

*Heritage Rajasthan  
Delhi-Agra-Samode-Jaipur-Nimaj-Jodhpur-Narlai-Udaipur-Delhi*

**DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI**

Arrive Delhi. Upon arrival you will be received and taken to the hotel.

The city consists of two parts -Old & New Delhi. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between 17th and 19th century and has many mosques, monuments and forts. New Delhi, the imperial city was created by the British as the capital of India. In 1911, Edwin Lutyens', the most renowned English architect of the day, was chosen to design New Delhi. Luytens' architectural conceptions were totally different from the Hindu or Mughal architecture. The city centre has wide, straight avenues in a strict layout,



plenty of parks and low colonial buildings with spacious gardens.

Meals included: None

Overnight:

## DAY 2 DELHI

This morning visit Old Delhi, it pulses with the energy and colour, the hustle and bustle of thronged bazaars and is laced by a maze of narrow lanes which twist and turn between tall, leaning houses full of the sights, sounds and aromas of the Indian sub-continent. You will see the famous Red Fort surrounded by shops, and bazaars, the Jama Masjid with its tapering minarets and wonderful marble domes and the Chandni Chowk. In Old Delhi you will also have an opportunity to enjoy rickshaw ride.

In the afternoon you will be taken on a tour of New Delhi. It is a city of wide boulevards which offers ever changing perspectives of Lutyen's landscaped city. It is a city known for its formal parks, magnificent Parliament Building, the Rashtrapati Bhawan (the official residence of the President of India designed by Sir Edwin Lutyen) and India Gate. In New Delhi you will also visit Qutab Minar, the 72.5 m high tower dating back to 13th century and Humayun's Tomb (built in the 16th century and architecturally the fore runner of the Taj Mahal).

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

## DAY 3 DELHI-AGRA

This morning you will be driven to your next destination Agra (4 hours), where you will arrive around noon.

In the afternoon you will be taken on a tour of Agra city – visiting Agra Fort and the incomparable Taj Mahal (Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays) where you will stay until after sunset. You will arrive at the Taj Mahal on tonga (horse drawn carriage).



Shah Jehan's son imprisoned him in the magnificent fort at Agra. Here you'll see the art and crafting of the white marble that has made the area so famous, the Pearl Mosque and the Halls of Public and Private Audience. The Taj Mahal truly is one of the wonders of the

world. It is a monument of love built by the Mughal Emperor Shahjehan in 1630 for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. For twenty-two years 20,000 men laboured day and night to build this masterpiece that has held the world awe struck ever since.

Meals included:

Breakfast Overnight:

## DAY 4 AGRA - SAMODE

Early this morning you will have another opportunity of visiting Taj Mahal – this time around at sunrise. After breakfast, you will be driven to Samode village (6 hours) – en route visiting the deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri.

You will arrive at Samode in the afternoon and would be at leisure for the rest of the day.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight

## DAY 5 SAMODE – JAIPUR - SAMODE

Today you will do a full day tour of Jaipur. In the morning you will be taken to Amber Fort where you arrive atop an elephant.

Amber, the ancient capital of the region, still recalls its heydays in the majestic ramparts rising steeply along the contoured hillsides. Here, elephant's still carry visitors in stately splendour to the main Palace, through unusually high gateways, obviously designed to accommodate this archaic mode of transport. It is an extremely well preserved building and very delightful to explore. Visit the Jagmandir or the Hall of Victory glittering with mirrors, Jai Mahal and Temple of Kali.



After visiting the fort, in the afternoon, you will be taken on the city tour. Jaipur is blessed with a wealth of wonders. Here you will see the Jantar Mantar (Astronomical Observatory) and the Maharaja's City Palace. Jaipur is a city of pink, and the light playing upon the buildings, creating shadows and highlighting every nuance of the architecture will enchant you.

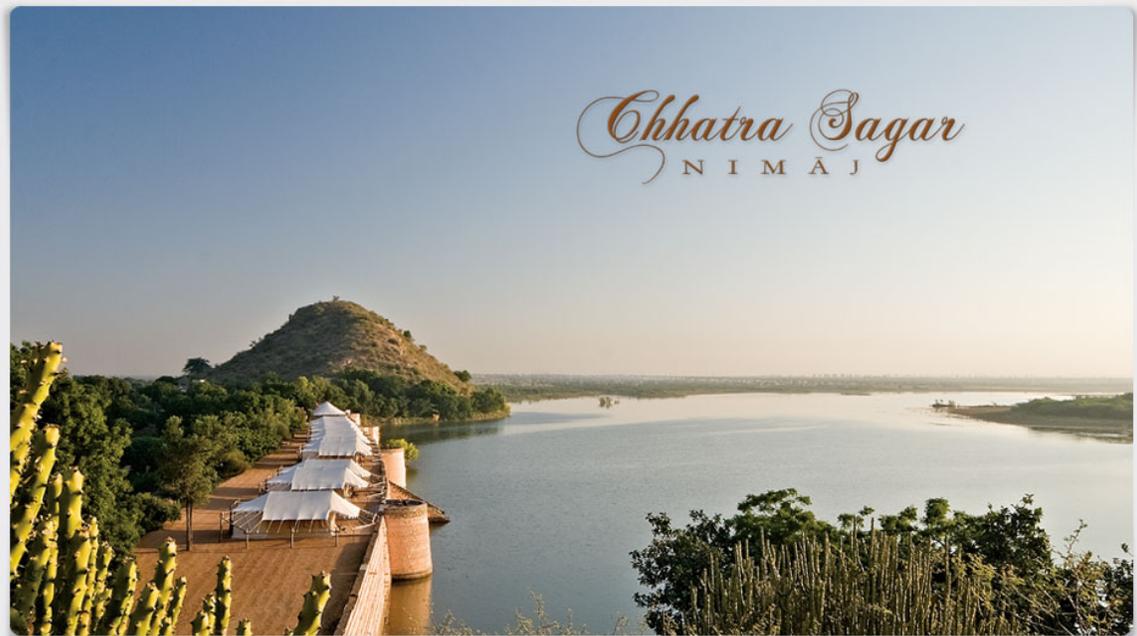
Meals included: Breakfast  
Overnight

## DAY 6 SAMODE –NIMAJ

This morning you will be driven to Nimaj (5 hours) where you spend 2 nights in the tents on the dam overlooking the lake. It is a truly magical place run by the Nimaj family

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight

## DAY 7 CHHATRA SAGAR



Chhatra Sagar this idyllic haven comprises 11 tents pitched on a dam, overlooking a lake teeming with birds. The Nimaj family is personally involved in looking after guests and the tents are amongst the finest to be found in India. Each is pitched to ensure privacy and all face directly onto the lake. The food served here is some of the finest Rajasthani home cooking in the state and the charming family ensure you want for nothing. Due to its location, surrounded by farmland and small villages, a stay here allows you to experience rural Rajasthan in a way that few other properties allow you to.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Overnight

## DAY 8 NIMAJ - JODHPUR

This morning, you will be driven to Jodhpur (2 ½ hours).

Upon arrival in Jodhpur you will check into your hotel. Early in the evening you will be taken to explore the nearby Bishnoi Village in a jeep safari. – Bishnoi people are known the world over for their love for animal and plant life; they protect all life form as a part of their religion.

Meals included: Breakfast  
Overnight:

## DAY 9 JODHPUR



Founded in 1459 by Rao Jodha, a chief of Rajput clan known as the Rathores, Jodhpur was the capital of the Rathore Kingdom. Until recent times, Jodhpur was known as the ancient kingdom of Marwar, the largest kingdom in Rajputana. Standing at the edge of the Thar Desert, Jodhpur is the largest city in Rajasthan after Jaipur. The city is dominated by a massive fort that sits atop a sheer rocky ridge right in the middle of the town. Your tour of Jodhpur city this morning will include the visit to the majestic Mehrangarh Fort and beautiful Jaswant Thada.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

## DAY 10 JODHPUR - NARLAI

After a leisurely morning you will be driven to Narlai – en route visiting Ranakpur Jain Temples. Ranakpur has one of the most important Jain temples in India. It lies in

a remote and peaceful valley of the Aravali range. The main temple is the Chaumukha temple, or Four Faced temple, dedicated to Adinath. Built in 1439, this huge, beautifully crafted and wellkept marble temple is supported by 1444 pillars, no two of which are alike. Within the complex there are two other Jain temples, Neminath and Parasvanath.

You will arrive at Narlai early in the evening and check into your hotel. Later you will be taken to explore the lovely village of Narlai.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

## DAY 10 JODHPUR - NARLAI

This morning you will be driven to Udaipur – en route visiting the fort of Kumbhalgarh.

The Kumbhalgarh Fort is one of the most impressive fortresses in the ancient kingdom of Mewar. The size of this building needs to be seen to be believed the perimeter walls are over 36 kms in length and 20 ft. thick. The complex of buildings, temples and palaces within these walls need time to be explored. Kumbhalgarh Fort and its adjoining areas have been declared a wildlife sanctuary, intended to protect the local wildlife including wolves, leopards and flying squirrels. The steep climb up to the fort is well worth the effort, giving a fantastic view over the surrounding area.

After seeing the fort you will continue to Udaipur where you will arrive early in the evening and would be at leisure for the rest of the day.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

## DAY 11 UDAIPUR

Today you will explore Udaipur city in a guided tour.



Udaipur, the enchanting City of Dawn, looms up like a vision in white. The sightseeing tour takes you to City Palace, built in 1725, and has various palaces inside such as Sheesh Mahal, Moti Mahal, the Palace of Krishna etc, all ornately decorated. Saheliyon Ki Bari -this 'Garden of Maids of Honour' is a small ornamental pleasure garden, contains an elegant lotus pool, gushing fountains, beautiful black marble kiosks on the corners of the pool and stunning bougainvilleas covering the wall of the enclosures. Also visit Jagdish Temple.

Later in the evening you will explore the Lake Pichola on a boat.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight:

## DAY 12 UDAIPUR - MUMBAI

In the late afternoon you will be transferred to the Udaipur airport (45 minutes) for flight to Mumbai

You will be met on arrival and will be transferred to the International Airport for your onward flight back home.

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