

Experience the elegance of Rajasthan in its great forts, palaces and temples. ▼



The Incredible state of Rajasthan is known to travellers for its vivid culture, age old heritage, colourful and joyful lifestyle and hospitable people. Situated in the western part of the country Rajasthan is dotted with a large no. of forts, palaces, havelies, frescoes, temples, lakes, gardens etc. Dating back to 5000 year old history the dashing forts and charming palaces of Rajasthan are standing strongly telling us many stories of glory and valour of erstwhile kings who ruled here and left behind their memories in stones. Our small group tours 'Majestic Forts & Palaces' of Rajasthan is all about the historical culture of monuments and simple lifestyle of the people of Rajasthan. Flagging off at the capital city of Delhi and taking you through to the open air art gallery of Shekhawati region, temples and fortress of Bikaner, sand dunes of Jaisalmer, dashing Mehrangarh fort of Jodhpur, romantic lakes of Udaipur, calm and peaceful atmosphere of Pushkar village which turns to be a most crowded and happening place in the Northern India during Pushkar Cattle Fair organised in the month of November every year, pink city of Jaipur with some finest architecture and the stunning, the most beautiful and perhaps the finest monument ever built in the history of love, the Taj Mahal. Come embark on this splendid journey of a lifetime and collect memories and friends for the rest of your life.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

A traditional welcome at Delhi airport brings the first smile on your face as you meet with the representative of Max holidays who will assist you to get to your hotel in Delhi. Our friendly driver and representative will ensure a comfortable and timely service.

Included meals : no meal

Included entrances : no visit & sightseeing

Day 02 Delhi

Delicious breakfast awaits you in the hotel restaurant. After breakfast meet with our tour guide in the lobby of your hotel and kick start your great trip to the majestic forts and palaces of Rajasthan with sightseeing trip of Delhi.



Today you will visit the old and new parts of Delhi. In the old part of the city you will visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Silver Street (Chandni Chowk). A rickshaw ride in the bustling streets of Chandni Chowk can be easier and interesting way to explore the area and watch early morning life of the locals. Later drive past through the war memorial of India gate and President's Palace. We have organized your lunch in the city restaurant and Later enjoy tour of New Delhi visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar. The spiritual atmosphere of Delhi's famous Bangla Sahib Gurudwara will be your soul inspiring experience for the day.

Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch

Included Entrances : Rickshaw ride, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb

Day 03 Delhi to Shekhawati

This is your third day on Majestic Forts and Palaces group tour of India and today you are going to leave behind the city of Delhi to travel to a much bigger state of Rajasthan. The first destination in Rajasthan is Shekhawati which is world renowned for its beautifully painted walls and roofs. It is often referred by the travellers as the 'largest open air gallery in the world'.



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On reaching check in at your heritage hotel and get the real feel of living style of Rajasthani people. Later proceed for sightseeing trip visiting many famous havelies and frescoes. Take a walk along the streets for a local experience.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Frescoes and Havelies

Day 04 Shekhawati to Bikaner

Drive to Bikaner after breakfast. The city of Bikaner was founded in 1488 AD by king Rao Bikaji. The city was named after him. The vibrant town of Bikaner has many historical sites including Junagarh Fort, Lallgarh Palace and famous rat temple.



Enjoy sightseeing trip of Bikaner with your local guide.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Junagarh fort, Lallgarh Palace

Day 05 Bikaner - Jaisalmer

Jaisalmer is an exotic city of Rajasthan located on the western edge of India near Thar deserts bordering with the neighbouring country of Pakistan. It is famous for the golden sand dunes, fort, havelies and its laid back hassle free lifestyle. After breakfast you will head towards Jaisalmer. While crossing Bikaner stop for a while to pay a visit to the camel breeding farms of Bikaner.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included entrances : Camel breeding farm

Day 06 Jaisalmer & Sam Sand Dunes

After breakfast, you will visit the Jaisalmer Fort (also known as the Golden Fort) constructed in 1156 AD. This is the only fort in Rajasthan which still houses the

local families within the premises of the fort. Also visit some famous beautifully designed havelis of Jaisalmer. Some famous names are Patwon ki haveli, Salim Singh ji ki Haveli and Nathmal ji ki haveli. Also enjoy a guided visit to the Bada Bagh and Gadsisar Lake. Walk through the narrow streets and busy markets of Jaisalmer.



In the late afternoon drive to Sam Dunes to have a feel of desert. It is a perfect place to enjoy a desert safari on camel's back. Watch picturesque sunset at Sam Dunes and enjoy folk dance performances by local artists followed by dinner in a camp or open air. Overnight stay in the camp

Included meals : Breakfast, Theme Dinner

Included Entrances : Jaisalmer Fort, Havelies, Bada Bagh, Camel ride

Day 07 Jaisalmer to Jodhpur

One of the most famous tourist destination of Rajasthan and a favourite destination for photographers, Jodhpur is situated in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan. Also known as the 'Blue City' for its blue colour painted houses and buildings in the old part of the city. On your Majestic forts and Palace India group tour package you are travelling this morning from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur. A 240 kms and about 4-5 hours drive brings you to the ancient town of 'Osian' (or Osian). Situated about 65 kms off Jodhpur near jaisalmer-Jodhpur highway Osian is surrounded by golden sand dunes and hamlet. Osian was also known as a prominent trading centre on silk route. Visit Jain Temple in Osian.

Further proceed to Jodhpur and visit the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort situated on a 150 meter high hill. The fort of Mehrangarh still has the marks of various battles fought by the royal kings of Jodhpur. Also visit Jaswant Thada the white marble cenotaph.



In the evening walk along the streets and bazaars near the famous Clock Tower of Jodhpur. There is a small spice market near the Clock Tower which surely will attract your attention.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada

Day 08 Jodhpur to Udaipur

This morning have your delicious breakfast and get ready to drive to Udaipur, the most romantic city of Rajasthan. On the way to Jodhpur stop at Ranakpur to visit the famous Jain Temple group of Ranakpur in Rajasthan. The architectural extravaganza the temples of Ranakpur are one of the most sacred and sacred temples for the Jain community. Within the complex there are several temples among all Chaumukha Temple is the most important. Since the guides are not permitted in the temple complex, you can hire audio guide to get more information about the places you visit in the Ranakpur Temple complex.

Proceed to Udaipur. In the late afternoon drive to the bank of Lake Pichola from where you will check into a boat for a journey through the beautiful Lake Pichola. An hour long boat trip takes you to Lake Palace, Lake Pichola and Jag Mandir Island. You can get down at Jagmandir Palace for spending some time watching the beautiful sight of palaces of Udaipur on the bank of lake Pichola.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Jag Mandir, boat trip

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Day 09 Udaipur

In the morning after breakfast visit Jagdish temple, City Palace Museum, Saheliyon ki Bari (The garden of royal maids) and vintage car museum of Udaipur. Udaipur is a shoppers delight known for its colourful ethnic wear, miniature paintings and handicraft items. Spend some time in exploring the city on your own by foot. Walk along the narrow streets and buy some souvenir for your friends and family members.



Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : City Palace Museum, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari

Day 10 Udaipur to Pushkar

Drive to Pushkar after breakfast. This beautiful village of Rajasthan and one of the most ancient cities of India. Beside its peaceful and laid back atmosphere Pushkar is mainly famous for a holy lake and few Hindu temples. The village attracts attention and visit of global community and travellers during the month of November for the world's largest cattle fair taking place here.

On reaching Pushkar check into the hotel and visit the Pushkar Lake, Brahma Temple and other temples dotted along the bank of the lake. Optional – You can also enjoy a camel cart ride to visit the village life.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : no tickets required

Day 11 Pushkar – Jaipur

Pushkar is situated in the district of Ajmer. Just 15 kms from Pushkar the town of Ajmer is another attraction for tourists. It is India's most famous Muslim pilgrimage site. Every year thousands of people

including VIPs and VVIPs visit here. 'Dargah of Ajmer Sherif' and 'Adhai Din ka Jhonpra' are the main places to visit here.

Continue a three hours drive to Jaipur through beautiful countryside. Reach Jaipur and check into the hotel. Stroll around the busy markets of Jaipur and enjoy shopping for your friends and family. Jaipur is world famous as a favourite shopping spot for textiles, Jewellery, handicraft and carpets etc.

We have leisurely night stay at the hotel today.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : No entrance to Dargah and Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra

Day 12 Amer Fort and Jaigarh Fort

After a quick and delicious breakfast reach Amer Fort which lies about 10 kms out of Jaipur city. The beautiful palace of Amer was once the capital of Rajput kings. From the start point of the fort you will ride on a decorated elephant like a king to ascend to the fort up on the hill. Visit the stunning architecture and beautiful courtyards, rooms and gardens inside the palace and know about the royal lifestyle of the kings and their family.



Further take a drive to Jaigarh fort which is situated on the other hill overlooking the palace of Amer. This strong and well planned fortress of Jaipur was built to protect the palace from any possible attack of enemies. World's largest canon on wheels Jaivana is the major attraction for visitors apart from the museum and water storage tank system.

Drive back to the city, take a photo stop at Jal Mahal.

Also pay visit to Gaitore - Royal Cremation Ground of Kachhwaha Rajputs

Jaipur trip will also include a visit to Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory, City Palace museum and the beautiful Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds).



A relaxed theme evening awaits today as you visit a local city restaurant to experience delicious local cuisine while watching live folk dances by local artists.

Included meals : Breakfast, Theme Dinner

Included Entrances : Elephant ride, Amber Fort, Jaigarh Fort, Gaitore, Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar Observatory

Day 13 Jaipur to Agra

Today you are going to have the best experience of visiting World's finest monument of Taj Mahal which symbolizes the eternal love of emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz. As we head to Agra today we stop on the way about 30 kms before Agra to visit the walled city of Fatehpur Sikri. This deserted town was once the capital of Mughal empire in India and it was built by Shah Jahan to commemorate the birth of his elder son Jahangir. But the acute shortage of water at place forced them to shift to Agra. This huge walled city has many attractions including world's highest gate 'Buland Darwaja' and the tomb and Dargah of Sufi saint Khwaja Salim Chishti who was the senior advisor of Mughal's in India.

Proceed to Agra and after relaxing for a while in your hotel get ready to experience the beautiful Taj Mahal. Drive from your hotel to the parking of Taj Mahal which is

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at a distance. From here you will be taken to Taj Mahal in a tonga (horse cart) to reach the gate of the monument. The tour guide will introduce you to Taj Mahal and will tell you the stories behind the monument and its creators. Then spend some free time here taking some memorable photographs and selfie.



Remarks : 'Mohhabat-e-Taj' show can be an optional one hour show which you may select for the evening. Backed by 60 performing artists this 80 minutes dance drama spectacle supported by audio visuals narrates the story of Taj Mahal.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Fatehpur Sikri, Taj Mahal, Tonga ride

Day 14 Agra to Delhi

Many travellers wish to visit Taj Mahal in the morning during the sunrise for spending some romantic time and capturing the morning beauty of the monument in their cameras. Interested travellers may ask our team to organise morning trip for them. Since you have already visited Taj Mahal the previous day guide may not be required and the entry ticket is payable by the visitor for this additional visit.

After breakfast you will be taken for a sightseeing trip of Agra visiting Agra Fort and local markets of Agra. Agra is famous for beautiful marble gift and decoration items, marble furniture, jewellery, carpets, rugs, paintings etc.

Drive to Delhi in the late afternoon and on arrival directly reach Delhi airport from where you will board your onward flight. Your Majestic Forts and Palaces India group tour with Max Holidays comes to an end as you depart with everlasting memories of your trip.

Remarks : If your flight time or your interest demands you can ask us to provide room in the hotel at Delhi for the night at additional charges.

Included meals : Breakfast

Included Entrances : Agra Fort

Day 15 Leave Delhi

In time depart from Delhi airport.

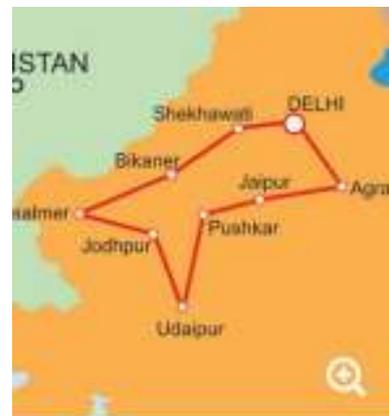
What's Included

- **Airport Services** - Private air conditioned vehicle with driver
Company staff for airport assistance
- **Accommodation** - 12 nights in handpicked hotels/ heritage hotel, 01 night in desert camp
- **Meals** - 13 Breakfast, 01 Lunch, 02 Dinner
- **Transport** - All ground transport for sightseeing trips
- **Guides / Escorts** - Expert local tour guides for sightseeing tours
- **Entry Tickets** - Monument and museum tickets
- **Activities** - Rickshaw ride, Elephant ride, Folk dances, camel safari, boat ride, Tonga ride.
- **Other inclusions** - Govt of India taxes and Company service charges

What's not included

- **Flights** - International or domestic flights are not included
- **Travel insurance** - Please carry a valid travel insurance
- **Visa** - Visa fee and charges
- **Other Fees** - Video / still camera fees wherever it is applicable
- **Meals** - Meals not specified
- **Personal expenses** - Any kind of personal expenses/bills

Trip Map



Accommodation style

Spend two weeks in some tastefully selected hotels. Some of those hotels were the houses and palaces of erstwhile royal families of Rajasthan and now have been converted into hotels with modern services. Feel royal and experience the life of kings of Rajasthan.

An evening cultural activities will be organised for you near the Sam sand Dunes. Staying in a camp for a night in the desert can be a different experience. If interested, ask details.

Trip Disclaimer

To provide the most accurate and updated information most of our tour itineraries are updated every year. We keep in consideration the reviews of our past travellers on such trips and if needed we incorporate immediate changes for betterment so that our future travellers can be benefitted from it. While booking a Majestic Forts & Palaces India group tour package with us, we recommend that you read reviews of our past travellers, trip notes on the page, FAQs and terms of bookings etc. and ensure that the same are meeting to your plans and satisfaction. If you are interested in our Majestic Forts and Palaces group tour package and have some queries before proceeding with the bookings, you can contact our team via email or phone. Our India Group Tour experts will ensure that all your queries are answered with the best available information. The length of this Forts and Palaces India group tour is 14 nights and 15 days and we have been operating such trips successfully with almost no interruption. However, it is to be noted that inclement weather conditions, flight delays, political reasons, social ceremonies and many other reasons may cause some changes in the itinerary. Such reasons may also cause changes in time, place and order of sightseeing trips of Forts and Palaces Rajasthan group tour.

All sightseeing points are mentioned in the itinerary and will be visited by our expert tour guides. Tickets to such monuments in this India group package are included for the mentioned monuments and museums etc. For sightseeing trips other than the planned, the traveller must inform our office in advance or communicate to our staff or local tour guide. Such additional sightseeing trips will be subject to availability and can be booked at additional cost only. Our staff and guides work under the supervision of our local expert team in each city, to ensure your safety and minimize any sort of risk. Though we try to offer the travellers the lowest possible price for the trips, but sometimes our price may be slightly higher than our competitors since at Max Holidays there are a team of many local experts engaged

in organisation and execution of your Majestic Forts and Palaces India group tour. To ensure your safety and quality of services, we recommend that, in the event of any additional sightseeing trip, additional hotel bookings, flight tickets etc you contact our staff in Delhi head office, directly.

Important Notes

The prices indicated with each trip are based on twin share basis. If you are a single traveller and wish to stay in a single room only, you must pay the single room supplement mentioned with each trip. If you are a single traveller booking the trip on twin share price we will be offering you accommodation with a traveller of same gender only. In the event we do not find any other single traveller willing to share the room, you will be offered a single room only with additional single room supplement cost. For more information in this connection you may also contact our Rajasthan group tour specialist in India.

For all our fixed departure India Group Tour packages, the maximum size of the group is 24, but in the event of higher demand on any given date, it may increase up to 30 only.

Indian food is a sheer delight for the traveller. On our India group tour packages mostly breakfasts are a part of the package. In addition to it we also include few lunches and dinners based on our experience for giving you a special local experience. For the rest of the meals, we prefer to offer the travellers flexibility and freedom of choosing meal and local restaurant of their choice. Our guides will suggest you restaurants you can try for a meal. This not only offers you budgeting flexibility but also keeps you free to try something apart from the group activities.

It is the responsibility of the traveller to respect the local culture, customs and nature. Keep the places you travel clean, do not encourage beggars by tipping them.

It is strongly recommended that while travelling in public areas and crowded streets or/and otherwise too, keep your

passport, money etc in a neck wallet. Do not carry your valuable jewellery items etc during the trip as you will not require them for the trip. Many hotels also provide the facilities of safety lockers which can be used as per the hotel policy.

Though it is not mandatory for the travellers but in India tour guides, drivers, porters etc expect tips for their service. This is not included in our price and is totally at your own discretion.

How to Book

It is very easy and simple! To book yourself on one of our India Group tour packages you require selecting date of departure from the list. Please click on the button '2017-2018 Dates & Offers', scroll the page to check all available dates and special offers, to view the offers click the date of your choice and if the dates, price etc are matching with your schedule and budget simply proceed with 'Book Now' option. This option will take you to an online form which you can fill and send our office to check availability of seats on the trip.

While browsing through the 'Dates and Offers' page, you will see icons showing 'Early Bird Offers' and 'Last Minute Deal', to know more just scroll the mouse on the icon. 'Filling fast' icon indicates the Majestic Forts and Palaces India group tour departures which are becoming favourites among the travellers. The red coloured button indicates the booking for the specific dates have been 'closed'. If you are still interested in joining our group on such a date, we recommend that you immediately contact our India head office by phone or email. We shall try our best to accommodate your request and if not we will definitely offer you alternative trips.

Once your booking request for Majestic forts and Palaces group tour package has been received by our team, they will communicate with you over the phone or email and upon receiving the booking amount from your side they will enrol you in the group departure.

For immediate assistance, you may contact our team at following contact addresses:



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Phone : ++91 11 40504050 (board no.)
email : tours@maxholidays.com

For our complete contact information, or to locate our local office near you, please visit our 'contact us' page.

How to Pay

For your bookings with us, you can make payments by any of the following methods:

1. Swift Bank Transfer / Telegraphic Transfer
2. Online Credit Card Payment using 'Secured Online Credit Card Payment Gateway' powered by Visa and MasterCard..

Visa & Insurance

It is compulsory that, on all Max Holidays trips including small group tour packages of India, you carry a valid travel insurance atleast covering your medical expenses in the event of health issues. It is also recommended strongly that the travel insurance you carry should cover additional expenses or loss due to any sudden cancellation, delay in the trip, flights rescheduling etc and other personal liabilities. It is required that on demand from our team you present them a copy of your valid travel insurance and visa for their records and booking requirements.

To visit India one must carry a valid Indian visa and the same can be obtained easily from Indian Embassy or Consulate near you. India offers the facilities of eTV or TVOA (Tourist Visa on Arrival) for travellers from about 150 countries listed herein below. E Tourist Visa is completely online service by Indian Govt. and no facilitation is required by any intermediary.

Transport

Bus, Car, Rickshaw, Camel, Boat, Elephant, Horse Cart

List of the countries approved under eTV scheme for VOA (India Visa on Arrival)

Albania, Andorra, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Cayman Island, Chile, China, China- SAR Hongkong, China- SAR Macau, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue Island, Norway, Oman, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Island, Tuvalu, UAE, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA, Vanuatu, Vatican City-Holy See, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Useful links

Visa on Arrival : indianvisaonline.gov.in
Indian Embassies Abroad : www.mea.gov.in www.maxholidays.com

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Hi I would like to talk about Max Holidays Ltd. First I would like to say something about my inhibition to select a tour company in fear of getting scammed. In the USA we have the Better Business Bureau that we can go to to checkout a business but was unable to for India (not saying there isn't one but did try)... 99



Paul Pitts, United States of America



Hi Thank you Rohini and Max Holidays for organizing a perfect visit of Rajasthan. Our 20 days tour went well, smooth and without problems. We planned the visit for many months in advance, and exchanged many mails with Rohini. Her replies were always helpful and prompt. While visiting Rajasthan Rohini was always... 99



Doron Jizbe, Israel

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 <p>“I would like to thank Max holidays for organizing one of the most fabulous days we had in India. The day with the elephants was so amazing and something we will remember for a lifetime. They organized the whole day for us and it went off without a hitch and more than we ever expected.....”</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p><i>Karen Anderson, United States of America</i></p>	 <p>“We have returned from our wonderful trip to India and have now had a chance to reflect on how well you both organised our 'Roots' holiday to New Delhi, where I lived with my Parents and Sisters up to 1957. We found and visited my old school, St. Columba's Boys' School, The Sacred-Heart Convent.....”</p> <p>★★★★★</p> <p><i>James Muller, United Kingdom</i></p>
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