

12 DAY 5 STAR RAJASTHAN

DESTINATIONS

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Day 1 Land Only
Meals included	
Hotel	5 ★ The Park Hotel New Delhi, or similar

Welcome to Delhi! In the evening, enjoy a welcome briefing session with the tour manager.

DAY 2

Destination	Delhi
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	5 ★ The Park Hotel New Delhi, or similar

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi beginning with a photo stop at the Red Fort. The walls of the massive Red Fort rise a daunting 33 metres (108 ft) above the bustle of Old Delhi as a reminder of the magnificent power of former emperors. Very near the fort is the 17th-century Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Walk through the famous bazaars of Old Delhi, to experience the hustle and bustle of a crowded bazaar. Also visit Raj Ghat, the Mahatma Gandhi memorial, a simple black marble platform that marks the spot of his cremation. In New Delhi, visit the India Gate, the memorial of the First World War and the road that leads from there to the President House, flanked by the houses of Parliament, the Secretariat building, the Birla Temple and Lotus Temple.

Enjoy an included Welcome Dinner this evening, to get to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 3

Destination	Delhi 🚗 Agra
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Crystal Sarovar Premiere, or similar

Today, we make our way to Agra. Agra rose to fame in the 17th century as the capital of the Mughal Empire and was beautified with gardens, waterfalls, bathhouses and canals. In modern times, the city houses a thriving crafts industry, including marble inlay work and carpets. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Agra which includes many people's highlight, the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal. Go inside this iconic monument. Built in the mid-17th century by Shah Jahan following the death of his queen, this mausoleum is an eternal love poem written in stone. During the visit, you can admire the intricacy of the work of the 20,000 craftsmen who were brought from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy to build this astonishing monument.

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AGRA FORT

Visit Agra Fort, whose forbidding red sandstone battlements hide a number of majestic Mughal palaces. Explore the delightful Diwan-i-Am (Hall of Public Audience) where the emperor once sat on his throne to address his subjects, and the Diwan-i-Khas (Hall of Private Audience) where he hosted kings and foreign dignitaries. The white marble Mina Masjid (Heavenly Mosque) stands in contrast to the rest of the Red Fort.

Starts: approx: 4.30pm

Duration: approx: 1 hour

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DAY 4

Destination	Agra 🚗 Jaipur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Indana Palace Jaipur, or similar

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Agra and head to Jaipur, arriving in the 'Pink City' in the afternoon. Check-in on arrival with the remainder of the day at leisure.

FATEHPUR SIKRI

Wandering the 'ghost city' of Fatehpur Sikri is to go back five centuries in time to the height of the Mughal Empire. This monumental walled city was built by the third emperor Akbar the Great as his capital, but it was abandoned within a few years of completion due to a lack of water. Today, it is a remarkably well-preserved collection of red sandstone palaces, pavilions and mosques. The buildings here present a unique blend of Hindu and Islamic architectural styles, and include the Panch Mahal, the Buland Darwaza and the Dargah of Sheikh Salim Chisti, which speak of the grandeur and splendour of the Mughals.

Starts: approx: Between 9:30am-10:00am

Duration: approx: 2 hours

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DAY 5

Destination	Jaipur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Indana Palace Jaipur, or similar

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel we head out for a tour of the Amber Fort.

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Located on a spur overlooking a lake, Amber Fort's robust, time-ravaged walls appear imposing from the outside but they hide an interior packed with beautifully decorated palaces and temples, and landscaped gardens. Be dazzled by the Sheesh Mahal, a room with its four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces.

Return to the old city to visit the City Palace and the beautiful palaces within, such as the Chandra Mahal and Mubarak Mahal and the intricately decorated Peacock Gate. We'll then make a stop at the spellbinding Hawa Mahal or Palace of the Winds and the city's renowned bazaars: Johari (famous for its jewels and saris), Tripolia (bronzes, sculptures and lacquerware), Bapu (perfumes and textiles), and Chandpole (pottery and bracelets).

DAY 6

Destination	Jaipur 🚗 Jodhpur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Indana Palace Jodhpur, or similar

This morning we drive to Jodhpur, second-largest city in Rajasthan and gateway to the Thar Desert in the Marwar region. The old city, originally founded in the mid-15th century is familiarly known as the Blue City due to its blue-painted buildings and rooftops, and is surrounded by a 10-kilometre-long wall that dates from the 16th century.

Perched high above the city, the massive Mehrangarh Fort and the red sandstone palaces within the fort form one of the most impressive architectural complexes in Rajasthan. One of the largest forts in India, Mehrangarh is the pride of Jodhpur.

DAY 7

Destination	Jodhpur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Indana Palace Jodhpur, or similar

After a leisurely breakfast, proceed for a city tour of Jodhpur starting from Mehrangarh Fort. The main palaces that make up the fort are Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Takht Vilas and Jhanki Mahal. The fort's museum displays a rich collection of old royal palanquins, arms, paintings, costumes, and more. There are also a number of galleries and temples inside the fort.

We'll also visit the stunning Jaswant Thada, a royal cenotaph built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. This white marble memorial is adorned with exquisite carvings and intricate detail. Built like a temple, the Thada is a testament to the skill of Jodhpuri sculptors.

DAY 8

Destination	Jodhpur 🚗 Udaipur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ The Ananta Udaipur, or similar

Today, continue the journey driving to Udaipur. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel. Udaipur was founded in the mid-16th century and became the capital of Mewar. The rulers of Mewar, who belonged to the Sisodia clan of Rajputs, have traced their dynasty back to the year 566. Fiercely independent, they refused matrimonial alliances with the Mughal emperors and took great pride in their reputation as the prime defenders of Rajput honour.

Visit Ranakpur Jain temple. Often regarded as poetry on marble, this 15th century Jain temple honouring Adinath is a work of architectural genius. The delicate marble carvings boast an enormous degree of skill and intricacy. Another

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interesting aspect about the temple is its play of shadow and light on the nearly 1,500 pillars, each of which proudly display a different motif.

DAY 9

Destination	Udaipur
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ The Ananta Udaipur, or similar

This morning, visit the Jagdish Temple, a large Hindu temple in the middle of the city. The temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, was built in 1651. Then visit Saheliyon Ki Bari, the garden of maidens, built in the mid-18th century. Stroll by the pools dotted with elegant kiosks, flowerbeds, lawns, fountains, along with an array of trees that make this garden worth visiting.

Continue to Fateh Sagar Lake, an artificial lake was originally built around the year 1680.

Later, explore the grand City Palace, a fusion of medieval European and Chinese architecture. This marble monument is situated on the eastern banks of Lake Pichola. The palace's numerous balconies, towers and cupolas provide a fantastic view of the lake and the city below.

OPTIONAL TOUR - CRUISE ON LAKE PICHOLA

Enjoy a leisurely boat ride on Lake Pichola. With its main attractions being the two palaces on the islands in the lake, Jag Niwas and Jag Mandir, the spectacular views from the lake are sure to impress. Jag Niwas, known as the Lake Palace, was once the summer retreat of the prince of Mewar and is now a 5-star hotel.

Starts: approx: Between 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Duration: approx: 1 hour

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DAY 10

Destination	Udaipur 🚗 Pushkar
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Ananta Spa & Resort, or similar

After breakfast, we continue to Pushkar.

The village of Pushkar lies on the edge of the Thar Desert and located at its heart is one of India's most sacred lakes, Pushkar Lake. Apart from its religious significance, Pushkar is known for its camel fair held every year in the festival month of Kartik (October and November). Being a religious town, alcohol and non-vegetarian food are taboo.

You're free at leisure in the evening, perhaps take a walk to admire the beautiful Pushkar Lake and colourful Pushkar market.

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DAY 11

Destination	Pushkar 🚗 Ajmer 🚗 Delhi
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	5 ★ Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport, or similar

Today visit the temple of Lord Brahma surrounded by Pushkar Lake. Witness devotees dip into the holy waters and offer prayers on the banks of the lake. Visit the Pushkar fair site and later, transfer to the Ajmer railway station to board the Shatabdi Express for Delhi. Forget what you have seen in social media. Long distance train travel in India is airconditioned, reserved seating and civilised. Enjoy the journey as the countryside zips past out the window. Upon arrival at Delhi railway station, you will be transferred to the hotel.

DAY 12

Destination	Day 12 Land only
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Your tour ends today. We hope you've had an inspired journey!

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 11 nights accommodation in 5-star hotels
- Breakfast daily and 1 welcome dinner
- Professional English speaking tour guide throughout
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- Reserved rail seating from Pushkar to Delhi
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Delhi - Walk through the famous bazaars of Old Dehli, visit the Red Fort, and Jama Masjid, India's largest Mosque
- Delhi - Also visit Raj Ghat, the Mahatma Gandhi memorial, a simple black marble platform that marks the spot of his cremation
- Agra - Admire the Taj Mahal in the afternoon, the almighty 'Monument of Love'
- Jaipur - Visit the City Palace, covering almost one-seventh part of the city and learn about the Peacock gate
- Jaipur - Explore the ancient capital of Amber to see the fabulous Amber Fort
- Jodhpur - Visit one of the largest forts in India, Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a steep hill
- Jodhpur - Also visit the stunning Jaswant Thada, a royal cenotaph built in the memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II
- Udaipur - Visit Jain temple Ranakpur Jain, and Hindu temple Jagdish
- Udaipur - Visit City Palace, one of the biggest palaces in Rajasthan, set on the banks of Pichola Lake
- Pushkar - Take a walk and admire the beautiful Pushkar Lake and colourful Pushkar market
- Pushkar - Witness devotees dip into the holy waters and offer prayers on the banks of the lake

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$250 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$450 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

Click [HERE](#) for more information on weather in India.

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EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post-tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$333 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$241 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$58 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$58 per vehicle

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Please note, the transfers are not private and you may be grouped with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering the following optional sightseeing experiences:

- Agra Fort (Day 3) - \$26 per person
- Fatehpur Sikri (Day 4) - \$26 per person
- Lake Pichola cruise (Day 9) - \$26 per person

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

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Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. At the commencement of your tour you will be asked to provide tipping to your guide towards a 'kitty', which is then used towards the guide tipping for the services of helpers, hotel staff, restaurants and airport portorage. We recommend NZD\$4 per person, per day, to be paid in local currency. Please note that this tipping is not for the guide or driver, merely for the guide to tip the services of other local workers during your tour. While not made compulsory, if you choose not to contribute to the kitty it means that the guide is tipping for these services out of their own pocket. Your cooperation in this instance is most appreciated.

Further, tipping for your guide and driver will be collected at the conclusion of their services. To remove the uncertainty and stress of not knowing how much is appropriate to tip we recommend NZD\$7-11 per person per day for your guide and NZD\$4-6 per person per day for your driver to be paid in local currency. The amount you wish to contribute is dependent on the services received and at the complete discretion of the guest. Thank you for your understanding.

Any other tipping, such as tips for camera and video fees, bathroom attendants or hotel porters that are taking luggage to your room, is at your discretion as are gratuities for additional requested special services. We encourage passengers to have a supply of small denominations of local currency to distribute for personal tipping.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$1180 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your

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intended date of return.

An e-visa is required for entry into India. You will be able to obtain your E-visa when you have your tour documents indicating your date of entry into India, approximately 120 days prior to departure.

You can visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/Registration> to purchase your visa online. The cost is US\$80 per person. We can assist you over the phone as best as possible, however cannot submit the application on your behalf.

Please note, the ETA is limited to 60 days validity from the date of arrival.

Please note that the information provided is subject to change at any time. For the most up-to-date information, we recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/>

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

8 - 30 people

Trip Style - Group Tour

Our Group Tours offer unparalleled value for money and are the perfect style of travel for those on a budget, though still eager to pack as much in to their itinerary as possible. These tours tick all the boxes with an abundance of inclusions such as sightseeing highlights, expert tour guides, quality accommodation, transfers, coach transportation, some meals and more. Please note that the maximum group size will vary between deals and will be mentioned within the Fine Print of each deal page.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Flexible Date Change

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this option at the time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to move their trip to any other 2021 or 2022 date, destination, itinerary or even, another brand in our vast travel portfolio (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Your date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

**Some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.*

By accepting a date change on your booking, you are accepting the conditions of the package you are moving to and future date changes may not apply.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to

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cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

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