

# **DESERT TRAILS (4 Days)**

# DAY 01 - JODHPUR - JAISALMER (300 KMS)

Arrive at Jodhpur Airport / Railway Station and drive to Jaisalmer.

Arrive in Jaisalmer and transfer to your hotel. Jaisalmer is a fairy-tale town in the Thar Desert, founded about 800 years ago by Rawal Jaisal. Unlike any other city, this desert fortress is one of Rajasthan's most exotic and unusual towns. Jaisalmer, an important ancient trading centre because of its strategic location on the camel trade routes, is often described as the 'golden city'. The annual desert festival takes place in January and February each year and is a riot of colour and activity. Jaisalmer is also famous for its embroidery, Rajasthani mirror work, rugs and blankets, antique and silver jewelry, stonework and camel safaris.

After lunch, leave for the city tour of Jaisalmer. Visit the famous Havelis (mansions) known for their frescoes. Jaisalmer's strategic position on the camel terrain route brought it great wealth. The merchants grew prosperous and commissioned great havelis, or mansions, to flaunt their ever-growing status in society. Made of local golden-yellow sandstone and wood, some of the havelis are still in excellent condition. The most elaborate and magnificent of all the Jaisalmer havelis is the Patwaon Ki Haveli. Five Jain brothers-built Haveli between 1800 and 1860. Salim Singh Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli are the other two havelis that are open to visitors.

Built in 1156 by the Bhatti ruler, Jaisal, THE FORT here stands atop the 80-meter-high Trikuta hill. 3 walls and 99 bastions surround the fort. Over the centuries, the golden sandstone fortress witnessed many battles between the Bhatti Rajput's, the Mughals, and the Rathore's of Jodhpur. Within the fort complex lie the beautifully carved Jain Temples built between the 12th and 15th centuries. This house houses priceless ancient manuscripts and other exhibits like astrological charts, besides the Jain equivalent of the Christian Shroud of Turin.

Afternoon is free to walk around in the colorful and bustling bazaars for personal exploration or shopping.

# Overnight stay at your Hotel

#### **DAY 02 JAISALMER**

After breakfast, departure for the full-day Excursion Gadsisar Lake: -The beautiful arched gateway across the road down to the tank A scenic rainwater lake with numerous beautiful shrines around. The lake is an idyllic spot for outings. Lodhurva Lodhurva, the ancient capital of Bhatti's, is 16 kilometers from Jaisalmer. Mostly in ruins, it is visited for the great Jain temple, which contains the most exquisite jail work screens, grand ceiling, and a magnificent triumphal arch at the entrance. The original carriage for the deity, made in 1675, is still preserved. The most interesting object dart is Kalpataru, a mythical tree of wish fulfillment.

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Lodhurva has a great number of peacocks, which hover around the temple walls, lending spectacular color to the dry and stony landscape. Here once flowed the river, Kak. Along its banks flourished the romance between princess Momal and prince Mathendru of Amarkot. Their tragic end is the theme of folk songs. When the lovers perished, the river Kak stopped flowing.

Visit the Amar Sagar: From Lodhurva, the road to Jaisalmer passes through Amar Sagar, which has a grand artificial reservoir for water, a temple, and a promenade on the bank. Kuldhara Village: One of the most interesting places is Kuldhara village. This is among the 84 villages inhabited by the rich, hard-working Paliwals. The Paliwals deserted their houses overnight with the curse that anyone who removed even a stone from the houses would come to grief and perish. Howling winds rush through empty streets, and the skeletons of houses now exposed to the elements remain in the village.

In the evening, proceed for the excursion to Sam Sand Dunes. Located at a distance of 42 kilometers from Jaisalmer, Sam Sand Dunes is the closest point to witnessing the total sandy desert. You can also see the patterns and motifs created by the shifting sands and air. Moreover, Sam Sand Dunes also provides you with an unforgettable experience of camel rides and the sunset.

#### Overnight stay at your Hotel

#### DAY 03 – JAISALMER– JODHPUR – (300 KMS)

After breakfast proceed for Jodhpur, arrive Jodhpur and transfer to your hotel. Jodhpur, The Blue City An oasis in the arid Thar Desert, Jodhpur is the second largest city in the state of Rajasthan. Representing this colourful city with shades of blue, Jodhpur has a rich history and a present that beckons strongly to the discerning tourist. Forts and palaces, temples and havelis, culture and tradition, spices and fabrics, colour and texture—Jodhpur has them all and in plenty. Situated in Western Rajasthan, Jodhpur has long attracted both domestic and international tourists. It not only offers tangibles in terms of what you can see and buy but also fills one with a sense of history and the splendours of an era gone by. The hospitality of the locals, the demure women, and the colourful turbans—all set against the beloved desert (Marwar)—is something to feel, not just see. Every pore of Jodhpur tells its own story.

tales of heroic deeds that made legends out of kings and soldiers, romances that continue to warm the heart and a time when epics were lived out on the streets by everyday man.

After lunch, Today, take a sightseeing trip of Jodhpur, which is the second largest city in Rajasthan and called the 'Sun City.' Visit the Mehrangarh Fort. This spectacular fort made

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from red sandstone stands on a perpendicular cliff above the skyline of Jodhpur. The foundations of this fort were laid in 1459; today, it houses a museum with a fine collection of arms, costumes, paintings and even a collection of palanquins. Also visit Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph built to commemorate Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. The monument, in its entirety, is built out of intricately carved sheets of marble. These stones are extremely thin and polished so that they emit a warm glow when the sun's rays dance across their surface.

Also visit the Sardar Bazaar and Clock Tower markets, where you can see the vegetable, spice, Indian sweets, textile, and silver markets. These colourful markets with tiny shops dot the narrow lanes replete with woodcarvings, wrought iron, lacquer work, silver and ivory ornamentation, and leather handicrafts.

Afternoon is free to walk around in the colorful and bustling bazaars for personal exploration or shopping.

# Overnight stay at your Hotel

#### **DAY 04 - JODHPUR**

After breakfast, the day is free until transferred to Airport for your onward journey to the next destination.

#### \*\*\*\* TOUR ENDS \*\*\*\*

# QUOTE SHEET SUMMER PACKAGE VALID FROM – 01<sup>st</sup> April 2024 TO 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 COST SHEET FOR ITINERARY –DESERT TRAILS – 04 DAYS

#### STANDARD PACKAGE - HOTEL OPTIONS OR SIMILAR

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT
Jaisalmer	Imperial /Priya / Meera / Similar	Standard Room	02
Jodhpur	odhpur Prem Beacon / Similar		01

TOUR COST BASED	TOUR COST
Tour Cost based on <b>Twin Sharing</b> Basis for 03 Nights on CPAI with A/C SEDAN CAR	Rs. 17,135/- NETT-PER PERSON.

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# **DELUXE PACKAGE - HOTEL OPTIONS OR SIMILAR**

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT
Jaisalmer	Heritage Inn/ Mahadev / Similar	Standard Room	02
Jodhpur	Park Boutique / Lords Inn Similar	Standard Room	01

TOUR COST BASED	TOUR COST
Tour Cost based on Twin Sharing Basis for 03 Nights on CPAI with A/C SEDAN CAR	Rs. 19,550/- NETT- PER PERSON.

# **SUPER DELUXE PACKAGE - HOTEL OPTIONS OR SIMILAR**

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT
Jaisalmer	Saira Fort / Desert Tulip / Similar	Standard Room	02
Jodhpur	Zone by Park / Park Plaza /Similar	Standard Room	01

TOUR COST BASED	TOUR COST
Tour Cost based on Twin Sharing Basis for 03 Nights on CPAI with A/ SEDAN CAR	Rs. 21,850/- NETT-PER PERSON.

# **SUPERIOR PACKAGE - HOTEL OPTIONS OR SIMILAR**

CITY	HOTEL OPTION	ROOM CATEGORY	NIGHT
Jaisalmer	Rawalkot / Rang Mahal/ Similar	Standard Room	02
Jodhpur	Indana Palace/The Umed / Similar	Standard Room	01

TOUR COST BASED	TOUR COST
Tour Cost based on Twin Sharing Basis for 03 Nights on CPAI with A/C SEDAN CAR	Rs.29,325/- NETT-PER PERSON.



#### EXTRA BED COST -

PACKAGE CATEGORY	EXTRA ADULT	CNB (06 TO 11 YEARS) SHARING BED WITH PARENTS	CHILD UPTO 05 YEARS
STANDARD	Rs. 2,185/- NETT PER PERSON	Rs. 920/- NETT PER PERSON	COMPLIMENTARY BASIS SHARING WITH PARENTS
DELUXE	Rs. 2,990/- NETT PER PERSON	Rs. 1,380/- NETT PER PERSON	COMPLIMENTARY BASIS SHARING WITH PARENTS
SUPER DELUXE	Rs.4,600/- NETT PER PERSON	Rs. 1,725/- NETT PER PERSON	COMPLIMENTARY BASIS SHARING WITH PARENTS
SUPERIOR	Rs. 9,200/- NETT PER PERSON	Rs. 2,990/- NETT PER PERSON	COMPLIMENTARY BASIS SHARING WITH PARENTS

#### **OUR QUOTE INCLUDES:**

- 03 Nights accommodation basis at the hotel mentioned above or similar category of alternate hotels.
- Meal Plan Daily buffet breakfast at all the hotels. All applicable taxes .
- All transfers, city tours and transport services by **AC VEHICLE** All India Tourist permit vehicle as per the above itinerary. Road taxes, parking fee, fuel charges, interstate taxes.

#### **OUR QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE: THE ABOVE PRICE EXCLUDES:**

- MONUMENTS Entrance Fee. + Services of English Speaking Local Guide.
- Elephant Ride or Jeep Ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur. +Tonga Ride in Bikaner.
- Game Drive at Ranthambore National Park in Ranthambore +Camel Ride on Sand Dunes in Jaisalmer. +Jeep Safari in Jodhpur. +Common Boat Ride on Lake Pichola in Udaipur.
- Anything which is not mentioned under "INCLUDES" header.
- Expense of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc. Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions
- Airfare / Train Fare
- Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as roadblocks, accidents & any
  medical evacuations. Any train delays, or re-scheduling etc. Any Visa fees, insurance fees,
  etc. Any tips to hotel staff, local guides, drivers etc. Any meals apart from the ones
  mentioned above. Any expenses apart from the ones above.



#### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Check-In time is 1400 hrs & Check-out time 1200 NOON at all hotels.
- KINDLY NOTE FOR GUESTS SAFETY & SECURITY, WE DON'T ALLOW NIGHT DRIVING, HENCE REQUEST GUESTS TO LEAVE IN TIME SO THEY CAN REACH NEXT DESTINATION BEFORE 2000 HRS.
- In case on any amendment in local Government taxes, or any fuel hike, we reserve the right to adjust the tour price accordingly.
- Please note, the names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels. It is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey the confirmations to you on receipt of your acceptance. However in the event of any of the above mentioned hotels not becoming available at the time of initiating the reservations, we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction whatever applicable) to you.

#### THE IMPORTANT POINTS: MONUMENT CLOSURE DAYS:

- All the Monuments will Remain Closed on Dhulandi (Next Day of HOLI FESTIVAL) in Rajasthan.
- Ranthambore Park & Sariska National Park will be CLOSED from 01 JULY to 30 SEPT Every Year