

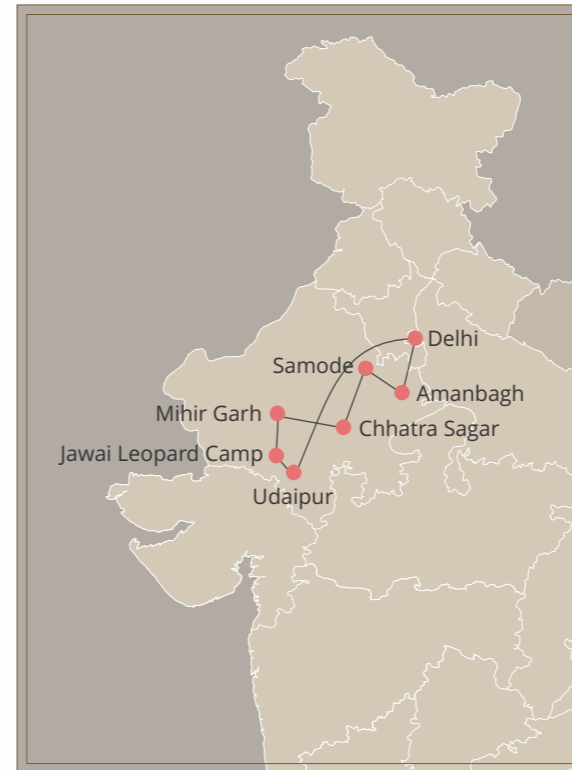
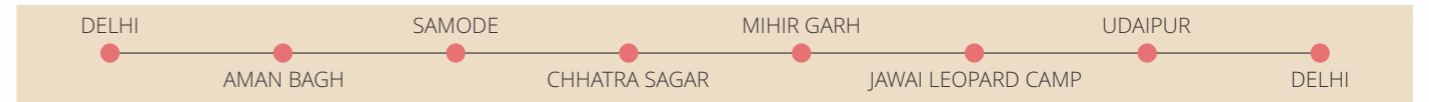
INDIA
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NRT4 > 16 DAY TOUR

RAJASTHAN IN STYLE

This itinerary offers an amazingly stylish north India experience. Travel through Rajasthan staying in some of the most unique hotels in the country. Each of these properties have been hand-picked with a criterion to be an oasis of calm that one would love to return to after the day's exploration. Some of them are privately owned by the erstwhile aristocracy lending them a trademark sophistication and a traditional warm Rajput hospitality.



Insider Tips:

- Chhatra Sagar and Jawai Leopard Camp are operational from October to March.
- Every year around October, Jodhpur hosts the RIFF festival, recognised as one of the world's best international music festivals. The festival brings together interlinked musical strands to create three full days of programme revolving around the exceptional variety of Rajasthani traditional and global roots music.
- From mid-December to mid-January heavy fog descends over north India. Expect delays/cancellation of flights/trains and disruptions in the itinerary during this period.





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DAY 01 ARRIVAL DELHI

Warm welcome at the airport by our representative and transfer to the hotel.

DAY 02 IN DELHI

Visit the 16th century Humayun's Tomb, the first garden tomb of Asia followed by lunch in one of the most exciting and contemporary markets of Delhi, Khan Market. In the afternoon, visit the Qutab Minar, the magnificent 12th century minaret.

DAY 03 IN DELHI

Explore the busy streets of Old Delhi on a rickshaw and continue to Connaught Place which is a complete contrast, yet equally endearing. Post lunch drive through the picturesque Lutyens' Delhi to spend time at the National Gallery of Modern Art. Alternatively, explore the Meherchand Market, home to an eclectic set of young entrepreneurs.

DAY 04 DELHI – AMAN BAGH via AGRA

Take the morning train to Agra to experience the Taj Mahal. Continue by road to Aman Bagh in Alwar which was once the site for the mobile hunting camp of the local Maharajah. Stop at the 16th century deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri en route.

DAY 05 IN AMAN BAGH

Aman Bagh is an oasis in the rugged terrain of Alwar, perfect for doing nothing luxuriously! But we do recommend a morning Yoga session in the splendid ruins of Bhangarh followed by breakfast. The nearby fort of Ajabgarh is interesting and so is the tour of the villages during dusk.

DAY 06 AMAN BAGH – SAMODE

Drive to the enchanting Samode Palace set on many levels with several terraces looking out onto panoramic views. Take time, late in

the afternoon, to explore this 16th century Palace and Samode village.

DAY 07 IN SAMODE

Jaipur is a great day trip from Samode. Visit the 16th century Amber Fort followed by lunch at the iconic 19th century Rambagh Palace – once the residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Later, visit the City Palace and the Royal observatory

DAY 08 SAMODE – CHHATRA SAGAR

Drive to the peace and quiet of the tented camp of Chhatra Sagar that sits on the edge of a man-made lake created more than a century ago. Also, feast on what is perhaps the best home style food cooked using local produce in Rajasthan.

DAY 09 IN CHHATRA SAGAR

Go bird watching or on an easy nature walk with one of the charming hosts. Visit the village and

CAMELS

Striding along with his long neck up in the air, the camel seems haughty and disdainful. But in the dry and arid Rajasthan, the camel is spoken of with deep affection and respect as the 'Ship of the Desert' for he is pivotal to the survival of the people. Camel milk is a major source of nourishment and the animal provides both labour and transport.

the school if it is open.

DAY 10 CHHATRA SAGAR – MIHIR GARH via JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur to see the magnificent 15th century Mehrangarh Fort followed by lunch at the Umaid Bhawan Palace – home to the Maharaja of Jodhpur. Continue to the spectacular mud Fort of Mihir Garh located in the scrublands on the outskirts of Jodhpur; rustic, earthy, elegant, luxurious and understated, all at once.

DAY 11 MIHIR GARH

Enjoy a jeep safari to the local villages or go riding on the Marwari horses. Dinner tonight will be outdoors, recreating the Shikaar (hunting) camps of Princely Rajasthan.

DAY 12 MIHIR GARH – JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP

Drive to the uber chic Jawai Leopard Camp in the ancient hills of Jawai where locals and leopards have co-existed in harmony for centuries. Head out on an afternoon jeep safari in search of the big cats that live in such jarring proximity to humans.

DAY 13 IN JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP

Go on a Jeep Safari in the pre-dawn darkness. Keep a watch out for the startling yellow-green glint as your naturalist points his powerful flashlight towards the

rugged hills. Those are the eyes of a Leopard. In the afternoon, go on another safari or visit the 15th century Kumbhalgarh Fort which has the second largest wall in the world after the Great Wall of China.

DAY 14 JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP – UDAIPUR via RANAKPUR

Drive to Udaipur; stop en route to admire the intricately carved 15th century temples at Ranakpur. Enjoy lunch and the vintage sophistication of Mountbatten Lodge. End the day with a sunset cruise on the Lake Pichola.

DAY 15 UDAIPUR

Explore the main sights of Udaipur such as the City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Gangaur Ghat and *Sahelio-ki-Bari* or just relax and soak in the sun!

DAY 16 UDAIPUR – DELHI – DEPARTURE

Fly back to Delhi in the afternoon for the international flight home. Day-use rooms can be arranged if required.



Rajasthan is a hot and dry state.



Mewati, Marwari and Mewari are the prominent dialects spoken in the regions covered here.

