motionless waters of the Maota Lake below. You can have the unique experience of riding on a decorated elephant to the top of the hill. One of the premium examples of Rajput architecture, it was the ancient capital of the Kachhawaha rulers. The original palace was built by Raja Man Singh and additions were made later by Sawai Jai Singh. Here are the personal chambers of the Queens with windows having latticed screens so that the ladies could look at the events of the Royal court in privacy. There is also the Jai Mandir or the "Temple of Victory", with its well-known Sheesh Mahal, the sparkling "Hall of Mirrors". Within the Palace are the Diwan-e-Aam or the "Hall of Public Audience", the Diwan-e-Khas or the "Hall of Private Audience" and the Sukh Niwas where a cool breeze blows across



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channels of water for the purpose of air-conditioning.

Return to city and visit City Palace complex, located in the heart of Jaipur known for its blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture, the museum houses the rare and rich collection of Ornaments, 15th century Arms & Weapons, Royal Costumes, Carpets, Sangneri block prints, Kashmiri Pashmina Shawls, folk embroideries and Decorative Art objects of traditional Rajasthani and Mughal art and architecture. Complex has several palatial structures like the Chandra Mahal, Mubarak Mahal, Badal Mahal, Shri Govind Dev Ji Temple and the City Palace Museum and is divided into two parts- One part Sawai Man Singh Museum and other is still the Residential Palace of the former Maharaja.

Next we visit the Jantar Mantar, a solar observatory - It is the largest of the five astronomical observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh-I, the founder ruler of Jaipur. It is an astronomical treasure house, with solar device that give accurate predictions till date, it is classified as a UNESCO World heritage site. Photo-stop at Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, a four storied facade of pink sandstone and one of the most picturesque landmarks with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal women could see the royal processions through its 593 stone screens without being seen by the outsiders. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 7	Jaipur – Dundlod	By Surface	148KM/02-03 Hours
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Breakfast at hotel and later check-out and drive to Dundlod, a tiny village right in middle of the Shekhawati region. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. Step into a bygone era as you enter Dundlod Fort that comes alive with its Mughal architecture, Louis XIV furniture, the rich collection of rare books and family portraits. In the afternoon visit the village with its Chhatris and the frescoed havelis, the most well known one being that of the Goenka family. Evening at leisure for independent activities. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 8	Dundlod – Khimsar	By Surface	230KM/03-04 Hours
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Breakfast at hotel and later check-out, depart for Khimsar. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Visit the Fort and nearby areas in the afternoon. Perched on the edge of the Great Thar Desert and set amidst calm rural surroundings, the Khimsar Fort is a massive edifice that seems to narrate the legendary tales of its builders, the founders of Jodhpur. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 9	Khimsar – Jodhpur	By Surface	98KM/01-02 Hours
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Breakfast at hotel and later check-out and drive to Jodhpur. Arrive and check-in at the hotel. Later in the afternoon proceed for a sightseeing tour of Jodhpur visiting the Mehrangarh fort - the 5 km long majestic fort on a 125 meter high hill which is one of the most impressive and formidable structures. Although invincible from the outside, the fort has four gates approached by a winding road. Jaswant Thada is a cluster of royal cenotaphs built in 1899 AD in the memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Within the main cenotaph are the



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portraits of various Jodhpur rulers. Evening at leisure to explore the local market. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10	Jodhpur – Udaipur	By Surface	260KM/04-05 Hours
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In the morning leave for Udaipur. En route visit the 15th century Jain temples at Ranakpur. Ranakpur Jain Temples are Renowned for some marvelously carved Jain temples in amber stone. Ranakpur is one of the five holy places of the Jain community and these temples were created in the 15th century AD During the reign of Rana Kumbha and are enclosed within a wall. The central Chaumukha or four faced temple is dedicated to the venerated Tirthankara Rishabhji. Open on all four sides, it enshrines the four faced image of Adinath. Sprawling over 48,000 sq. feet, the temple is an astounding creation with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars - all distinctly carved. Upon arrival in Udaipur, check into the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 11	Udaipur		
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Morning proceed for the sightseeing of Udaipur city visiting the City Palace - A majestic architectural marvel towering over the lake on a hill surrounded by crenellated walls. It is a conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens. Jagdish Temple - Built in 1651 AD. By Maharana Jagat Singh. This Indo-Aryan temple is the largest and the most beautiful temple of Udaipur with noteworthy sculpted images. Sahelion-ki-Bari - (Garden of the Maids of Honour) this small ornamental garden was a popular relaxing spot where royal ladies came for a scroll and hence the name. The garden has many fountains in its four delightful pools, chiseled kiosks and marble elephants. Afternoon Boat ride on Lake Pichola, a picturesque lake that entranced Maharana Udai Singh. It was later enlarged by the founder. The lake is surrounded by hills, palaces, temples, bathing ghats and embankments. Two island palaces, Jag Mandir and Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) on the lake are of breathtaking magnificence. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 12	Udaipur – Delhi	By Flight	
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Breakfast & Check-out. Transfer to airport in time to board your flight for Delhi, assistance on arrival and transfer to International airport to board your flight for onward destination.