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RAJASTHAN ITINERARY 1 : Delhi (02 Nts) – Agra (01 Nt) – Jaipur (02 Nts)

Day 01 | Arrive in DELHI.

This day arrive into Delhi domestic airport and transfer to your hotel.
Rest of the day at leisure for own activities.

Overnight in Delhi.

Day 02 | DELHI.

After breakfast proceed for a city tour of Old and New Delhi with the assistance of your tour guide.

Old Delhi: Visit the Jamma Mosque one the largest in India and constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sand stone and white marble. Drive through the colourful shopping bazaar known as the Chandni Chowk. Visit the Red Fort built by the builder of Taj Mahal - Shahjahan and famous for its delicately carved inlaid and marbled royal chambers. Visit the Raj Ghat where father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Visit the Gandhi Memorial Museum (closed on Mondays), which has fascinating items and documents related to Gandhi's life.



New Delhi: Visit the Humayun's Tomb built in the mid - 16th century by Haji Begum, wife of Humayun, the 'second' Moghul Emperor and is an early example of Moghul architecture.



Visit the Qutab Minar a soaring tower of victory which was started in 1193 immediately after the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom in Delhi and is 72 meters high and one of the most perfect towers in the world. Nearby stands the Iron Pillar which does not rust and has stood the vagaries of weather for 1500 years.

Take an orientation drive through New Delhi viewing Embassy area (Diplomatic enclave), Government buildings, Central Secretariat, President's house and Parliament house.

Visit India Gate (1921) a 42 meters high stone arch of triumph stands at the eastern stand of the Rajpath and bears the name of 90,000 Indian army soldiers who died in the campaigns of WWI.

After the city tour drive back to your hotel. Rest of the evening at leisure for own activities.
Optional - take a chauffeur driven car on hire for local use in Delhi.

Overnight in Delhi.

Day 03 | DELHI / AGRA.

After breakfast drive to Agra (Approx 4 hrs). On arrival at Agra transfer to your hotel.

Post lunch proceed to visit the Taj Mahal with your guide.
(Monument closed for public viewing on Fridays)



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Taj Mahal (3 Km): The inimitable poem in white marble is the finest expression of love of an emperor for his queen situated on the banks of the river Yamuna. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan for his queen Mumtaz Mahal, in 1632.

Also visit the Agra Fort with your guide.



Agra Fort. Built by the great Emperor Akbar in 1565 A.D., the fort is a masterpiece of design and construction. Within the fort are a number of exquisite buildings, including the Moti Masjid, Diwane-i-Am, Diwane-i-Khas and Musamman Burj, where the Emperor Shah Jahan died in imprisonment, besides Jahangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal and the Sheesh Mahal.

After the sightseeing return back to your hotel. Rest of the evening at leisure for some shopping.

Overnight in Agra.

Day 4 | AGRA / JAIPUR.

Post breakfast drive onwards to Jaipur (Approx 5 Hrs). En-route visit the ruined city of Fatehpur Sikri. (Local guide service will be provided)



Fatehpur Sikri (37 Km): The founding of Fatehpur Sikri reads like a fairy tale. When all else had failed, Emperor Akbar came here in search of the renowned Sufi mystic, Sheikh Salim Chishti, to ask the blessing of a son. His prayer was heard, and soon a son was born. In honour of the saint, Akbar named the prince Salim and vowed to found a new city. And so Fatehpur Sikri, a magnificent new city rose on the craggy hills 40 Kms from Agra.

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On arrival into Jaipur transfer to your hotel. Rest of the evening at leisure to relax.

Overnight in Jaipur.

Day 05 | JAIPUR.



This day after breakfast your guide will escort you for an excursion to Amber fort.

Once you reach the entrance your mahout will take you up the fort on elephant back. You also have the option to walk up the fort. Please advise your preference to your guide who will help you purchase the tickets for the elephant ride.

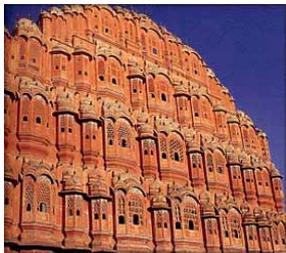
Amber is located at a distance of 11 kilometers from Jaipur and was the old fort of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, which used to be the capital, till it was moved to Jaipur.

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The construction of the Amber Fort began in the year 1592 and was started by Man Singh I, but it was finished by his descendant Jai Singh I. The exterior of the Fort is not in the least like its interiors. The outside is very imposing and rugged looking whereas the inside is a comforting and warm interior which is influenced by both Hindu and Muslim style of ornamentation. On the walls, are paintings depicting various hunting scenes, and there is also a lot of work on walls, which are covered with intricate carving, mosaic and minute mirror work that make the halls look very majestic and imperial.

After the excursion return back to your hotel in time for lunch. Post lunch relax.

1500 hrs your guide will be present once again to take you for a city tour of the enchanting pink city – Jaipur.



The **Hawa Mahal**, which adjoins the famous City Palace wall, was built in 1799 by Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh and has now become one of the major landmarks of Jaipur.

Since the Hawa Mahal was built at a time when women of the royal families had to observe strict purdah, many believe that the Hawa Mahal was built, just so these ladies could watch the processions and various activities taking place on the streets.

Though now reduced to a simple façade it is a photo stop for many an interested tourist

Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the Rajput ruler of Amber and the founder of Jaipur was a learned man and an astronomer who was deeply interested in the workings of the celestial bodies and so built the Observatory, known as **Jantar Mantar**. The name 'Jantar Mantar' comes from Sanskrit's 'Yantra Mantra' meaning instruments and formulae.



Jaipur city is known for its many palaces and forts, which are a major attraction for tourists to Rajasthan. One of these major landmarks of the 'pink city' is the **City Palace Complex**.



The City Palace was built by Maharaja Jai Singh II of the Kachhwaha clan of Rajputs, but a lot of changes and additions were made to the original structure by his successors.

The architecture of the City Palace is a synthesis of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The Complex comprises of many structures, courtyards, gardens and buildings.

The City Palace does not only have a lot of historical significance but is also a reminder of the royal past. It stands as a symbol of the royal elegance and courtly splendor that is no longer visible. Perhaps, this is why people love coming to the City Palace in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

After the city tour drive back to the hotel. Evening free for own activities or shopping.

Overnight in Jaipur.

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Day 06 | **Depart from JAIPUR.**

This day after breakfast proceed to the airport to board your flight back home.

***** Tour ends *****

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RAJASTHAN ITINERARY 2 :

Udaipur (01 Nt) – Jaipur (02 Nts) - Agra (01 Nt) – Delhi (02 Nts)

Day 01 | Arrive in UDAIPUR.

Arrive into Udaipur airport and transfer to your hotel. Freshen up and proceed for a city tour of Udaipur.

Tour of Udaipur should begin at the **City Palace**, on the banks of the Lake Pichola. The magnificent and awe inspiring citadel is, in fact, a complex of several buildings that were added at different times by different rulers spanning nearly three hundred years. A ticketed 'Mewar Light & Sound Show' is hosted every evening within the Palace premises. There are terraces, courtyards, pavilions, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens, with lavish Mughal-inspired decorative art on their walls, floors and ceilings. Simply astounding!



The main part of the Palace is now a museum. You should see the **Mor Chowk** for the gorgeous peacock mosaics, **Chini Chitrashala** for the striking blue and white ceramics and Dutch inlaid tile work, **Manak Mahal** for glass and porcelain figures and **Krishna Vilas** for miniature painting.

The **Jagdish Temple**, built in 1651 by Maharana Jagat Singh, is located within easy walking distance from the Palace gate. It is an impressive, beautifully proportioned structure, covered with carved friezes and heavily decorated inside.

After the city tour enjoy boating on Lake Pichola followed by a leisurely dinner at the restaurant of your choice.

Overnight in Udaipur.

Day 02 | UDAIPUR / JAIPUR.

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and drive to Udaipur airport in time to board your flight to Jaipur. On arrival transfer in your chauffer driven car to the hotel. Check in and relax.

1400 hrs your guide will be present once again to take you for a city tour of the enchanting pink city – Jaipur.



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Post lunch commence your drive to Delhi.
Reach there after a 5 hour drive (traffic permitting) and check in at the hotel.
Rest of the evening free for dinner.

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Day 07 | Depart from DELHI.

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