



THE HINTERLANDS OF RAJASTHAN

India is a study in contrasts; a historical backdrop for a modern-day industrial narrative, a traditional outlook co-existing with fresh, global lifestyles, an ensemble of ethnic disparities creating a cohesive, cultural identity. India is a sensory potpourri; of colorful, exuberant scenes and folks, of tangible, delectable cuisines and flavors, of dialects and tongues exchanged like currency, and the ebb and flow of a billion people working through their daily routines!

Most people visit the desert state of Rajasthan for its imperial heritage; beautiful palaces, historic forts, regal havelis or mansions, and it is indeed, a resplendent route to journey on. Yet who built these grandiose structures, who immortalized battle stories in song and dance, who told stories of the ancient feudal lords, and who sustained these fiefdoms of old? With THE HINTERLANDS OF RAJASTHAN itinerary, you can retrace the dustier routes that the riches of ancient feudal kingdoms travelled by, to hear the history from the folk who've borne it to present-day.

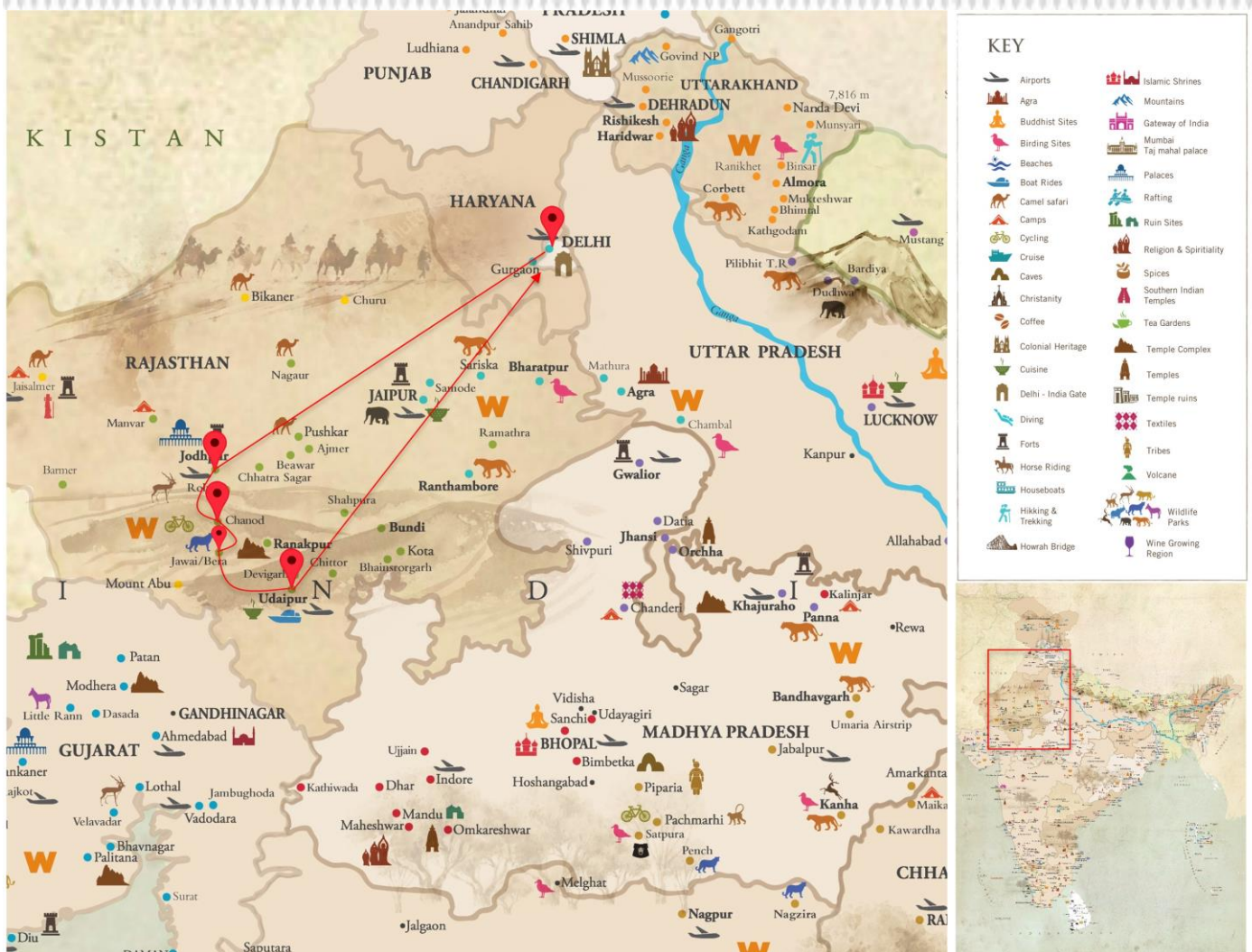
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the massive Mehrangarh fort complex and its museum collection.
- Discover the quiet lanes, exquisite havelis, and pale indigo walls of Jodhpur on a guided walk
- Walk with a local and witness village life in Chanoud
- Drive out to the salt pans at Chanoudgarh to witness a spectacular sunset and watch migratory birds
- Set off on a safari with the Rabari shepherds to spot the protected leopards of Bera and Jawai
- Marvel at the unparalleled beauty of the 15th century multi-spired temple set in Ranakpur
- Capture the different moods of Udaipur – its tranquility on a boat ride on the Lake Pichola; its beat and bustle on a tuk tuk ride; and its legacy on a city tour
- Learn the traditional art of Jal Sanjhi from a master artist (Optional)

JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DAY OF TRAVEL	DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	DURATION OF STAY
Day 01 & 02	Jodhpur	Ratan Vilas	Courtyard Superior	2 nights
Day 03 & 04	Chanoud	Chanoudgarh	Deluxe Suite	2 nights
Day 05 & 06	Bera	Bera Safari Lodge	Cottage	2 nights
Day 07 & 08	Udaipur	Fateh Niwas	Deluxe room	2 nights
Day 09	Departure from Delhi			

MAP



PERIOD OF OPERATION

The pricing for this itinerary has been worked out on the basis of rates for the period of operation from 01 OCT'2020 Till 31 Mar'2021 with exceptions as mentioned below.

1: Chanoudgarh Fort

Mandatory Festival Supplement for Diwali (13 -14 Nov'2020) & Holi Festival (28-29 Mar'2021)

Please refer to the pricing section for the supplement cost.

2: Beside that there might be mandatory festival supplement for Diwali (13/14 Nov'2020) & Holi Festival (28/29 Mar'2021) & on Dussehra (25 Oct 2020). Hotels generally finalize it closer to date. Supplement if any will be advised at the time of request.

GROUND TRANSPORT

Ground transportation will be provided using
 Deluxe Air-Conditioned Toyota Innova - For 02 paying participants
 Air-Conditioned Tempo Traveller - For 04 Paying Participants

Our vehicles are equipped with cold water and soft drinks, wet and dry tissues, hand-sanitizers.

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

DAY 01: ARRIVAL AT JODHPUR

Meal Inclusion: Dinner

Epitomizing the romance and feudal splendour of Rajasthan with the majestic Mehrangarh Fort towering over it, the city of Jodhpur was once a flourishing trade centre for opium, silk and copper. Jodhpur is the last bastion of fort ramparts, colourful bazaars, animated people with their storytelling traditions before the desert sands and dunes stretch away towards the horizon.

On arrival at Jodhpur check into your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Your stay in Jodhpur:

Ratan Vilas was built in 1920, by Maharaj Ratan Singhji of Raoti, a royal from Jodhpur. With its imposing yet delicately carved exterior and elegant interiors, the mansion is a genuine heritage edifice in a sylvan setting.

Website: [Ratan Vilas](#)

DAY 02: JODHPUR

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Dinner

Explore the city painted a brilliant shade of blue with our included activities –

Included activities:

Mehrangarh Fort – experience the beauty of this magnificent fortress and their exquisite museum collection. From coronation thrones to pleasure palaces and sunken gardens, the Mehrangarh Fort houses a citadel of immense grandeur.

Why so blue? Explore the older quarters of the Blue City's its quiet lanes, exquisite havelis, and pale 'onto the bazaars of the old city

We recommend lunch at The Step Well Café - The 3-tiered Café hovers above the step well with balconies opening onto the square. (cost not included)

Rooftop Thali Dinner at Pal Haveli.

DAY 03: JODHPUR/CHANOUD

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

About 02 hours away from Jodhpur is a small village of Chanoud, with a 300-year-old ancestral home, that welcomes guests to their warm and intimate place. Every detail to comfort and aesthetics considered in each suite of Chanoud Garh. Delightful, engaging, homely, describes your stay with the family who puts their heart and soul to your hospitality.

The charm of Chanoud Garh is in its simplicity, settle in to your comfortable suite or engage in conversations with your hosts who will give insights of the feudal days to the contemporary traditions.

Recommended activity:

Heritage Walk: Visit to the family museum and the durbar (main hall) which houses an extensive collection of old weapons, animal skins, ancient texts, paintings, snuff boxes, silver figurines and many more fascinating antiques.

Your stay in Chanod:

Chanoud Garh is an ancestral palace converted into a heritage stay. Sections of a family-owned palace have been painstakingly restored, and every detail to comfort and aesthetics has been considered, with each suite unique in its design.

Website: [Chanoud Garh](#)

DAY 04: CHANOUD

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Wake up to the chirping of birds, you may find a squirrel or two waiting to greet you a good morning. An unhurried day ahead to experience life around Chanoud Garh.

Included activities:

Life as it is – Set off on a walk with a village elder trailing past mud-and-brick houses, marketplaces & tradesmen alleys, the Chanod Fort and a village school, for an intimate insight into the people of Rajasthan.

Jeep Safari – The scarlet sky and thousands of flocking wintering migrants come to roost, as you make your way for an evening cup of tea in Pinkish-white salt pans- the life support systems of the desert biodiversity.

Optional: Chanoud Garh during Holi & Diwali

Celebrate Holi (festival of colours) or Diwali (festival of light) with the family - dress up in traditional attire, participate the various rituals and join in the merriment of the festivals.

DAY 05 & 06: BERA

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we drive (approximately 2 hours) to the land of leopards and shepherds – the village of Bera is untrammelled wilderness. Its deep gorges, for centuries, shared in harmony between the nomadic Rabari herdsmen and wildlife. Despite the complications of raising sheep in leopard territory, the tribe has a balanced view towards the leopards - and are stoic when some of their livestock is lost every year.

Included activities:

Leopard Safari – Into the wilderness of the rugged habitat of the Aravalis, looking for the mysterious felines with the Rabari shepherds who are brilliant spotters. We have included **02 safaris** – one in the afternoon of day 05 and one in the morning of day 06

Visit to a Rabari settlement – weave your way through the routines and rhythms of the lives of these resilient desert folks

Your stay in Bera:

Bera Safari Lodge is the perfect vantage point to explore the countryside where Rabari sheep herders live in harmony with the leopards. Large, private cottages, each with their own verandas. Bera Safari Lodge also offers safaris with an expert leopard tracker, Shatrunjay Pratap - who has played a significant role in the conservation of the leopards in this habitat.

Website: [Bera Safari Lodge](#)

DAY 07: RANAKPUR/ UDAIPUR

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast , Lunch

On the way to Udaipur today, we make a stop to the Ranakpur temples – set in a secluded, wooded valley of the Aravalli Hills. The 15th-century Ranakpur Temple’s grand scale, architectural complexity and sculptural ornamentation rank it among the finest examples of temple architecture. The main temple is dedicated to the founder of the Jainism and Ranakpur is one among five holy places for the Jain followers.

(Ranakpur Temple opens at 12 Noon)

Lunch will be at Ranakpur

Drive on to Udaipur. Check in at your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Your stay in Udaipur:

Fateh Niwas: A strategically located property, built on the ruins of old temples. Enjoy views of the city’s landmarks and the Aravalli hills from their rooftop pool and restaurant. Don’t miss out on their collection contemporary paintings!

Website: [Fateh Niwas](#)

DAY 08: UDAIPUR

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast, Dinner

An oasis of tranquility in the Aravalli Mountain range, serene lakes, beautiful gardens and magnificent palaces. Udaipur acclaims a nostalgia of poetic romanticism, immortalized in contemporary culture in iconic films from Jewel in the Crown, James Bond's Octopussy to Gandhi.

Included activities:

City Palace Complex – the largest palace in Rajasthan sprawled out over an area of 5 acres, built between the 16th and 20th centuries

Jagdish Temple - Marvel at the near-mathematical beauty of a three-storied wonder of architecture

Old city explorations – discover the various facets of markets and artists and artisans at work and end the trail with an exciting auto-rickshaw ride.

Boat ride on Lake Pichola – Listening to the lapping of the water alongside your boat, one of the most beautiful ways to take in the city of Udaipur.

We Recommend lunch at Royal Repast – for a glimpse of traditional Mewar cuisine

Optional: Painting Workshops - Jal Sanjhi and Miniature Art (at an additional cost)

Unlock the secrets of jal sanjhi, a rare, 200-year-old art form that involves painting on water, kept alive by one family in Udaipur. Udaipur is also known for its painting styles the Pichwai and the Phad, as also its Mughal miniatures. Meet with artists to learn the intricacies of these different art forms - and the rich narrative behind them and their depictions.

Dinner will be organized at hotel.

DAY 09: DEPARTURE FROM DELHI

Meal Inclusion: Breakfast

Pack your suitcases with the souvenirs you picked up along the way. The memories of the trip will keep you company on the long flight back home.

Fly from Jaipur to Delhi by Air Vistara UK628 departing at 15.20 / arrival 16.45

Connect your international flight. The memories of the trip will keep you company on the long flight back home.

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TABLE OF PRICES

Tour Cost	Price in Australian Dollars Per Person
Land Cost on Sharing Twin or Double	
02 Paying Participants	AUD 3500 Per Person
04 Paying Participants	AUD 2950 Per Person
Supplement for staying in Single Occupancy	AUD 1200 Per Person
Domestic Air (Udaipur-Delhi) in Economy Class (Subject to Change)	TBA
SUPPLEMENTS	
Chanoudgarh Festival : Diwali (13-14 Nov'2020) & Holi (28-29 Mar'2021)	AUD 150 Per Person
OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	
Jal Sanjhi Traditional art session at Udaipur	AUD 270 Net (Total)

All costs exclude international & domestic airfares as these are highly variable depending on the timing of flight bookings

Inclusions to Land Cost:

1. Accommodation for a total of 08 Nights as per hotel list and room category given below.
2. On MAP plan except at Chanoudgarh & Bera Safari Lodge which are on Full Board.
3. Ground Transportation by Air Conditioned vehicle as specified.
4. Services of English Speaking Local City Guide's as per itinerary.
5. Entrance Fee to Monuments.
6. Village walk & Jeep safari to the salt pan at Chanoudgarh
7. 02 Jeep safari at Bera to spot Leopard
8. Boat Ride on Lake Pichola at Udaipur
9. Mineral Water and Soft Drinks in the vehicles.
10. Still Camera Fee
11. Tip for baggage at hotel, Airport, Local Guide's, Driver & paid meals.

Exclusions to the Land Cost

1. International & Domestic Air Fare.
2. Personal nature like Laundry, Telephone, Internet, and Drinks etc.
3. All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
4. Travel and medical Insurance.
5. All expenses arising out of voluntary or involuntary re-routing of the program.
6. Video Camera fees at Monuments.

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