

DESTINATION ITINERARY

Rajasthan

7-10 Days

From INR 25,000 per person

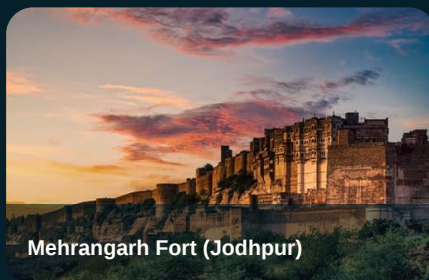
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FEATURED IN THIS JOURNEY



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Destination overview

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PACKAGE DURATION

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STARTING PRICE

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BEST TIME

Peak: Jan, Feb, Oct, Nov, Dec | Shoulder: Mar, Aug, Sep | Avoid: Apr, May, Jun, Jul

TRIP TYPES

heritage, wildlife

8 APPROVED SUBLOCATIONS

Places you'll visit


Amber Fort and City Palace (Jaipur)
FORT | HALF DAY

Amber is a hillside fort-palace above a lake, with mirrored halls, courtyards and ramparts climbing the ridge. The City Palace stands in the old walled city and still houses the royal family, with museum galleries of textiles, arms and paintings. Each deserves a couple of unhurried hours.


Mehrangarh Fort (Jodhpur)
FORT | HALF DAY

A massive fort on a rock escarpment above Jodhpur's blue-painted old city, holding a very well-run museum of palanquins, howdahs, miniature paintings and arms set within a sequence of carved sandstone palaces. The ramparts give the classic view down over the blue houses.


Lake Pichola and City Palace (Udaipur)
LAKE | HALF DAY

Udaipur's man-made lake, with island palaces on the water and ghats along its shore, is best seen from a boat in the late afternoon. The City Palace rises along the eastern bank as a long facade of balconies and turrets, its museum rooms full of mirror, glass and mosaic work.



Jaisalmer Fort and Sam Sand Dunes

DESERT | FULL DAY

Jaisalmer's golden sandstone fort is still lived in, with houses, shops and Jain temples inside the walls. Out to the west, the dunes at Sam are the standard desert excursion, a camel or jeep ride onto the sand for sunset, with folk music and an overnight camp.



Hawa Mahal (Jaipur)

PALACE | 1 HOUR

The five-storey pink sandstone screen on Jaipur's main bazaar street, pierced by hundreds of small latticed windows that let the women of the court watch processions unseen. Most visitors photograph the facade from across the road; the interior gives narrow chambers and street views.



Ranthambore National Park

NATIONAL PARK | HALF DAY PER SAFARI

A tiger reserve of dry deciduous forest, lakes and rocky ridges gathered around a ruined hilltop fort in eastern Rajasthan. Safaris run at dawn and in the afternoon in allotted zones, by open jeep or larger canter, with sightings of tiger, sambar, crocodile and plentiful birdlife.



Pushkar

TEMPLE | HALF DAY

A small temple town around a sacred lake ringed by bathing ghats, holding one of the very few temples in India dedicated to Brahma. Pilgrims bathe at the ghats while visitors walk the lanes of the bazaar. The town is vegetarian and alcohol-free by long-standing custom.



Chittorgarh Fort

FORT | HALF DAY

One of the largest forts in India, spread along a high plateau, with victory towers, palaces, temples, water tanks and the ruins of a city besieged repeatedly through its history. It is toured by vehicle between the monuments rather than on foot, and holds a strong place in Rajput memory.

7 DAYS

Suggested day-by-day plan

01

DAY 1

Amber Fort and City Palace (Jaipur) and Chittorgarh Fort

Visit Amber Fort and City Palace (Jaipur), Chittorgarh Fort.

02

DAY 2

Mehrangarh Fort (Jodhpur)

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03

DAY 3

Lake Pichola and City Palace (Udaipur)

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04
DAY 4
Jaisalmer Fort and Sam Sand Dunes

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05
DAY 5
Hawa Mahal (Jaipur)

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06
DAY 6
Ranthambore National Park

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07
DAY 7
Pushkar

Visit Pushkar.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The Indian rupee. Cards and UPI work in cities and heritage hotels, but keep cash for bazaars, camel handlers and desert village stops.

LANGUAGE

Hindi and Rajasthani dialects such as Marwari are spoken everywhere. English is comfortable in hotels, palace properties and with trained heritage guides.

TIME DIFFERENCE

India uses one national time zone, so no clock change is required. Daylight hours vary by season and longitude.

WEATHER

Cool pleasant winters from October to March, extreme desert heat from April to June, and a short light monsoon that briefly greens the Aravallis.

CONNECTIVITY

Strong mobile data across cities and highways. Desert camps around Jaisalmer and Khuri, and some fort interiors, see weaker or intermittent signal.

Food and culture

Rajasthani food relies on lentils, gram flour, dried produce and ghee, producing dishes such as dal baati churma, gatte ki sabzi and ker sangri; laal maas suits meat eaters. Crafts include block printing, blue pottery and miniature painting, while desert music and puppetry remain living traditions.

AIR, RAIL AND ROAD

Getting there from India

AIR

Jaipur is the largest gateway, while Udaipur, Jodhpur and Jaisalmer can suit open-jaw itineraries. Flights are available from multiple Indian cities.

RAIL

Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ajmer and other cities are connected by long-distance rail. Overnight trains can replace selected road sectors.

ROAD

Good highways link the main cities, but distances are long. A car with driver is practical for two- or three-centre heritage circuits.

FROM OUR PLANNERS

Practical notes

- October to March is the workable season; from April the daytime heat at Jaisalmer and Jodhpur makes fort sightseeing genuinely hard before evening.
- Desert nights near Sam turn cold even in winter, so carry a jacket for the dune camp whatever the afternoon felt like.
- Amber, Mehrangarh and Chittorgarh involve long climbs and cobbled ramps, so wear proper walking shoes and start early to beat both the heat and the crowds.
- Ranthambore safaris are allotted by zone and vehicle in advance and the core zones close through the monsoon, so treat a single drive as no guarantee of a sighting.
- Pushkar's lake and ghats are a pilgrimage site: remove your shoes at the ghats, dress conservatively, and be wary of unsolicited puja offers that end in a demand for donation.
- Sectors such as Jaipur to Jaisalmer or Udaipur to Jaisalmer are better covered by overnight train or a flight than by a full day in the car.

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