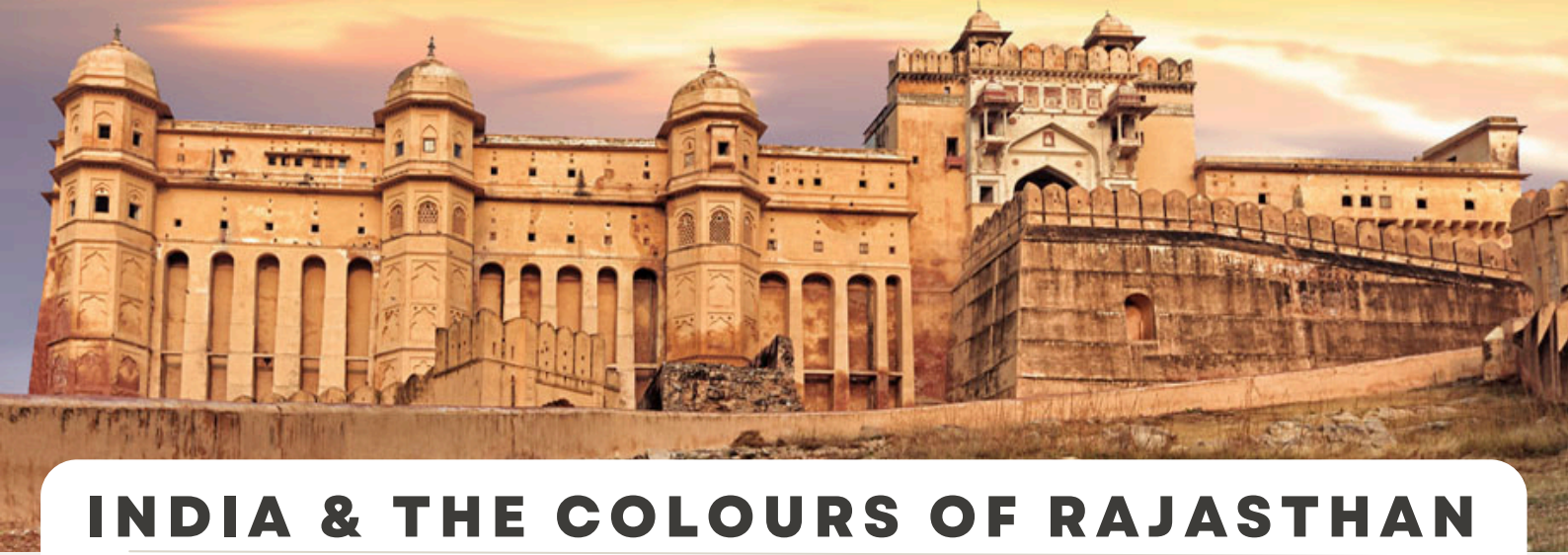


India & the Colours of Rajasthan





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PALACES, DESERTS AND TALES UNTOLD

16 DAYS

A TAPESTRY OF WONDERS



DEPARTS FROM:
NEW DELHI

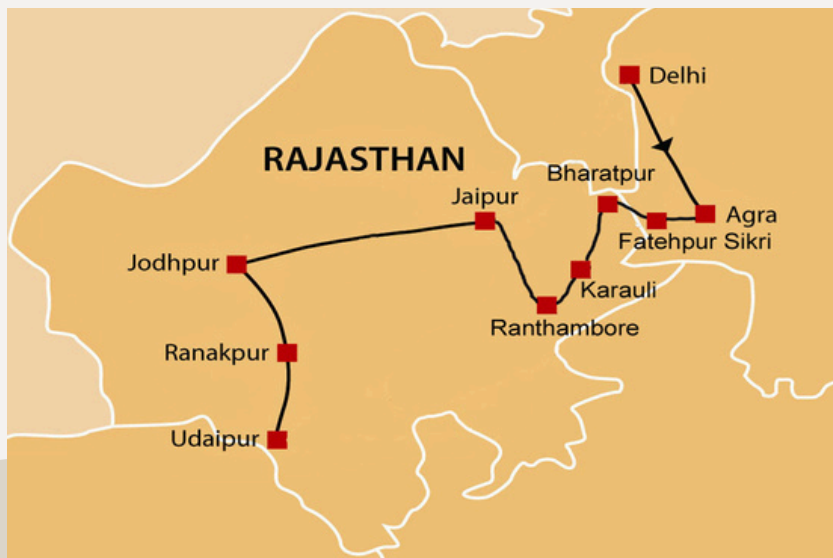


MAX GROUP SIZE:
14 PEOPLE



PHYSICAL LEVEL
MODERATE

India is one of the most colourful countries in the world, and Rajasthan is its epicentre. Discover the splendour of Rajasthan on this Byroads adventure, where the echoes of ancient dynasties and their historic grandeur meets the colourful tapestry of local culture.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Fort
- India Gate
- Jama Masjid Mosque
- Salaam Balak Trust Walk- Old Delhi
- Qutab Minor Sikh Temple
- Agra Fort & Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri Moghul City
- Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary
- Karauli Walled Town
- Ranthambore Tiger Park
- Jaipur & Amber Fort
- Palace of the Wind
- Jantar Mantar Observatory
- Jodhpur 'Blue City'
- Mehrangarh Fortress
- Rawla Narlai Palace Hotel
- Narlai Game Safari
- Ranakpur Jain Temple
- Udaipur & the City Palace
- Eklingji Temples

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by an experienced Byroads Escort – a true travel professional with a genuine passion for travel and people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: MON 1NOV27 - NEW DELHI

Arrive at Delhi Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: TUE 2NOV27 - NEW DELHI

Take a guided walking tour with the Salaam Balak Trust through the narrow alleyways of Old Delhi. The Trust is an organisation dedicated to the care and support of street and working children. Visit the Jama Masjid Mosque, one of the largest mosques in India, and completed in 1656 AD. View the Red Fort, a testament to the architectural genius of the Mughal Empire and visit Delhi's largest Sikh Temple. Stop to take a photo at India Gate, a landmark tribute to fallen soldiers and symbol of India's historical journey. (B)

DAY 3: WED 3NOV27 - AGRA

This morning drive to Agra to take time to wander around its most famous landmark, the astonishing Taj Mahal. Considered one of the most beautiful buildings in the world, it is a symbol of eternal love. The allure of the Taj Mahal continues to captivate visitors from all around the globe. Be prepared to be overwhelmed with awe and wonder.

Later, stop in and explore the UNESCO listed Agra Fort, which overlooks the River Yamuna. Known as the Red Fort of Agra, it was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638. (B)

DAY 4: THU 4NOV27 - FATEHPUR SIKRIM - BHARATPUR - KARALI

After breakfast travel to and uncover the mysteries of World Heritage Site, Fatehpur Sikri, the fabled deserted city of a Moghul Emperor. At Bharatpur visit the historical Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary. UNESCO listed, the sanctuary's unique blend of biodiversity and beauty makes it one of the most visited bird reserves in India. Arrive at the heritage town of Karali and check-in for two nights. (BLD)

DAY 5: FRI 4NOV27 KARALI

Discover Karali, one of the holiest cities in Rajasthan, renowned for its ancient, ornate palaces. Be guided through the City Palace, dating back to the 14th century, it is a real highlight with its intricate frescoes and ornamental features. Stop by the Lord Krishna temple and later in the day enjoy a stroll through the village and mingle with the locals. (BLD)

DAY 6: SAT 6NOV27 - RANTHAMBORE

Take a leisurely drive to the renowned wildlife sanctuary of Ranthambore. The park provides a unique opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat and serves as a crucial conservation and ecological study area. Buckle in for an afternoon game drive, searching for Royal Bengal tiger, leopard, hyena, indigenous deer and sloth bear. (BLD)

DAY 7: SUN 7NOV27 - RANTHAMBORE

Rise for an early morning safari through the National Park, and witness the variations marked by a different time-of-day viewing. Marvel at the UNESCO listed, and majestic Ranthambore Fort, which stands as a testament to India's rich historical past. The fort dates back to the 10th century and offers wonderful panoramic views of the park. (BLD)

DAY 8: MON 8NOV27 - AMER - JAIPUR

Drive to arrive at the fabulous 'Pink City', Jaipur. First painted in pink (the traditional colour of hospitality) to welcome the then Prince of Wales in 1876, today the unique terracotta pink hue is maintained in its old city area. Upon arrival, soak up one of India's most memorable sights: the Amber Palace. Known for its artistic Hindu-style elements, it's a beautiful blend of Rajput and Mughal architecture and showcases intricate carvings, precious stones and mirrors embedded into the walls. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

DAY 9: TUE 9NOV27 - JAIPUR

Following breakfast investigate the incredible, unique Palace of the Wind. Continue on to the Old Palace, now a museum showcasing artifacts and antiques from the royal heritage of Jaipur. After, delve into the history of the ancient astronomical observatory at Jantar Mantar. Immerse yourself in the colour and vibrancy of this fabulous city and enjoy an evening walk to explore Jaipuri art and crafts. (B)

ITINERARY

DAY 10: WED 10NOV27 - JODHPUR

A travel day, so take the road to Jodhpur – and witness the changing landscapes, from the bustling urban scenery of Jaipur leading into the more arid, desert-like region as you approach the ‘Blue City’. Traditionally, Brahmins in Jodhpur started painting their houses blue to signify their status as the highest Hindu caste and to set themselves apart from the other classes. Gradually this trend spread across the city. Check-in to your hotel for your two-night stay. (B)

DAY 11: THU 11NOV27 - JODHPUR

Take the morning to amble through the remarkable Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most spectacular in all of India. Built in 1459 it is not only a historical monument but also a cultural treasure trove. The fort’s museum houses a splendid and comprehensive collection garnered from the opulent lifestyle of the Maharajas. Perched on top of a hill, enjoy the panoramic view from Fort and take a lot of photos. In the afternoon, lose yourself in the bazaar- known for its handicrafts, embroidered shoes, metalware, silver and paintings. (B)

DAY 12: FRI 12NOV27 - NARLAI

Journey to the beautiful, serene village of Narlai, known for its ancient temples and step wells. There is a large granite hill that dominates the village, and atop is a colossal white elephant statue. The hill and the statue are visually striking and hold religious significance for the local community. Climb to the top for a closer look and a wonderful panoramic view.

Check-in to the stunning Rawla Narlai heritage hotel, a restored 17th-century royal retreat. (B)

DAY 13: SAT 13NOV27 - RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR

Leaving Narlai, embark on an open jeep safari in search of leopard, antelope, hyena and jackal. Drive to Ranakpur and call in to the Jain Temples, located in a tranquil valley of the Aravalli Range. Built in the 15th century here are one of the most significant and exquisite Jain temple complexes in all of India. The temples are considered one of the top five Jain pilgrimage sites. Arrive to Udaipur and settle in for your three-night stay. (B)

DAY 14: SUN 14NOV27 - UDAIPUR

Welcome to beautiful Udaipur, often referred to as the ‘Venice of the East’ or the ‘City of Lakes’. Be guided through the city’s highlights, including the City Palace and Jagdish Temple. The City Palace is a complex of several palaces famed for their intricate peacock mosaics, and its location provides a panoramic view of the city and its surroundings. The impressive Jagdish Temple was built in 1651 AD and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Stroll through the lovely Saheliyon-Ki-Bari gardens or ‘Garden of the Maidens’. This evening take an optional sunset boat ride to Lake Pichola, and enjoy views of the Lake and City Palaces. (B)

DAY 15: MON 15NOV27 - EKLINGJI - UDAIPUR

Start the day with a drive to Eklingji, and roam one of Rajasthan’s most famous Hindu Temple complexes. First built in 734 AD by the founder of the Mewar dynasty, it has been expanded and modified over the years. Dedicated to Eklingji – a form of Lord Shiva, it is a pilgrimage place for followers of Lord Shiva, and is revered by the royal family of Mewar.

Return to Udaipur for an afternoon at leisure and enjoy last minute shopping, sight-seeing or just relaxing. (B)

DAY 16: TUE 16NOV27 - UDAIPUR

Breakfast this morning concludes your tour | Taxis to the airport and train station are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private air-conditioned vehicle, jeep

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 15 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

Air India, Thai International, Malaysia & Singapore Airlines fly from Australia to Delhi. You can book your flights online or via your travel agent who may also offer you alternative airlines.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost however your departure transfer is not and can be booked with Byroads.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes you:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Bhanwar Vilas Palace

Stunning heritage hotel in Karauli. Its restored and decorated period interiors, exquisite European tapestries, portraits and furniture ensure a completely authentic palace experience with a modern touch.



Shahpura House

An early 19th Century Palace of the royal family of Jaipur. It encapsulates the essence of Rajasthan's aristocratic past and meticulously blends the allure of history with modern comforts.



Rawla Narlai

A 17th-century hunting lodge, Rawla Narlai is a Rajasthani treat, with uniquely decorated rooms, frangipani-scented courtyards, lamplit terraces and curated dining experiences.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
*1 November 2027	*4615 USD	*1495 USD
Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in US Dollars. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.		

*Provisional 2027 Prices

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily, as well as 4 lunches and dinners. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-20 USD for lunch and 20-30 USD for dinner. Street food and snacks are generally cheap in India.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Visas for India are required for most nationalities, including Australians and New Zealanders. The Indian tourist visa is applied for on-line.

Other nationalities should check with Byroads.

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