

Earthbound Expeditions

Royal Rajasthan Tour

11 days, from US$0 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
11 days	**No limit**	**India**

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On this tour, you see the frescoes of Mandawa, take a camel ride at sunset from Jaisalmer, and visit the walled city of Jodhpur and the lake city of Udaipur.

You follow in the footsteps of the Maharajas and stay in some of their former palaces as you explore Rajasthan.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Delhi

Our representative meets you at the international airport and takes you to the hotel for the night.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Delhi Meals: None

Day 2

Drive from Delhi to Mandawa

The drive from Delhi to Mandawa takes about five and a half hours.

Altitude: 320 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Mandawa Meals: Breakfast

Day 3

Mandawa sightseeing and drive to Bikaner

After exploring Mandawa, we drive to Bikaner, 192 km from Mandawa.

Altitude: 240 m On foot: None, 4 hr drive Night: Hotel, Bikaner Meals: Breakfast

Day 4

Bikaner sightseeing and drive to Jaisalmer

In Bikaner, we visit Junagarh Fort, built between 1589 and 1593 by Raja Rai Singh, a former ruler of Bikaner. The fort is built of red stone and decorated with intricate designs. We also visit the Karni Mata temple.

Altitude: 230 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Jaisalmer Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Jaisalmer sightseeing

Today you explore the ancient fortifications of Jaisalmer. Known as the 'Golden City' for its yellow sandstone architecture, it lies in the heart of the Thar Desert. We visit Jaisalmer Fort, which is considered by many to be the largest living fort in the world. It was built in 1156 by King Rawal Jaisal on a site that, according to legend, he chose on the advice of a local hermit. Its yellow sandstone walls reflect the distinctive culture of Rajasthan. In the evening, you can visit the sand dunes.

Altitude: 230 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Jaisalmer Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

Drive from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur

We drive to Jodhpur, 283 km from Jaisalmer.

Altitude: 230 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Jodhpur Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

Drive from Jodhpur to Udaipur via Ranakpur

From Jodhpur, we travel to Udaipur, the city of lakes, which takes about 6.5 hours. On the way, we visit the Ranakpur Jain temple, known for its domes, turrets and distinctive pillars. Its most notable feature is a carving made from a single rock, showing 108 snake heads and many tails. The temple was built in the 15th century and stands in a valley of the Aravalli hills.

Altitude: 600 m On foot: None, 6–7 hr drive Night: Hotel, Udaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

Udaipur sightseeing

Today you explore Udaipur, a city of marble known for its lakes, mosques and gardens. The City Palace stands on a hill overlooking Lake Pichola. The palace combines Rajput and Mughal architectural styles and was built about 400 years ago. We go up Pearl Hill to see the memorial to the Rajput warrior Maharana Pratap, where historical paintings explain Indian history. We also visit the Jagdish Temple, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, which is built in the Indo-Aryan style and known for its intricately designed pillars and decorated ceilings. There is an option of a boat trip on Lake Pichola and a cultural show at Bagore Ki Haveli.

Altitude: 600 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Udaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

Drive from Udaipur to Jaipur

After exploring Udaipur, we drive to Jaipur, a city of forts. The journey takes about 8 hours.

Altitude: 430 m On foot: None, 8 hr drive Night: Hotel, Jaipur Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

Jaipur sightseeing and drive to Agra

In Jaipur, we visit the Jantar Mantar, a collection of 19 astronomical instruments built by the Rajput king Sawai Jai Singh. Its highlight is the world's largest stone sundial. We also visit the Hawa Mahal. On the way to Agra, we visit Fatehpur Sikri.

Altitude: 170 m On foot: None, 5–6 hr drive Night: Hotel, Agra Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

Drive from Agra to Delhi and departure

From Agra, we drive to Delhi, which takes about 3 hours and 10 minutes. In Delhi, our representative takes you to the international airport for your departure.

Altitude: 215 m On foot: None, 3 hr drive Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- 10 nights' accommodation in twin or double rooms (standard rooms at all hotels).
- On arrival, you are met and assisted by our office representative.
- Traditional Indian welcome.
- Daily buffet breakfast.

- Transport.
- Transfers by air-conditioned vehicle as per the itinerary.
- 1 camel ride on the sand dunes in Jaisalmer.
- 1 shared boat ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur.
- 1 jeep ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur.
- Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal.
- Sightseeing as per the package details.
- Monument entrance fees (one visit per site).
- English-speaking local guide during sightseeing tours.
- Driver allowances.
- Fuel.
- Toll tax.
- Parking.
- Vehicle insurance.
- All applicable taxes at current rates.

Not included

- International flights.
- Museum entrance fees.
- All personal expenses such as bar bills, drinks and snacks.
- Airport taxes.
- Extra showers, battery charging, laundry, etc.
- Personal clothing and equipment.
- Tips for guides and porters.
- We are not responsible for costs arising from cancellations, landslides, weather, political unrest or illness.

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