



ROYAL RAJASTHAN WITH HOLI CELEBRATION

13 nights / 14 days

Delhi – Shekhawati – Bikaner – Jaisalmer – Jodhpur – Udaipur – Bijainagar – Jaipur – Agra – Delhi



YOUR PROGRAM

DAY 1 (12 March 2027): ARRIVAL IN DELHI

- Arrival in Delhi.
- Welcome with Mauli.

Arrival at Delhi airport by flight and welcome with Mauli upon arrival at the airport & meet your representative.



Many attributes are associated with the Mauli, it is known as the protective shield that keeps evil/negative energies and worldly problems at bay. The Mauli is also tied to receive blessings from the deity worshipped during the puja (prayer) or havan (sacred fire) ceremony

Transfer to the hotel and check-in (rooms will be available from 2:00 PM)

Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2 (13 March 2027): DELHI

- Introduction to Hindi
- Tour of Delhi
- Taste Jalebi
- Visit Bangla Sahib Gurdwara (Sikh temple)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Introduction to Hindi: Learn a few Hindi words with your guide, which will not only help you better understand the locals, but also communicate more easily with them. This little bit of language knowledge will facilitate your exchanges, allow you to create more authentic connections and enrich your cultural experience during your trip.



Delhi has a population of around 20 million, clearly divided between the old and new cities. NEW DELHI has a few large open spaces, while OLD DELHI is characterised by its small, bustling streets. After lunch at the hotel, you will explore OLD DELHI, passing through the RED FORT and entering the main shopping street, Chandni Chowk, which is always bustling with activity. Enjoy a rickshaw ride and see some of the best shops selling silver jewellery, handicrafts and sweets. This place is bustling with people day and night. Later, visit **Jama Masjid**, the largest mosque on the Indian subcontinent.



Don't miss out, taste the magic of Jalebi! : The South Asian variety is made by frying a dough made from maida flour (plain flour or all-purpose flour), shaped into pretzel shapes or circular spirals. Once golden and crispy, these shapes are then dipped in a fragrant sugar syrup, giving them a crunchy texture on the outside and a soft texture on the inside, as well as a deliciously sweet taste.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Then visit **Raj Ghat** and discover **the enchanting tomb of Humayun**, surrounded by lush gardens and built in memory of the Mughal emperor Humayun by his devoted wife. Pass by India Gate, the Parliament building and the President's House.



Finally, visit Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, an iconic Sikh temple in Delhi. This sacred place impresses with its peaceful atmosphere and majestic architecture. Don't miss a visit to the langar, the Gurdwara's community kitchen, where free vegetarian meals are prepared and served every day to thousands of people, regardless of religion, caste or social status. It is a deeply moving experience, symbolising sharing, humility and selfless service, the fundamental values of the Sikh tradition. A true moment of humanity and spirituality.

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D



DAY 3 (14 March 2027): DELHI / SHEKHAWATI (260 KM/05H30)

- Drive to the SHEKHAWATI region
- Visit SHEKHAWATI
- **Visit a villager's home**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive to the **SHEKHAWATI** region: the region of Rajasthan nicknamed "the open-air art gallery of Rajasthan".

Lunch en route. Transfer to the hotel and check-in. Later departure for a tour of **Shekhawati**.

It is in these villages surrounded by sand dunes that you will find the havelis, houses of wealthy merchants who once made their living from the camel trade between India and Pakistan. These small palaces have walls decorated with painted frescoes, veritable works of illuminated art. Havelis are houses built by prosperous merchants. They are covered with frescoes. These murals date back to the 19th century on average.



Visit a villager's home:

Interact warmly with family members to discover their daily life, traditions, personal stories and the little gestures that punctuate their day. Share an authentic moment while enjoying a 'Kulhad' tea, carefully prepared by a family member – a drink served in a clay cup, which adds a rustic and local touch to this convivial experience.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 4 (15 March 2027): SHEKHAWATI / BIKANER (192 KM/03H30)

- Fly a kite
- Departure by road to Bikaner
- Visit Bikaner
- Visit the Bikaneri Namkeen shop
- TUK TUK ride



Breakfast at the hotel.



Flying a kite is a unique and memorable experience. Under a clear sky and pushed by the gentle desert breeze, the kite dances gracefully above the golden sand. It is a simple activity, but one that provides a feeling of joy and freedom that is hard to match. The locals are friendly and often willing to help, guiding you patiently and enthusiastically through the process, making the experience even more special.

Then continue to **Bikaner**. Transfer to the hotel followed by **lunch**.

Next, visit **Junnagarh Fort**, a 16th-century fortress that houses various palaces and temples. It is a maze of corridors, staircases and inner courtyards. You can visit the coronation hall, the Hall of Mirrors, the Maharaja's bedroom, the weapons museum, which also contains elephant palanquins, the conference hall with its silver throne, and the first nail boards used by fakirs.

Then take a walk through the old town on **the Heritage Walk** to explore its narrow streets and visit some old havelis.



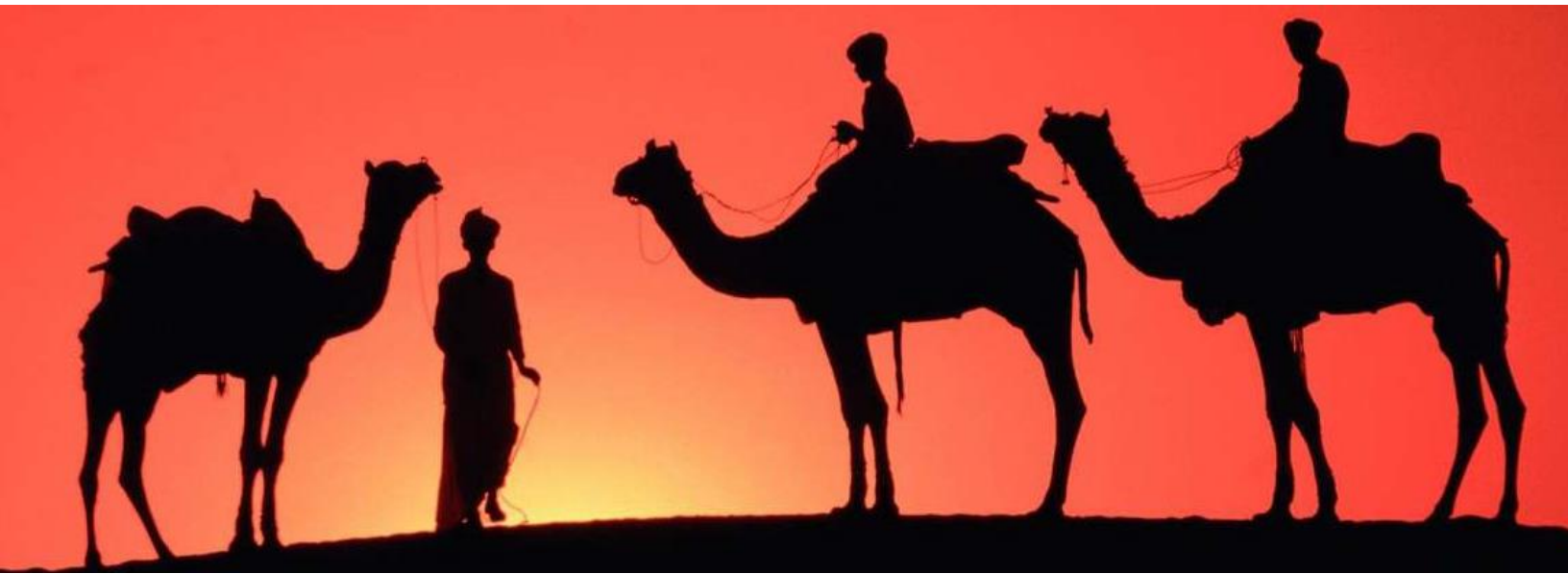
Visit the Bikaneri Namkeen shop. Bikaneri namkeen, often simply called bhujia, is a crispy snack made from mite flour, gram flour and spices, originating in Bikaner, a city in the western state of Rajasthan, India. It is light yellow in colour. Bhujia is not only a characteristic product of Bikaner. You can buy a small bag of namkeen to try or a large bag to enjoy with a cup of tea at home.

TUK TUK ride (a motorised version of the pulled rickshaw or bicycle rickshaw) through the local market and discover this lively market and its colourful shops.

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D



DAY 5 (16 March 2027): BIKANER / JAISALMER (330 KM/05H)

- Drive to Jaisalmer
- Visit to Jaisalmer
- **In the evening, attend a puppet show**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Then drive to **Jaisalmer**. This fascinating military outpost in the middle of the desert owes its nickname "Golden City" to the colour of the stone walls at sunset. The citadel, resembling a huge sandcastle, seems straight out of the Arabian Nights.

Transfer to the hotel followed by **lunch**.

The Haveli, ancient palace-like residences with incredibly ornate balconies, built in the 18th century by wealthy merchants. Visit **the Jain Temple** (inside) and walk through the bazaar. In the late afternoon, discover the cenotaphs of **Bara Bagh** at sunset.



In the evening, attend a puppet show:

Rajasthan puppets, also known as Kathputlis, are among the most iconic and popular forms of entertainment in the state. This ancient art has been practised for generations by the Bhats, a community of traditionally nomadic agricultural workers. These travelling artists have turned string puppets into a true storytelling tool, perpetuating their craft through live performances that combine music, dance, humour and folk tales. Each performance features colourful characters, often inspired by local history and mythology, offering a vivid glimpse into Rajasthani culture.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D



DAY 6 (17 March 2027): JAISALMER

- Departure by jeep to explore the sand dunes and visit a village.
- Then camel ride and sunset view.
- Music and cultural dancing during dinner.

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the hotel swimming pool.



After lunch departure **by jeep for an adventure through the golden sand dunes**. Travel through breathtaking desert landscapes, between sand mountains and vast wilderness. En route, stop in a local village to discover the ancestral traditions of the region. Participate in an opium ceremony, a rare and authentic moment to better understand the cultural and spiritual rites still practised today.

Then, enjoy a camel ride in the heart of the desert, followed by a magnificent view of the sunset. The evening continues with **traditional music and lively cultural dancing during dinner**. Return to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 7 (18 March 2027): JAISALMER / JODHPUR (266 KM / 4.5 HOURS)

- Departure by road to Jodhpur
- Visit to Jodhpur
- Lassi tasting
- You will see how lacquer bracelets are made.

Breakfast at the hotel.



Departure by road to **Jodhpur**. Nestled at the foot of an enormous dark red sandstone fortress where many conquerors wore themselves out, JODHPUR, also known as the "blue city", appears as a comforting oasis to travellers who have just crossed the Thar Desert. The old town is surrounded by a wall with seven gates, which was built in the mid-16th century around a perimeter of nearly 10 km to protect it from the sand.

Transfer to the hotel followed by **lunch**.

Next, visit **Mehrangarh Fort**, with its vertiginous arcades, which contains a series of palaces, each decorated with carved stone lattice balconies and mirrored walls. **Jaswant Thada**, the Clock Tower and **the bustling Sardar Market, known for its spices**, are other highlights of the city.



Lassi tasting, it is an Indian drink made from yoghurt with a consistency similar to a smoothie. It has been described as "India's most popular and traditional yoghurt drink". **You can watch a demonstration and taste it at the local market in Jodhpur.**



You will see the process of making lacquer bracelets:

Normal lacquer is applied in a thick layer to a wooden rod and rolled on a flat surface to give it a cylindrical shape. This lacquer is then slowly heated on a charcoal burner. The heated lacquer is continuously pressed and rolled on a flat iron plate using a wooden tool. You will receive a small set of bracelets as a souvenir.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 8 (19 March 2027): JODHPUR / RANAKPUR / UDAIPUR (249 KM / 5 HOURS)

- Then departure by road to Udaipur
- En route, visit Rankpur Temple

Breakfast at the hotel.



Departure for **RANAKPUR**, passing through roads lined with acacia trees, where you can see water wheels, pump wells, and women walking along the road carrying golden or silver jugs on their heads. You will also discover the great Jain temples, which seem to be hidden in the Aravelli Mountains. A captivating charm emanates from this solitary place; you will be surprised and amazed by the sculptures of the various temples. This is the most beautiful Jain sanctuary. The most magnificent temple is dedicated to **Adinath** and was built in 1439. It is supported by 1,444 marble columns, only one of which is slanted. The marble vaults are intricately carved and dominate 29 rooms containing Jain saints.

Lunch in a restaurant and continuation to **UDAIPUR**, a city with narrow, lively streets, whitewashed houses, balconies and tiny windows.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 9 (20 March 2027): UDAIPUR

- Visit to Udaipur
- Visit to a silk painting centre specialize in miniatures
- Mini-cruise on Lake Pichola (subject to water levels)
- Visit Bagore Ki Haveli to watch a classical dance performance.

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for city tour.

You will discover the **City Palace**, the former palace of the Maharajas of Udaipur. Built in the 18th century, this palace, part of which is still inhabited by the descendants of the Maharajas of Udaipur, overlooks Lake Pichola. It is a labyrinth of marble halls, decorated salons, courtyards, numerous ceramics and gardens. Visit Sahelion Ki Bari or "Garden of the Maidens", a superb park with numerous fountains.



Visit to a silk painting centre specialising in miniatures:

We discovered a delicate art: miniature painting on silk. Artists use very fine brushes and natural pigments to create precise details on fragile fabric. Each step requires patience and skill. This centre also offers workshops to learn this unique technique. A wonderful discovery of a traditional and refined art form.



Lunch at a local restaurant. In the late afternoon, depending on the water level, transfer to the pier. Mini-cruise on Lake Pichola to admire the magnificent facade of the palace of Udaipur and stop at **JAG MANDIR** island.

Return to the hotel.



In the evening, you will visit Bagore Ki Haveli, a splendid 18th-century haveli located on the shores of Lake Pichola. Illuminated by a thousand lights, it provides a magical setting for a show of traditional Rajasthani dance and music. The atmosphere is enchanting, combining refined architecture and vibrant culture. It is the perfect place to immerse yourself in the history and lifestyle of the ancient Rajput royalty.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 10 (21 March 2027): UDAUPUR – BIJAINAGAR (267 KM / 5 HOURS)

- Departure for Bijainagar
- Enjoy a charming rural ramble on an ox-cart ride
- Cooking demonstration

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for **Bijainagar**, another beautiful village nestled along the Aravalli Hills and home to this magnificent palace, **BIJAYNIWAS PALACE** is a grand heritage palace.

Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed before settling into the hotel & lunch.



At 4:00 PM, enjoy a charming rural ramble on an ox-cart ride lasting approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Explore the unspoilt countryside and farmlands on an ox cart with a comfortable mattress for seating. This activity is one of our big hits at Bijay Niwas Palace. You This elaborative tour includes village sightseeing, exploring a rural house.



Interactive Cooking Session:

Step into the kitchen for a hands-on culinary experience, where you'll learn our treasured royal recipes passed down through generations. Guided by your host, discover the secrets behind each dish along with their unique health benefits, and enjoy an engaging, immersive journey into our rich culinary heritage.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 11 (22 March 2027): BIJAINAGAR / JAIPUR (181 KM / 3 HOURS)

- Holi Celebration.
- Departure for Jaipur

Breakfast at the hotel.



Holi Celebration – A Splash of Joy & Colors

Dhol & Live Musicians: Feel the festive energy come alive with vibrant beats and live performances.

Festive Lunch: Indulge in a delicious spread of traditional and contemporary delicacies.

Sweets & Treats: Relish classic Holi sweets and festive delights.

Colors Play: Celebrate with organic gulal, spreading happiness and positivity all around.

Poolside Fun: Dive into a refreshing pool experience with music and laughter.

Water Balloons: Add playful excitement with splashes of water and fun-filled moments.

Then departure for **Jaipur**.



Jaipur – The vibrant capital of Rajasthan owes its nickname "Pink City" to the pink paint that covers the buildings in the old town. Built on the bed of a dried-up lake in an arid landscape, the city is surrounded by bare hills topped with fortresses and crenellated ramparts.

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 12 (23 March 2027): JAIPUR

- Visit the splendid Amber Fort, the City Palace and the Jantar Mantar observatory.
- Electronic rickshaw ride through the old market of Jaipur
- An evening of Bollywood cinema

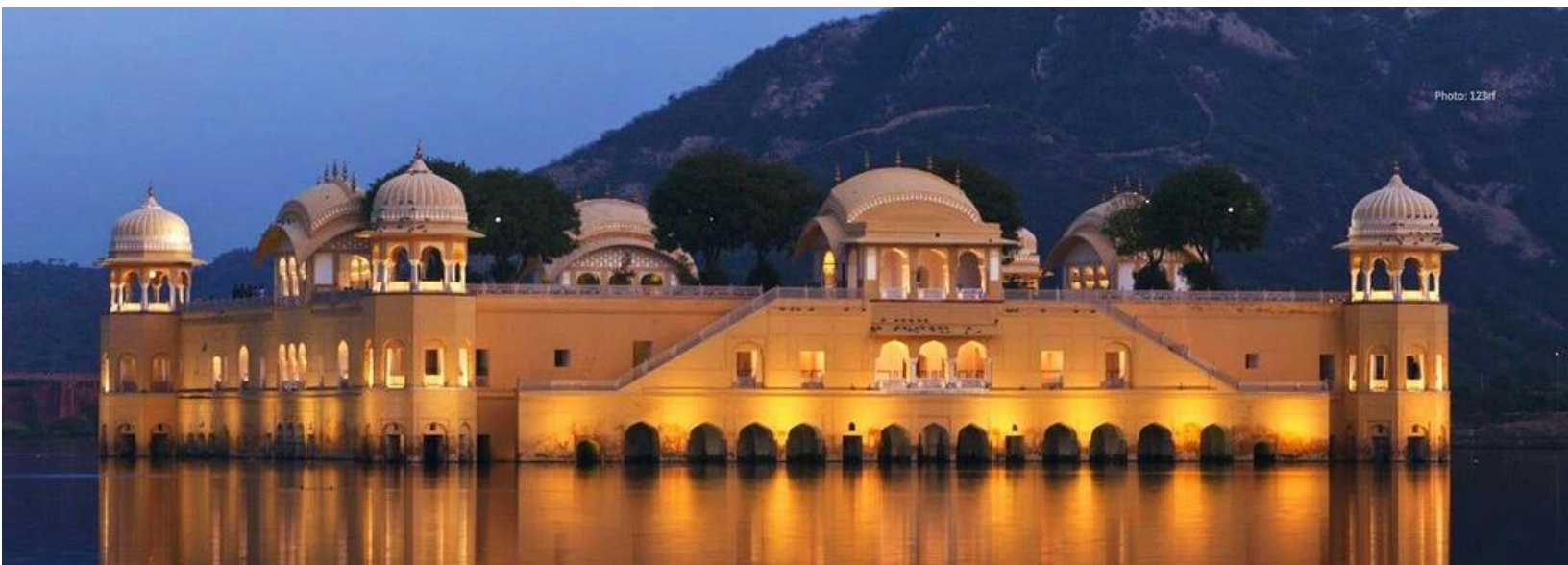
Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the splendid **Amber Fort** overlooking a lake. Climb to the top of the ramparts on the back of an elephant (subject to availability) led by a mahout. Inside the palace, a religious ceremony takes place every morning in the Kal Temple.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, take a walk through the lively "**Pink City**". In the streets, cows, elephants, bicycles and taxis meet amid a cacophony of horns. You will pass by the famous **Hawa Mahal** (House of Wind), and later visit the **City Palace** and the **Jantar Mantar observatory**. Return to the hotel.

Take an electric rickshaw ride through Jaipur's old market. Jaipur's bazaars are legendary. In 1729, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II sent letters to famous trading houses throughout India, inviting them to settle in Jaipur. They were given prime locations, free land and tax concessions. Located on important trade routes, Jaipur quickly became a major centre for trade and commerce, home to a large number of artisans and merchants.



A Bollywood movie night follows at **RAJ Mandir**, Rajasthan's largest cinema with a capacity of 2,500 seats, complete with small waiting rooms, a bar and a very chic decor. Even if you don't understand Hindi, this experience will leave you amazed. Bollywood is part of the Indian way of life and practically the only entertainment for the majority of India's population.

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 13 (24 March 2027): JAIPUR- AGRA (249 KM / 5 HOURS)

- Drive to Agra.
- En route, visit Fatehpur Sikri
- Visit the Red Fort
- In the evening, you will attend a magic show (private)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure for **Agra**, then on to your final destination.

On the way to Agra, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the magnificent fortified ghost town. **Fatehpur Sikri** is an ancient Mughal city near Agra, India, founded by Emperor Akbar in 1571. It was the capital of the Mughal Empire for a few years. Built in honour of the Sufi saint Salim Chishti, it is famous for its unique architecture. The city was abandoned due to a lack of water. Today, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Then continue to **Agra** and visit **the Red Fort**, whose military power cannot be doubted. It was the residence of the Mughal emperors. Everyone has left their mark, Akbar and Jahangir with red sandstone, Shah Jahan with white marble. The fort stands on the banks of the Yamuna, surrounded by a wall 20 to 33 metres high and 2,500 metres long.



Late check-in at your hotel.

In the evening, you will attend a magic show (private).

Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 14 (25 March 2027): AGRA – DELHI (240 KM / 4 HOURS)

- Morning visit to the famous Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays) at sunrise.
- Drive to Delhi

Morning visit to **the famous Taj Mahal (closed on Fridays)** at sunrise. It was built by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. The construction of this magnificent mausoleum dedicated to love was completed in 22 years. After spending a few unforgettable hours, return to the hotel for **breakfast**.

Departure by road to Delhi enroute **lunch at a local restaurant**. On arrival transfer to hotel, you have wash & change room at hotel followed by dinner (4 Pax per room for 2 hrs).

Dinner at the hotel.

MEALS: B/L/D

DAY 15 (26 March 2027): DEPARTURE FROM DELHI

Transfer to the airport to board flight for onward destination.

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