



## RAJASTHAN IMPERIAL TOUR

**Duration:** 15N/16D

**Key Sights:** Delhi - Agra - Bhandarej - Ranthambore - Kota - Bundi - Chittaurgarh - Udaipur - Pushkar - Jaipur

Day	Program	Mode	Distance/Time
Day 1	Arrived Delhi	By Flight	
Day 2	Delhi		
Day 3	Delhi – Agra	By Surface	232KM/03-04 Hours
Day 4	Agra		
Day 5	Agra – Bhandarej	By Surface	175KM/03-04 Hours
Day 6	Bhandarej – Ranthambore	By Surface	126KM/03-04 Hours
Day 7	Ranthambore – Kota	By Surface	145KM/03-04 Hours
Day 8	Kota – Bundi	By Surface	38KM/01 Hour
Day 9	Bundi – Chittorgarh	By Surface	189KM/03-04 Hours
Day 10	Chittorgarh – Udaipur	By Surface	112KM/02-03 Hours
Day 11	Udaipur		
Day 12	Udaipur – Pushkar	By Surface	277KM/04-05 Hours
Day 13	Pushkar – Jaipur	By Surface	145KM/03-04 Hours
Day 14	Jaipur		
Day 15	Jaipur – Delhi	By Surface	272KM/05-06 Hours
Day 16	Departure Delhi	By Flight	



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**Day 1**

**Arrived Delhi**

**By Flight**

Around Midnight arrival in Delhi. The cosmopolitan City and capital Delhi is the main gateway for travelers. You are met by a representative and transferred to your Hotel.

**Day 2**

**Delhi**

Breakfast at hotel, morning will be at leisure. Afternoon sightseeing in Old Delhi. Photo stop at Red Fort, rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk, through the old bazaar and famous Silver Bazaar, visit the Largest Mosque Jama Masjid, later drive to Mahatma Gandhi's memorial Raj Ghat.

Drive past Connaught Place in New Delhi, also see the India Gate, Government Buildings and Parliament House and President Palace. We also visit the famous "Humayun's Tomb" which is the first substantial example of Mughal architecture in India, built in 1570 is of particular cultural significance as it was the first garden-tomb. This memorial of Emperor Humayun, second Mughal ruler of India was built by his widow, Hajji Begum 14 years after his death.

Overnight stay at hotel.

**Day 3**

**Delhi – Agra**

**By Surface**

**232KM/03-04 Hours**

Breakfast and check-out. Morning visit the Qutab Minar which is 71 mt high and consists of five stories. In 1199 work began on this tower which was intended to be the most glorious tower of victory in the world. This tower was damaged twice and repaired in 1326 and 1368. After the visit, drive to Agra by express way. Arrive and check-in at hotel for overnight stay.

**Day 4**

**Agra**

Breakfast at hotel, early morning visit to Taj Mahal, an enduring monument to love, with a continually fulfilling beauty. It was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan between 1631-52, as a tomb and memorial to his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal (Jewel of the Palace), who died at the age of 39 giving birth to her 14th child. We spend enough time at Taj Mahal to take this impressive memory home. Later visit the Agra Fort, built by three of the greatest Mughal emperors. The construction of this massive structure began in 1565 under Akbar's reign and continued till the time of his grandson's reign, Shahjahan who built the impressive imperial quarters and mosque. After the visit of Agra fort, we proceed to visit the most beautiful monument of India.

Afterwards visit the famous fine marble inlay work which is still being done in Agra by the descendants of the families of builders and artists of the Taj Mahal.

Overnight stay at hotel.



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<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Agra – Bhandarej</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>175KM/03-04 Hours</b>
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Breakfast and check-out. Drive through a series of fields, small towns and villages in direction of Bhandarej.

Fatehpur Sikri - Built in 1571, it is a synthesis of the flourishing styles of the Persian courts and the prevailing Hindu Islamic trends. It was planned as a great town by Emperor Akbar with great care and planning, but it had to be abandoned after fifteen years due to scarcity of water in the town. Constructed mainly as a tribute to the great Sufi Saint Shaikh Salim Chisti who had blessed Akbar with a son. His son was named after the Saint as Salim and he succeeded the Emperor Akbar and was known as Emperor Jehangir. The town was originally named Sikri after the village, where it was founded but its twin city Fatehpur (Victory Town) was erected to celebrate Akbar's conquest of Gujarat. However, ruins of the temple dating back to 12th century suggest the reign of Rajputs in the area long before Mughals took over the area. The two mosques in the village of Sikri have inscriptions, which announce their conception in 1314 under Mohd. Khilji. There have been records that Babur renamed the village 'Sikri' as 'Shukri', meaning 'thanks to the god'. It was also the famous dwelling place and Khanqah of Shiekh Salim Chishti, the famous Sufi saint whom Akbar revered for blessing him with child. Built in Red Sandstone, an example of robust stability combined with originality each important edifice here represents a type by itself. Notable among them is the Buland Darwaza, Tomb of Shaikh Salim Chisti, Jama Masjid, Diwan-e-Aam, Diwan-e-Khas, Panch Mahal, Palace of Jodha Bai, Birbal Bhawan, Miriamâ€™s Palace, Karawan Serai and Hiran Minar.

Late evening arrival at the palace Hotel of Bhandarej which has a blend of Mughal and Rajputana architecture. The Bhandarej palace has courtyards, arched windows, traditionally painted verandahs and front lawns. The nearby Bhangarh village with its temples and historical sites has a history which dates back to 11th century.

At the dinner time local dances will be performed in the palace.

<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Bhandarej – Ranthambore</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>126KM/03-04 Hours</b>
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Today after the breakfast we leave for the world famous Ranthambore National park. After a break & refreshment at our hotel in Ranthambore we will explore the park on a Jeep. Ranthambore National Park is surrounded by the Vindhya and the Aravali mountains and covers an area of 392 sq2. The Tiger remains the biggest attraction of the Ranthambore National Park. Overnight stay at hotel / resort.

<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Ranthambore – Kota</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>145KM/03-04 Hours</b>
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In the early morning we again explore the park on jeeps. After the Jeep Safari and perhaps with the memories of our encounter with tiger we leave for Kota. The town of Kota was once the part of the erstwhile Rajput kingdom of Bundi. In Kota we will visit the city fort and



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palace, this type of fort-palace complex is one of the largest to be found in the state of Rajasthan. Overnight stay at hotel.

<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Kota – Bundi</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>38KM/01 Hour</b>
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Today we have an excursion to the fort city of Bundi. Bundi is most famous for its baoris (step wells) as there are many impressive ones. On the top of the hill is majestic Taragarh Fort of Bundi, the interesting fort is worth exploring for hours. The fort has many reservoirs, which are annually emptied flooding the streets leading down to the city. After the whole day excursion we return to Kota in the evening for overnight stay.

<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Bundi – Chittorgarh</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>189KM/03-04 Hours</b>
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After an early breakfast we drive to Chittorgarh. The Fort of Chittorgarh is indomitable pride of Chittor, the fort is massive structure with many gateways built in 7th century A.D Perched on a height of 180m hill it sprawls over 700 acres. This fortified settlement has been ravaged thrice and each time the outcome was "Jauhar" When women and children immolated themselves on a huge funeral pyre while men donned in saffron robes of martyrdom rode out of the fort towards a certain death. Overnight stay in Chittorgarh.

<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Chittorgarh – Udaipur</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>112KM/02-03 Hours</b>
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Today we drive to Udaipur. Udaipur is called the romantic city of Rajasthan. A city built around shimmering, clear, blue water lakes which reflect the green hills of the Aravali ranges. In the evening we enjoy a Boat ride on the lake Pichola. The famous Lake Palace of Udaipur was the summer residence of the former rulers. The James bond Film Octopussy was shot here and made this palace more known in the west. Overnight stay at hotel.

<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Udaipur</b>		
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Today we visit Udaipur, also known as the city of sunrise. We start our sightseeing with the visit of Sahelion-Ki-Bari. This Garden of the Maids of Honour is well laid out with extensive lawns and shady walks. After the visit of Garden of Maids we visit a Museum of folk art. This museum has a rich collection of Folk dresses, ornaments, puppets, masks, dolls, folk musical instruments and paintings on display. After a break we proceed to city palace, the biggest Palace in India, where 4 generations of Maharajas added their contribution, is so carefully planned and integrated with the original buildings that it is difficult to believe that it was not conceived as a whole. The museum of the palace includes the beautiful peacock mosaic and miniature wall paintings of Indian mythology. Today we have an opportunity to visit a traditional painting school and see the famous miniature paintings done. Overnight stay at hotel.

<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Udaipur – Pushkar</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>277KM/04-05 Hours</b>
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Today we leave Udaipur and drive to Pushkar. Pushkar being one of the most religious places for Hindus has the atmosphere of an ancient religious town. The only temple of God Brahma is in Pushkar thus making Pushkar an important pilgrimage city for Hindus. Pushkar has become famous in the world due to its Pushkar Festival which takes place in the month of November when the whole of Pushkar is transformed into a spectacular fair ground where thousands of pilgrims come to bath in the holy water of Pushkar lake and the biggest cattle and camel markets take place here where Farmers, breeders and camel traders buy and sell. Overnight stay at hotel.

<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Pushkar – Jaipur</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>145KM/03-04 Hours</b>
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Today we leave the holy city of Pushkar and drive to the Pink City Jaipur, this city owes its name, foundations and careful planning to the great warrior and astronomer, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan and famous for its handicrafts and precious and semiprecious stones. After a break in Jaipur we visit the city palace in the afternoon which is still the formal residence of the royal family, built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. In the museum of the city palace we visit the private collection of the Jaipur Maharajas. Continue to Jantar Mantar, solar observatory the largest of Jai Singh's five remarkable observatories. Its complex instruments reveals us the secrets of medieval Indian astronomy. Overnight stay at hotel

<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Jaipur</b>		
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After breakfast we drive to the ancient capital of Amber the ancient capital of Kachhawaha dynasty for 6 centuries before it was moved to newly created Jaipur. We will ascend to the Palace Fortress on the back of an Elephant. Enroute to Amber we will visit the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), built in 1799 AD, it contains 953 small casements with each having its own balcony. The windows enabled cool air to circulate and the ladies to watch processions below without being seen. In the afternoon we have a walk through the colorful Bazaar of Jaipur and visit a factory to see the famous block printing work being done since centuries in Jaipur. In the evening we drive through the new city of Jaipur and visit "Laxmi Narayan Mandir", a Hindu temple made out of white marble. We might have an opportunity here to observe a prayer ceremony. Overnight stay at hotel.

<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Jaipur – Delhi</b>	<b>By Surface</b>	<b>272KM/05-06 Hours</b>
	<b>Departure Delhi</b>	<b>By Flight</b>	

Late morning, after having our Breakfast we drive to Delhi. Arrival in Delhi farewell dinner at local restaurant.

<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Departure Delhi</b>	<b>By Flight</b>	
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Around Midnight flight to home destination.