

PUSHKAR FAIR - 2019

Delhi, Udaipur, Pushkar, Jaipur, Agra - 14 days

Departure: November 02, 2019

Return: November 15, 2019

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The best introduction to charismatic cities, historical monuments and magnificent palaces. Experience the World's most renowned live stock fair with many cultural activities. Preeminent way to explore The Land of Warriors.

Saturday, November 02. (D)* UNITED STATES – DELHI

Depart this evening abroad any airline of your choice to Delhi, India. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Sunday, November 03. (B, L, D)* DELHI

Continue flying on your airline to Delhi. Lunch and Dinner on the plane. You arrive late night at the Delhi International Airport. We meet you outside the customs and transfer you to the hotel, where we stay three nights at the deluxe centrally located delux five star hotel.

Monday, November 04. (B, D). DELHI

This morning, we will begin our sightseeing of the Old City to see the Qutub Minar built in 1210, drive by India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhawan (President's House), and other government official buildings built with wide boulevards, epitomizing the spirit of the British Raj. Briefing and cocktails followed by Welcome Gala Dinner at the hotel.



Delhi is a sprawling metropolis of 12 million, with a stunning backdrop of ancient and modern architecture. Geographically as well as historically, it consists of seven successive cities, with the British- built New Delhi making an eighth. Monuments in marble and sandstone are dotted around the Old City, whereas the colonial-style buildings from 1911 and the modern architecture after Independence on August 15, 1947, are found next to each other in New Delhi, which has been the seat of the central government since 1931. Delhi's brand new metro system, designed by American engineers Parsons Brinckerhoff, opened first phase in December 2002 and is expected to be completed in 2020. In the meantime, one has to weave a path through bicycles, auto- rickshaws, mopeds, cars, vans, buses, trucks, cows, bullock carts and hand- pulled trolleys to flow with the traffic, looking at Hindus and Moslems dressed in orthodox clothes, women wearing colorful saris or businessmen dressed in suits and ties going about their daily ordeals.

Tuesday, November 05. (B). DELHI

This morning, we visit Humayun's Tomb with its lovely gardens, The RAJ GHAT, site of the cremation of three of India's most revered leaders, Mahatma Gandhi in 1948, Indira Gandhi (no relation to the saintly man) in 1984 and her son Rajiv in 1991, all three assassinated by fanatics. We will drive around the state Government buildings designed by Sir Lutyens, visiting Rajpath, the Kings Road leading up from the India Gate the war memorial arch, up to the imposing presidential palace – the Rashtrapati Bhawan built on Russia hill and flanked by the secretariat buildings. In the afternoon we will drive around Old Delhi, the capital of kingdoms and empires.

Wednesday. November 06. (B). DELHI – UDAIPUR

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, we take a domestic flight to Udaipur, where we stay two nights at a five star deluxe hotel. Afternoon boat ride on lake Pichola.

Udaipur, built around Lake Pichola is set majestically at the base of the rolling hills of the Aravali Range. Its skyline of whitewashed elaborately decorated



mansions and tapering temples, covered with domes, and ornately carved balconies of the famous City Palace makes it the most romantic city in Rajasthan.

Thursday. November 07. (B). UDAIPUR

Morning sightseeing begins with a visit to the City Palace founded in 1559, where the present Maharana still lives. We will see the massive courtyard, Toran Pole, where elephants once lined up for inspection before battle. Within the palace brilliant miniature paintings on marble and granite walls. Also three large peacocks composed of 5000 pieces of glass, glittering in green, gold, and blue.

Friday. November 08. (B, D). UDAIPUR – PUSHKAR

Today we drive north to arrive in Pushkar, where we stay two nights. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. Here, we will experience the world's most renowned camel fair.

Saturday. November 09. (B, L, D). PUSHKAR

Morning sightseeing starts with a visit to some of the 52 Ghats. Ghats are waterside platforms and temples, each built by Rajasthani Kings. Where they employed their own priests to perform rituals during their stays. Then witness one of the world's largest camel fairs, the Pushkar fair. Held on the west side of town, the many herds of livestock are purchased and sold here. By thousands of traders. Throughout the fair you will get a chance to see women dressed, beautifully in their best, and most colorful dresses. This fair is one of the most photogenic experiences in India. Lunch and dinner will be at the hotel.

Sunday. November 10. (B). PUSHKAR – JAIPUR

This morning one more visit is made to photograph the festive multi-colored environment of the large camel fair. Late morning we drive east to arrive in Jaipur, where we stay three nights at a deluxe five star luxury hotel.



Jaipur is one of most attractive and enchanting cities of India. It is the capital of the state of Rajasthan. It was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1727. He designed Jantar Mantar, the largest stone built observatory in the world. In 1876 the city was spruced up for the visit of Queen Victoria and Prince of Wales. Entire city was painted in terracotta pink color wash, and since it is known as “Pink City”.

Monday. November 11. (B). JAIPUR

Morning sightseeing, begins with driving by Jaipur’s landmark Hawa Mahal, or ‘Palace of Winds’. It was built in 1799 by king Sawai Pratap singh. To enable women of the court to watch street processions. While remaining unseen, behind finely screened windows. We visit the City Palace Museums. We also visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Jantar Mantar observatory, to see the 18 instruments. The observatory was founded by King Sawai Jai Singh II in 1728. He was a great astronomer and astrologer. Some of the instruments were his own creations. This afternoon is free for swim, spa, bazar walk, or shopping. Overnight at the hotel.

Tuesday. November 12. (B, L). JAIPUR

Today we drive northeast, stopping in Amber, the ancient capital of the kings of Jaipur. We visit the Palace Complex, with its lofty Hall of Public Audience, the dazzling Seesh Mahal the private chamber of the kings and queens. Sukh Mahal, where the marble rooms were cooled by water cascading. An early and very efficient system of air - conditioning. We have organized a special elephant safari in foot hills of Amer fort at a private village followed by lunch. Afternoon at leisure.

Wednesday. November 13. (B, L). JAIPUR - AGRA

Today we drive east first at the former capital of the great Moghul emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri, now a ghost city. We visit the Royal Palace, JodhaBai’s Palace, and Birbal’s Mansion. Lunch enroute. We continue our journey to arrive in Agra, where we stay two nights.



Thursday. November 14. (B, D). AGRA

This morning we will visit the most alluring monument. The Taj Mahal built of white marble with inlaid precious stones. Its facade shines like multi – colored garlands around one of mankind’s greatest creations. This afternoon, we will visit the Itmad-ud-Daula described as ‘jewel box’ or sometimes called the “Baby Taj”, built between 1622 AD and 1628 AD. This mausoleum was commissioned by Shah Jahan’s mother Nur Jahan. We will have our Gala farewell dinner..

Friday. November 15. (B, L). AGRA – DELHI – U.S.A.

This morning, we will visit the Agra Fort. It was built by the great Moghul emperor Akbar and augmented by successive emperors, until the last one, Aurangzeb. He imprisoned his old father, Shah Jahan in this fort. Famously with view of the Taj Mahal. You will see it across the river Yamuna, lit up by the setting sun. Lunch enroute. We will continue our drive to Delhi to arrive at the airport to catch our flight back home. See you on another H.A.T. Tour.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$ 6,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 1,100 PER PERSON

DEPOSIT: 2,000 PER PERSON

BALANCE DUE: AUGUST 2, 2019

TOUR INCLUDES

- Hotel accommodations in 5-star deluxe hotels
 - Buffet breakfast daily, four lunches, and four dinners
 - Private air conditioned vehicle with chauffeur throughout the tour
 - Experienced English speaking tour guides
 - Entrance fees to World heritage sites and museums
 - Private sightseeing in each city
 - Domestic airfare as per the itinerary
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 - Boat ride
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