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## **Essence of Rajasthan with Varanasi**

15 Nights / 16 Days

Meals

15 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

**Fully Escorted** 

#### Private Air-Conditioned Vehicle with English Speaking Driver/Guide

Trip Route:

Delhi - Varanasi - Agra - Jaipur - Pushkar - Jodhpur - Deogarh - Udaipur - Delhi Departure

### **Trip Summary**

### Day 1

Vibrant India Tours - A Colourful Journey Delhi, Welcome to Incredible India Hotel Golden Grand - Standard - Hotel Golden Grand ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka - Deluxe - ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka The Lalit - Premium - The Lalit Boulangerie

#### Day 2

Delightful Tour of Old and New Delhi Meals - Breakfast Included.

#### Day 3

Delhi - Varanasi by Flight Meals - Breakfast Included. The Amayaa Hotel - Standard - The Amayaa Hotel Radisson Hotel, Varanasi - Deluxe - Radisson Hotel The Taj Ganges - Premium - The Gateway Hotel Ganges

#### Day 4

Varanasi, Morning Boat Ride Discover Varanasi Meals - Breakfast Included.

#### Day 5

Varanasi - Delhi by Flight - Agra (Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Clarks Shiraz, Agra - Standard - Clarks Shiraz Jaypee Palace Hotel - Deluxe - Jaypee Palace Hotel And Convention Centre Trident, Agra - Premium - Trident

#### Day 6

Taj Mahal Sunrise Visit Explore Agra Meals - Breakfast Included.

### Day 7

Agra - Abhaneri - Jaipur (Approx. 5 hours drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Sarovar Premiere - Standard - Sarovar Premiere Check in at Alsisar Haveli - Deluxe - Alsisar Haveli Hilton, Jaipur - Premium - Hilton

### Day 8

Jaipur, The Pink City Tour Evening with Local Family Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included.

Jaipur - Pushkar (Approx. 3 hours drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Hotel Pushkar Palace - Standard - Hotel Pushkar Palace Hotel Brahma Horizon - Deluxe - Hotel Brahma Horizon Ananta Spa & Resorts - Premium - Ananta Spa & Resorts

### **Day 10**

Pushkar - Jodhpur (Approx. 4 hours drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Devi Bhawan - Standard - Devi Bhawan Indana Palace, Jodhpur - Deluxe - Indana Palace Jodhpur Ajit Bhawan - Premium - Ajit Bhawan

#### **Day 11**

Discover Jodhpur Sardar Market Or Bishnoi Village Excursion Meals - Breakfast Included.

### **Day 12**

Jodhpur - Narlai, Leopard Safari (Approx. 2 hours drive) Narlai - Deogarh, Dinner on Palace Terrace (Approx. 1 hour drive) Meals - Breakfast & Dinner Included. Check in at Deogarh Mahal - Deogarh Mahal

### **Day 13**

Deogarh, Rural Rail Ride Deogarh - Udaipur (Approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes drive) Meals - Breakfast Included. Hotel Mahendra Prakash - Standard - Hotel Mahendra Prakash Aranya Vilas - Deluxe - Aranya Vilas Trident Hotel in Udaipur - Premium - Trident Hotel in Udaipur

#### **Day 14**

Explore Udaipur Meals - Breakfast Included.

### **Day 15**

Udaipur - Delhi, by Flight Meals - Breakfast Included. Hotel Golden Grand - Standard - Hotel Golden Grand ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka - Deluxe - ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka Check in at Taj Swarna - Taj Swarna

Delhi Departure Meals - Breakfast Included. Inclusions Exclusions

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### Vibrant India Tours - A Colourful Journey



### Delhi, Welcome to Incredible India

You will be greeted & assisted by our representative at Delhi international airport and later transferred to your hotel to check in. Remaining time is at leisure till next day.



### Hotel Golden Grand - Standard





Hotel Golden Grand W-1/10, New Delhi, Delhi, IN, 110008

ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka - Deluxe Aerocity Location

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ITC Welcomhotel Dwarka Dwarka, Delhi, Delhi, IN +91 11 4222 9222

### The Lalit - Premium





The Lalit Boulangerie Fire Brigade Lane, New Delhi, Delhi, IN

### Delightful Tour of Old and New Delhi

Your day would begin after a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Post breakfast, you get yourself ready for a personalized guide tour, which begins from the Old and Historic Delhi.

#### Morning-

The first halt is **Jama Masjid** and **Red Fort**. Then the guide will arrange a **cycle rickshaw tour**, which will let you catch a closer insight of old era and the very illustrious **Anarkali Bazaar of Chandni Chowk**. At Chandni Chowk, we would further take you to **Khari Baoli Spice Market** – the largest spice market of Asia, which is a true delight for eyes.

Later, you will visit the Humayun's Tomb and the 12th century Qutab Minar.

Afterwards, the imposing boulevards and buildings such as **Rashtrapati Bhawan (President's Residence)**, the one-time imperial residence of the British viceroys and **India Gate** will be experienced from the vehicle.





### Delhi - Varanasi by Flight

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your flight to Varanasi.

Our representative will welcome you at Varanasi Airport and assist you with your hotel transfer. Check-in at the hotel.

Rest of the evening is free at leisure to explore local markets or relax at your hotel.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

### The Amayaa Hotel - Standard





**The Amayaa Hotel** The Mall Cantt, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, IN, 221002 +91 542 250 3391

Radisson Hotel, Varanasi - Deluxe







Radisson Hotel The Mall, Cantonment Varanasi +91 542 250 1515

### The Taj Ganges - Premium





The Gateway Hotel Ganges Nadesar Palace Grounds, Varanasi, UTTAR PRADESH, IN, 221002 0542 666 0001

### Varanasi, Morning Boat Ride

Early morning, visit the Ghats of Holy River Ganges to take an **early morning boat ride along the Ganges River**, as we explore the city.

The Ganges is a constant hive of activity throughout the day, as hordes of people come to pray and immerse themselves in its spiritually cleansing waters.



#### **Discover Varanasi**

Later, explore the Varanasi visiting Kashi Vishawanath temple, Banaras Hindu University, Sankat Mochan Hanuman temple and various other attractions located in the narrow lanes.

#### Evening

As night falls, we head to the **holy Ganges River to witness the sprawling Aarti possession**, a devotional Hindu ritual which involves numerous small candles being lit inside cups made from leaves and flowers and floated down the river – an unforgettable experience.



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Meals - Breakfast Included.

### Varanasi - Delhi by Flight - Agra (Approx. 3 hours and 30 minutes drive)

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight to Delhi.

Our representative will welcome you at Delhi Airport and drive you to Agra by road.

Rest of the evening is free at leisure.





Meals - Breakfast Included.







**Clarks Shiraz** 54 Taj Road, Āgra, Uttar Pradesh, IN, 282 001 +91 562 222 6121

**Jaypee Palace Hotel - Deluxe** 





Jaypee Palace Hotel And Convention Centre Fatehabad Road, Agra, UTTAR PRADESH, IN, 282003

Jaypee Palace Hotel, a glorious structural blend of red stone & marble, is spread over on 25 acres of elegantly landscaped luxuriant greenery. Sprinkled with enormous water bodies & endless walkways, this magical creation impeccably blends Mughal & contemporary architecture with modern amenities.



### Trident, Agra - Premium





**Trident** Fatehabad Road, Āgra, Uttar Pradesh, IN, 282001 +91 562 223 5000

### Taj Mahal Sunrise Visit

At dawn, visit the incomparable **Taj Mahal** – one of the seven wonders of the world and symbol of love, to observe the effects caused by the reflections of the changing colors of the rising Sun on this masterpiece. This momentary reflection of romance will captivate your heart by awe.

Return back to your hotel for a delectable breakfast, while a part of you is still living in romanticism.

Later visit Agra Fort- a UNESCO world heritage site - known for its fine Mughal architecture.



### **Explore Agra**

After lunch (own expense), visit Itimad-ud-daulah, often referred to as the "Baby Taj Mahal".

This is the first tomb in India made entirely of marble. The tomb was commissioned by Nur Jahan, the wife of Jahangir, for her father Mir Gheyas Beg (later known as Itimad-ud-daulah), who was a minister in the court of Shah Jahan.

Later, visit the **Agra Fort**, which was once the lavish **residence of the Mughal Emperors of India**, showcases immaculate architectural grandeur.

Walk through this historic fort and explore its impressive buildings and structures, including the **Moti Masjid**, **Musamman Burj**, **Diwan-i-Khas**, **Shahjahani Mahal**, and **Jahangiri Mahal**.







### Agra - Abhaneri - Jaipur (Approx. 5 hours drive)

After breakfast, drive towards Abhaneri. **The Chand Baori stepwell** is built over a thousand years ago in the Abhaneri village of Rajasthan. It is one of the largest stepwells in the world and one of the most beautiful ones.

Later, proceed to Jaipur. You will reach the Jaipur by late afternoon.

Rest of the day is at leisure.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

### **Sarovar Premiere - Standard**





Sarovar Premiere Sahakar Marg, Tonk Rd, Lalkothi

### Check in at Alsisar Haveli - Deluxe

More than five centuries ago, the grandson of Maharaja Udaikaran of Amer, the great warrior Maharao Shekhaji, founded a sub-clan popularly known as "Shekhawat". The Alsisar Hotels is owned by this branch of the "Kachawa" clan of Rajputs. The descendants of the family have since restructured and refurbished many of the old family mansions and palaces to manage a portfolio of some of the best heritage and luxury hotels.





Alsisar Haveli Sansar Chandra Road, Jaipur, RĀJASTHĀN, IN, 302001

### Hilton, Jaipur - Premium





### Hilton

42 Geejgarh House Hawa Sadak, Jaipur, RAJASTHAN, IN, 302006

### Jaipur, The Pink City Tour

After a brief refresh, visit the local Orphanage, Surman.

It is a divine home where orphaned and abandoned children live in one shelter and an atmosphere where they can wish to have dreams and wish to achieve them.

You can choose to volunteer to join as a helping hand in operating the daily activities in orphanage and interact with kids.

Later, have an excursion to Amer Fort. This palace is laid out over four layers and sits beside the shimmering Maota Lake.

Afterwards stop for picture at the Maharaja's City Palace (the home of the erstwhile royal family), Hawa Mahal (the Palace of winds).



#### **Evening with Local Family**

After a brief refresh, spend evening with the local family. It's a great way to have **a local experience in Jaipur.** You will experience a great insight into the lifestyle of Indian family.

You will be **part of a cooking class with the local family.** Get a taste of true Indian hospitality thanks to this cooking lesson and meal in the home of a local family. You will learn few local dishes and how to prepare them with fresh ingredients.

End the experience by enjoying your meal, accompanied by lots of lively conversation, with the family. Return to your hotel and live a memorable night.





#### Jaipur - Pushkar (Approx. 3 hours drive)

Morning after breakfast, take a road drive will take you to Pushkar. On arrival, check in at your hotel.

After brief refresh, visit the **Brahma Temple, Pushkar Lake** and take a stroll into the meandering alleys of Pushkar and come across vibrant, colorful markets.

In evening, enjoy a sunset camel ride over the sand dunes atop a colorfully dressed camel.





Meals - Breakfast Included.

### Hotel Pushkar Palace - Standard





Hotel Pushkar Palace Pushkar, Rajasthan, IN, 305022 0145 277 3001

#### Hotel Brahma Horizon - Deluxe





**Hotel Brahma Horizon** 5 Ajmer Road, Pushkar, Rajasthan, IN, 305001

### Ananta Spa & Resorts - Premium





Ananta Spa & Resorts Ajmer Pushkar road, Ajmer, Rājasthān, IN

### Pushkar - Jodhpur (Approx. 4 hours drive)

After breakfast, take the road drive to Jodhpur.

On arrival, check in at your hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure.





Meals - Breakfast Included.



### Devi Bhawan - Standard





Devi Bhawan Jodhpur, Rajasthan, IN, 342001 0291 251 1067



Indana Palace, Jodhpur - Deluxe





Indana Palace Jodhpur Shikargarh Road, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, IN, 342001

### Ajit Bhawan - Premium





### Ajit Bhawan

Ajit Bhawan Palace Circuit House Road, Jodhpur, RAJASTHAN, IN, 342006 0291 251 0410



#### **Discover Jodhpur**

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jodhpur which includes visit to Mehrangarh fort and Jaswant Thada.

Later you may also visit the splendid Umaid Bhawan Palace and its fabulous Museum.



#### Sardar Market Evening

In the evening. visit the Sardar Market.

If you want to get a feel of an old-city style market in Rajasthan, then Sardar Market is the place you must visit. The entire market is spread amongst narrow lanes and by-lanes with small and big shops outlining these lanes on both sides. The Sardar Market is especially famous for Bandhini, which is a traditional Rajasthani handcrafted cloth.

Hand-dyed textiles, embroidered leather items like shoes and purses, small toys of camels and elephants and traditional Rajasthani silver and gold jewelry are some of the most common items that you shall find easily in the Sardar Market.

Lacquer handicrafts, antiques, puppets, and other souvenirs are a few items that are one of the most beautiful items one can find in the Sardar Market.



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#### **Bishnoi Village Excursion**

If you want to get an experience of the Tribal India, Bishnoi Village is the attraction around Jodhpur best for you.

Bishnoi village of Jodhpur, Rajasthan is scenic beauty marked with Khejri trees and deer. Also in the village is the Guda Bishnoi Lake, you can see numerous migratory birds like Domicile Cranes etc, Blackbucks and Chinkara.

The Bishnoi community inhabits the village. The villagers are staunch **worshippers of nature in all its forms**, specially the sanctity of plant and animal life. They even pray to the green trees and animals that inhabit their land. In this world of exploitation everywhere, they make every effort to conserve the environment.

Visit the Bishnoi villages, where you can visit the homes of shepherds people. See how shepherds live in traditional way and only working with animals like goat, ship, Camel etc.

Immerse yourself in the **culture of Bishnoi village**. Get to know the weavers, potters, and other important local crafts people.





Meals - Breakfast Included.



### Jodhpur - Narlai, Leopard Safari (Approx. 2 hours drive)

After breakfast, leave for Leopard safari in Narlai.

### Leopard Sighting Jeep Safari

Early morning head for your first **jungle safari** in an open 4WD jeep in your ever-growing pursuit for animals and the imposing sight of leopards.

The rugged Godwad countryside around Narlai is an ideal site for Leopards.

Hop on a jeep and head to the forest in search of the big cat.



### Narlai - Deogarh, Dinner on Palace Terrace (Approx. 1 hour drive) Later, take the road drive to Deogarh.

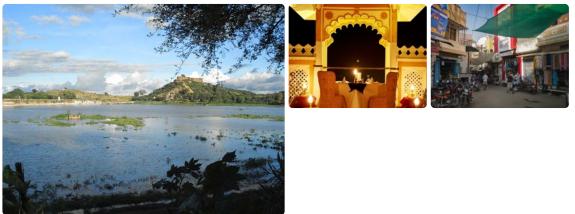
### Village Walk

After hotel check-in and brief refresh, in the evening go for a nice walk in to the village. Hotel will send one of their staff to assist them. There is no fixed time for this. It can be done any time with prior information.

### **Dinner on Mahal Terrace (Weather Permitted)**

Finish the day with a dinner on terrace of Mahal Palace.

The guests will be received at the Mahal with the traditional tikka, and showering of flowers petals with the sound of the beating drums. In the evening they will gather in the central courtyard (alongwith other guests) and offer them a Safa/Chunri to set mood for the evening. This will be followed by a glass of alcoholic cocktail alongwith Rajasthani Tera Taal Dance. Then the guests will be taken to a terrace for Romantic Dinner. This will start with a glass of Wine Red/White, and served in "Thaal" with a wide variety of choices on the menu.





### Check in at Deogarh Mahal Deluxe Room

#### **Deluxe Suite**

#### **Royal Suite**

Deogarh Mahal is an imposing structure built in the 17th century. It stands atop a hill and offers a commanding view of the Aravalli mountain range and the numerous lakes, strewn across the countryside. Centuries in the making, Deogarh Mahal's history begins far before the majestic palace was ever built. Even at first glance at the palace, it's obvious that Deogarh Mahal has been an integral part of the Mewar aristocracy and heritage, passed down from many Rawats, a local title equivalent to Raja, to be used as a personal residence and fort.





Deogarh Mahal Deogarh, Rajasthan, IN, 313331

### Deogarh, Rural Rail Ride

After breakfast, take a rural rail ride.

Chugging on Train no 222 - you will have the opportunity to go on the train safari in Deogarh. It's an amazing two hours spent on a meter gauge train which is the lifeline of locals.

A nice pleasure trip in to the Aravali Hills by Meter guage train on 1930's British Track. The track consists of 17 U shape bridges and 2 tunnels with lots of monkeys.

The journey starts from Kamblighat (10 minute drive from Deogarh Mahal) where the station master single handedly mans everything.

The ride ends at Phulad and we will drive back to Deogarh which takes about 30 minutes.



**Deogarh - Udaipur (Approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes drive)** Later, drive to reach Udaipur. On arrival, check in at your hotel.

Remaining day is at leisure to explore local markets.



Hotel Mahendra Prakash - Standard





Hotel Mahendra Prakash lake palace road, Udaipur, Rājasthān, IN, 313001 +91 294 241 9811

### Aranya Vilas - Deluxe





### Aranya Vilas

Road, Udaipur, Rajasthan, IN, 313001

### **Trident Hotel in Udaipur - Premium**

Built over 64749.7 square metres on the banks of Lake Pichola, Trident, Udaipur is ranked amongst the best hotels near the lake. It is a comfortable 27 kilometres from the airport and is perfectly located to explore the famed sites of the city, such as the City Palace, the Crystal Gallery, the Monsoon Palace or the beautiful Jagmandir.





**Trident Hotel in Udaipur** Udaipur, Rajasthan, IN, 313001 0294 243 2200



#### **Explore Udaipur**

After breakfast, enjoy the sightseeing tour of Udaipur, which includes **City Palace, Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum** (has an interesting collection of dresses, turbans, musical instruments, dolls, paintings, the traditional puppets etc.).

Enjoy an **afternoon cruise on the calm waters of Lake Pichola** in Udaipur (subject to water levels) and take a stroll in the markets around the Lake.

Later visit the island of Jag mandir.

Remaining time is at leisure till next day.





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### Udaipur - Delhi, by Flight

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Udaipur airport for your flight to Delhi airport.

Our representative will assist you at Delhi airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Indigo/6E 5616 Dep from Udaipur at 13:15 hrs Arrival in Delhi at 14:35 hrs





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Meals - Breakfast Included.

### Hotel Golden Grand - Standard





Hotel Golden Grand W-1/10, New Delhi, Delhi, IN, 110008

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### Check in at Taj Swarna



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**Taj Swarna** Amritsar, Punjab, IN, 143001



### **Delhi Departure**

This Morning after breakfast checkout from your hotel and at appropriate time you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your onward journey.

Board your flight and fly back with memories to cherish for life. Tour ends.



Meals - Breakfast Included.

#### Inclusions

- Garlanding welcome at the Airport in Delhi.
- All arrival and departure transfers.
- Assistance at Airport on arrival.
- All applicable taxes.
- Entrance and Camera fees to the monuments and palaces.
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary.
- Sightseeing by an exclusive deluxe air-conditioned Vehicle with chauffeur as per the itinerary.
- Accommodation at the specified hotels.
- 01 Mineral water per person per day.
- Daily buffet breakfast during your stay at all proposed destinations.
- Services of English-speaking local tour guide during all sightseeing tours at Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur, Jodhpur (1 day at each destination).
- Rickshaw/Battery Rickshaw ride to Chandi chowk and Khari Bowli spice market.
- Evening with local family and dinner in Jaipur.
- Camel ride in Pushkar.
- Leopard Safari in Narlai.
- Boat ride in Udaipur.
- Rural train in Deogarh.
- Morning Ganges boat ride.
- Evening Ganges Aarti Ceremony.
- Dinner on Mahal Terrace Deogarh.
- Domestic flights as mentioned in the itinerary.

#### **Exclusions**

- Anything not mentioned or "optional" or "own expense" in the itinerary.
- Porterage at Hotels and Airports.
- All Items of Personal Nature, Shopping, Tips, Insurance, Laundry, Liquors, Wine, Etc.
- Meals not specified in Itinerary.
- Tips for staff, guide & driver.
- International airfares unless specified.

- Optional, suggested, or unspecified activities.
- Insurance of any kind, Insurance and Medi claim.
- Visa costs.