



# Essence of India — Golden Triangle with Extensions into Rajasthan

Best of India — Epic Indian Travel

India's most immersive royal journey— combining the iconic Golden Triangle of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur with a deep extension into the heart of Rajasthan: the Blue City of Jodhpur and the romantic City of Lakes, Udaipur. This 11-day adventure spans over 1,000 km and takes you through Mughal grandeur, Rajput heritage, sacred stepwells, a heritage train ride, Jain temples, and a shimmering lake palace.

## Golden Triangle

Delhi, Agra and Jaipur: UNESCO heritage, Mughal monuments, and the Pink City

## Royal Rajasthan

Jodhpur's Blue City, Pushkar's holy lake, and Udaipur's Lake Pichola

## Unique Experiences

Heritage train ride, Jain temples at Ranakpur, puppet show and Bhavai dance

Tour Route: 10 Nights / 11 Days • Delhi [2N] - Agra [1N] - Jaipur [2N] - Jodhpur [2N] - Udaipur [2N] - Delhi [1N]

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# Tour Highlights



## UNESCO Heritage Sites

Delhi, Agra (Taj Mahal) and Jaipur's iconic landmarks



## Old Delhi Rickshaw Ride

Weave through Chandni Chowk, Jama Masjid and Gurudwara Sees Ganj



## Taj Mahal Sunrise and Sunset

Witness the marble monument glow pink at dawn and gold at dusk



## Abhaneri Stepwell

One of the most beautiful and largest stepwells in the world



## Local Home Cooking and Dinner

Learn to cook traditional Rajasthani dishes with a local family in Jaipur



## Holy City of Pushkar

Stroll around Pushkar Lake and visit the sacred Brahma Temple



## Jeep Safari — Rural Marwar

Witness farming, weaving, pottery and Rajasthani desert life



## Tuk-Tuk Ride in Jodhpur

Explore the Blue City's Ghantaghar (Clock Tower) area



## Valley Queen Heritage Train

Scenic heritage train ride through royal Rajasthan landscapes



## Jain Temples at Ranakpur

1,444 unique lyrcarved marble pillars in a 15th-century masterpiece



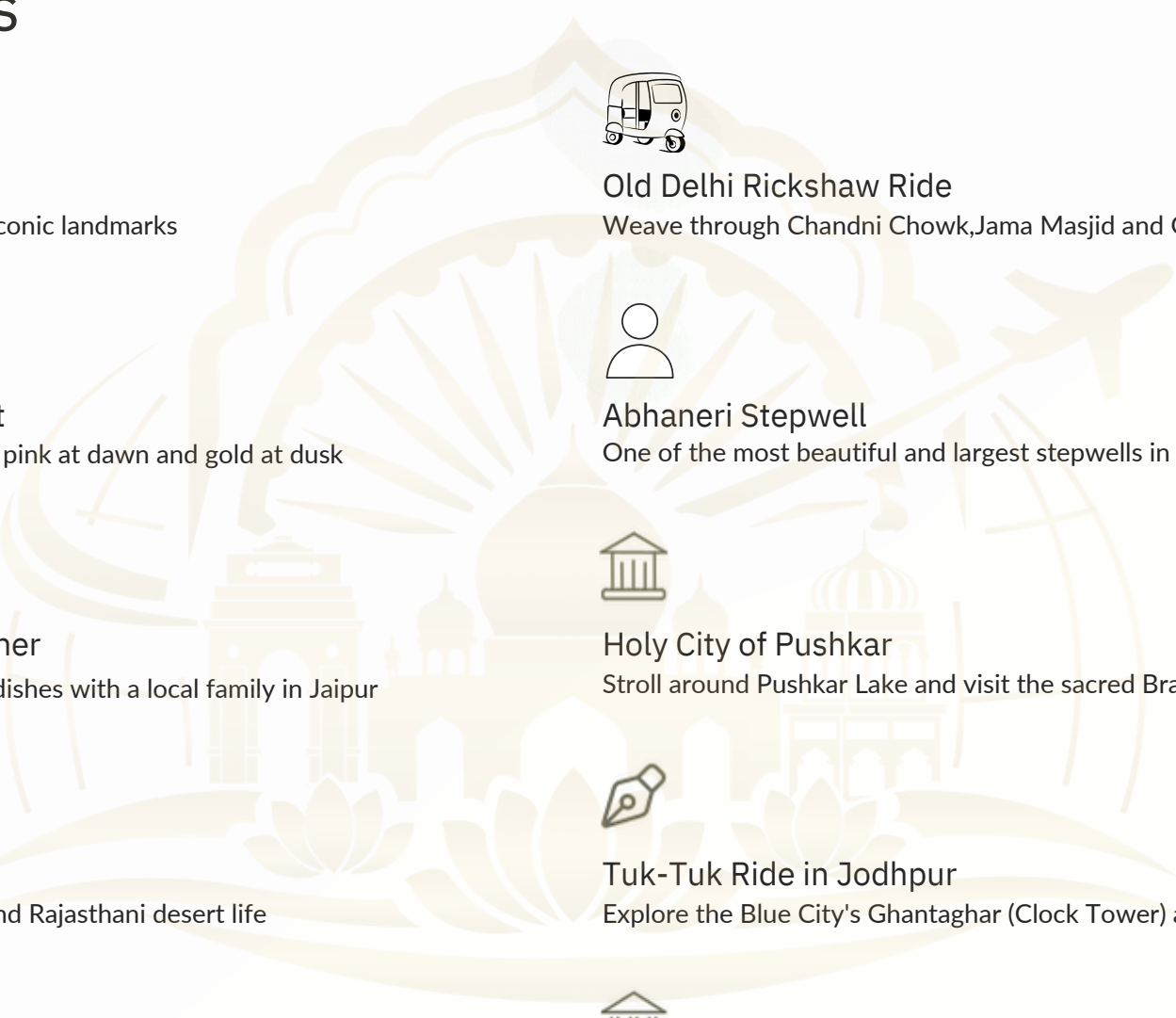
## Puppet Show and Bhavai Dance

Traditional Rajasthani performance satBagore ki Haveli, Udaipur



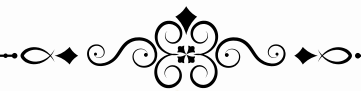
## Boat Ride at Lake Pichola

Glide across Udaipur's iconic lake with views of the City Palace



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DAY 01

# Arrive Delhi

Delhi, India's modern capital, is an ancient city tracing its origins in legend – dotted with hundreds of landmarks and offering more than a millennium of history in stone.

**01**  
**Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport**  
You'll arrive at Delhi, the capital city of India, at Indira Gandhi International Airport – one of the busiest airports in the country and seventh busiest worldwide, handling almost 68 million passengers annually. Your customs and immigration formalities will take approximately an hour.

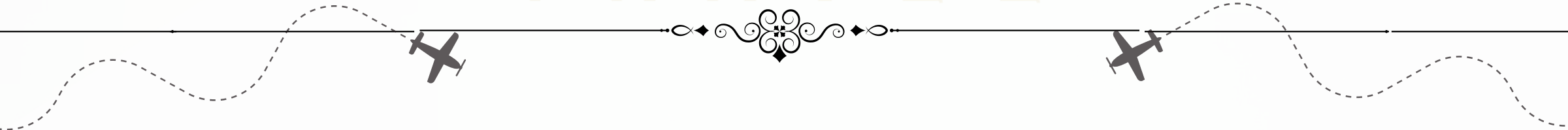
**02**  
**Meet Your Representative**  
You'll be greeted and met by our representative just after baggage collection, holding the company's paging board with your name on it. Our team will ensure a smooth and warm welcome to India.

**03**  
**Transfer to Hotel in Delhi**  
You'll be assisted and transferred to your hotel in Delhi in a private air-conditioned vehicle. Check in, freshen up, and relax after your journey. Overnight stay at the hotel in Delhi.

**Overnight**  
Delhi [Night 1 of 2]

**Meals**  
No meals included on arrival day

**Transport**  
Private air-conditioned vehicle from airport to hotel



DAY 02

# Delhi Sightseeing

## Morning

- Lodhi Gardens 4 A 90-acre historic garden dotted with the tombs of the Sayyid and Lodi dynasties (15th-16th century). A favourite morning walk spot for Delhi's residents, joggers and yoga enthusiasts. The garden is beautifully landscaped with flowering trees and ancient monuments.
- Humayun's Tomb 4 Built in 1570 by Empress Bega Begum, this was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and is considered a direct predecessor of the Taj Mahal. A UNESCO World Heritage Site of immense cultural significance.
- Qutab Minar 4 Built at the site of Lal Kot, the first city of Delhi, this 73-metre minaret is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that marks the arrival of Islamic rule in India. The surrounding complex includes the Iron Pillar, which has stood rust-free for over 1,600 years.

## Afternoon

- Lunch at a restaurant of your choice (your city guide will assist with recommendations)
- Drive past the legacy of British Raj 4 President's House (Rashtrapati Bhavan), Parliament House, India Gate (war memorial to 70,000 Indian soldiers), Raj Path (King's Way), Janpath (Queen's Way), government bungalows and Connaught Place
- Reach Old Delhi and explore the old city by walking or rickshaw ride through its labyrinthine lanes

## Old Delhi Highlights

- Jama Masjid 4 The largest mosque in India, built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan between 1644 and 1656. Its courtyard can hold up to 25,000 worshippers.
- Gurudwara Sees Ganj Sahib 4 A revered Sikh temple built to commemorate the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, in 1675.
- Chandni Chowk 4 One of the oldest and busiest markets in India, home to silversmiths, repair shops, clothiers, spicy street food vendors and traditional sweetmeat shops. A sensory overload of smells, sights and sounds.
- Explore not just the bazaar but the entire cultural landscape of Old Delhi 4 an experience that will leave you overwhelmed and enchanted.

## Evening (Optional)

- Visit Akshardham Temple 4 a stunning modern Hindu temple complex on the banks of the Yamuna, known for its intricate stone carvings and cultural exhibitions
- Or stroll through Dilli Haat 4 an open-air craft bazaar showcasing handicrafts, textiles and cuisines from across India
- Dinner at a restaurant of your choice or at the hotel. Overnight in Delhi.



DAY 03

# Delhi to Agra

220 km • 3.5 Hours Drive

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## Breakfast and Departure

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, check out and drive to Agra for approximately 3.5 hours in your private air-conditioned vehicle along the Yamuna Expressway.

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## Arrive Agra – City of the Taj Mahal

Arrive in Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal, and check in at your hotel. Enjoy lunch at your hotel or a restaurant of your choice – your driver will assist you with recommendations.

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## Agra Fort

Built by three generations of Mughal Emperors – Akbar built the massive red sandstone walls and gates, his grandson Shah Jahan erected many of the ethereal marble buildings inside, and his great-grandson Aurangzeb built the outer ramparts. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a living chronicle of Mughal power and artistry.

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## Itimad-ud-Daulah (Baby Taj)

A Mughal mausoleum located on the western bank of the Yamuna River. Built between 1622 and 1628 by Empress Nur Jahan for her father Mirza Ghiyas Beg. Also known as the Jewel Box or Baby Taj, it is considered a draft of the Taj Mahal – the first Mughal structure to be built entirely of marble with pietra dura inlay work.

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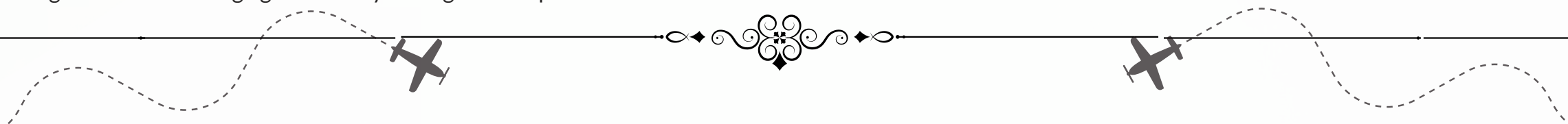
## Sunset View of Taj Mahal from Mehtab Bagh

After visiting the monuments, enjoy a breathtaking sunset view of the Taj Mahal from the other side of the Yamuna River at Mehtab Bagh (Moonlight Garden). Watch the white marble monument turn golden in the fading light – a truly unforgettable spectacle.

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## Dinner and Overnight in Agra

Before returning to the hotel, enjoy your dinner at a restaurant of your choice or at your hotel itself. Overnight stay at the hotel in Agra.



DAY 04

# Agra to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri and Abhaneri Stepwell

250 km • 4.5 Hours Drive

## Morning — Taj Mahal at Sunrise

- Early morning, meet your city guide and driver for a sunrise view of the Taj Mahal — watch the white marble monument glow pink and gold as the sun rises over the Yamuna. Note: Taj Mahal remains closed every Friday for visitors.
- Return to the hotel for breakfast, then check out and begin the drive to Jaipur in your private vehicle.

## En Route — Fatehpur Sikri

- Visit Fatehpur Sikri — the abandoned Mughal Capital City built by Emperor Akbar in 1571 and deserted just 14 years later, possibly due to water scarcity. A UNESCO World Heritage Site frozen in time. Allow approximately 2 additional hours for the visit.
- Highlights include the Buland Darwaza (Gate of Magnificence) — at 54 metres, one of the tallest gateways in the world — the Jama Masjid, Panch Mahal, and the tomb of Sufi saint Salim Chishti.

## Afternoon — Abhaneri Stepwell

- Lunch at a popular restaurant along the way
- Visit the Abhaneri Stepwell (Chand Baori) — one of the most beautiful and largest stepwells in the world, built in the 9th century by King Chanda of the Nikumbha dynasty. It descends 13 storeys into the earth with 3,500 narrow steps arranged in perfect geometric symmetry. The temperature at the bottom is several degrees cooler than at the surface.

## Evening — Arrive Jaipur

- Arrive in Jaipur, the Pink City of India, by early evening. Check in at your hotel and relax.
- Tonight, visit a local home for an interactive Indian cooking demonstration — learn to prepare traditional Rajasthani dishes and enjoy dinner with the host family. A warm, authentic and unforgettable experience.
- After dinner, return to your hotel for an overnight stay in Jaipur.

# Jaipur Sightseeing – The Pink City

## Monuments and Palaces

- Amer Fort 4 The traditional fortress of the Kacchawaha Rajput kings at Amber, perched on a hillside overlooking Maota Lake. A beautiful citadel rich in stories of valor, built in the 16th century. Highlights include the Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors), Diwan-i-Khas, and the ornate Ganesh Pol gateway. Ascend by jeep or on foot.
- City Palace Museum 4 Still partially home to Jaipur's royal family. A royal residence and former administrative headquarters of the rulers of Jaipur state. Houses the Mubarak Mahal (textile museum), Sileh Khana (armoury), and the famous giant silver urns 4 the largest silver objects in the world.
- Jantar Mantar (Observatory) 4 A UNESCO World Heritage Site. A collection of 19 astronomical instruments built by Rajput king Sawai Jai Singh II, the founder of Jaipur, in 1734. Contains the Samrat Yantra 4 the world's largest sundial, accurate to within 2 seconds.
- Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) 4 The iconic five-storey pink sandstone facade with 953 small windows (jharokhas), designed in 1799 for royal ladies to observe street life unseen. Built from red and pink sandstone, it is one of Jaipur's most recognisable landmarks.

## The Walled City

- After lunch, continue sightseeing through the walled city of Jaipur 4 you will be shown not only the monuments and palaces of this legendary wealthy city, but also the temples, crafts and guilds patronized by the rulers.
- Stroll through the colourful bazaars 4 explore spices, sweets, lac bangles, blue pottery and block-printed textiles in the vibrant lanes of the Pink City.
- Rickshaw ride through the walled city 4 weave through the bustling streets and soak in the atmosphere of this living heritage city.

## Optional Morning Activities

- Hot air balloon ride 4 drift silently above Hawa Mahal, Amber Fort and Samode Palace for a breathtaking 360-degree view of the Pink City at sunrise. Flights last approximately 45-60 minutes, subject to weather conditions.
- Bathe the Elephants at Dera Amer 4 an ethical elephant experience on the outskirts of Jaipur; meet, scrub and feed the resident elephants at the waterhole.  
Dinner at a restaurant of your choice. Overnight in Jaipur.



DAY 06

# Jaipur to Jodhpur via Pushkar

325 km • 5.5 Hours Drive

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## Breakfast and Check-Out

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. Optional morning activities available before check-out: hot air balloon ride above the Pink City, or bathe the elephants at Dera Amer. In time, check out from the hotel and meet your driver for the drive to Jodhpur — popularly known as the Blue City.

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## Stop at Pushkar — The Holy City

In route to Jodhpur, make a stop at the sacred city of Pushkar — one of the oldest cities in India and home to the only Brahma Temple in the world. Stroll around the serene Pushkar Lake, one of the five sacred dhams (pilgrimage sites) in Hinduism, lined with 52 bathing ghats and over 400 temples. The town has a unique, spiritual atmosphere unlike anywhere else in Rajasthan.

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## Lunch at Pushkar

Enjoy lunch at one of Pushkar's popular restaurants — the town is known for its vegetarian cuisine and rooftop cafes with views over the lake. Post lunch, resume the drive to Jodhpur.

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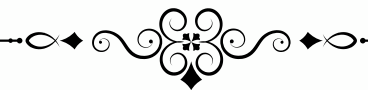
## Arrive Jodhpur — The Blue City

Arrive in Jodhpur by early evening. Named after its founder Rao Jodha, the city is famous for its blue-painted houses clustered around the mighty Mehrangarh Fort. Check in at your hotel and relax.

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## Dinner at a Rooftop Restaurant

Late in the evening, your driver will take you out for dinner at a rooftop restaurant with views of the illuminated Mehrangarh Fort and the Blue City spread below — a magical setting. Overnight stay in Jodhpur.



# Jodhpur Sightseeing – The Blue City

## Morning – Jeep Safari to Rural Marwar

- Early in the morning, meet your guide and driver for a Jeep Safari to see the villages of rural Marwar – a fascinating glimpse into Rajasthani desert life far from the tourist trail.
- You'll get a glimpse of farming, weaving, pottery and other traditional activities carried out by the Bishnoi and other communities of the Marwar region – people who have lived in harmony with nature for centuries.
- After the jeep safari, return to the hotel for breakfast (optionally, request a packed breakfast to take along on the jeep ride).

## Monuments

- Mehrangarh Fort – Founded in 1459 AD by Rao Jodha, after whom the city is named. One of the largest forts in India, perched 122 metres above the city on a rocky outcrop. The fort has many stories and legends, and the views of the Blue City spread below are breathtaking. The museum inside houses an outstanding collection of palanquins, howdahs, royal cradles, miniature paintings and arms.
- Jaswant Thada – A white marble cenotaph built in 1899 in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II of Jodhpur. The translucent marble glows in the sunlight and the surrounding gardens offer peaceful views of the fort.
- Umaid Bhavan Palace – India's last great palace, constructed between 1928 and 1943 in Indo-Art-Deco style. Umaid Bhavan was the world's largest private residence when it opened in 1944 as a royal residence. Part of the palace is now a heritage hotel; the museum wing is open to visitors.

## Afternoon

- Lunch at one of Jodhpur's popular restaurants – the city is famous for its Mirchi Bada (chilli fritters), Mawa Kachori and Dal Baati Churma.
- Return to the hotel for rest and relaxation.

## Evening – The Blue City on Foot

- Your guide will take you to the Brahmapuri area for a walk through the iconic blue-painted lanes of the old city – the blue colour traditionally indicated Brahmin households and also helps keep the interiors cool.
- Auto Tuk-Tuk ride through the Ghantaghar (Clock Tower) area – one of the largest and busiest areas of Jodhpur, surrounded by vibrant spice markets and bazaars.
- Dinner at one of the popular restaurants in Jodhpur. Overnight stay in Jodhpur.

# Jodhpur to Udaipur – Valley Queen Heritage Train via Ranakpur

01

## Early Departure – Board the Valley Queen Heritage Train

Today have an early breakfast at the hotel or ask for a packed breakfast. Leave the hotel by 6:30 AM and drive 1.5 hours to Marwar Junction Station to board the Valley Queen Heritage Train (Train No. 00961) for Kamli Station. Departing at 8:30 AM and arriving at Kamli Station at 11:00 AM, this scenic train journey is available only on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Executive Chair Seats will be provided for your comfort. Take the necessary luggage with you on the train and keep the rest in the car, which will meet you at the station after the ride.

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## Drive to Udaipur via Ranakpur

Meet your driver at Kamli Station and drive approximately 4 hours to Udaipur – popularly known as the City of Lakes. The journey unfolds through the scenic Aravalli hills, with changing landscapes, quiet rural stretches and glimpses of Rajasthan's timeless countryside.

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## Lunch at Ranakpur

After visiting the Jain temple, enjoy lunch at one of the popular restaurants in Ranakpur. Post lunch, resume the drive to Udaipur refreshed and ready for the next chapter of your journey.

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## The Valley Queen Experience

The Valley Queen isn't just a train – it's a trip down memory lane. The tracks it runs on are steeped in history, constructed with the assistance of two royal families before India's independence: the section from Mavli Junction to Phulad was built under the Maharana of Mewar (Udaipur), while the stretch from Marwar Junction to Phulad was a vision of the Maharaja of Marwar (Jodhpur). Special features include seats that rotate up to 360 degrees for panoramic views, the ability for tourists to request the train to stop anywhere during the journey, and large windows on both sides to ensure full scenic enjoyment. Along the way, take in views of the beautiful Bhil Beri waterfall, and enjoy food and beverages available on board at additional cost.

04

## Jain Temples at Ranakpur

En route, stop to visit the magnificent Jain Temple at Ranakpur – dedicated to Tirthankara (Spiritual Leader) Rishabhanatha. Spread over 4,500 square yards and consisting of 29 halls, the temple was built in the 15th century during the reign of Rajput monarch Rana Kumbha. It is supported by 1,444 marble pillars, each carved in exquisite detail – no two pillars are the same. Widely regarded as one of the finest examples of Jain temple architecture in the world, it is a masterpiece of symmetry, devotion and craftsmanship.

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## Arrive Udaipur – City of Lakes

Arrive in Udaipur by early evening. Check in at your hotel and relax. Later in the evening, your driver will take you out for dinner at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the shimmering lakes – a romantic and unforgettable setting. Overnight stay in Udaipur.

# Udaipur Sightseeing – City of Lakes

## Morning Sightseeing

- City Palace – The iconic palace complex on the eastern bank of Lake Pichola, built over nearly 400 years by successive Maharanas of Mewar. Its grandeur and intricacy are stroked all over in granite, marble and mosaic tiles, displaying sparkling white filigreed balconies and stained-glass windows that reflect onto the surface of the lake below. The palace will amaze with its exquisite interiors: detailed mirrorwork, unique miniature paintings, colourful murals, antique furniture and marble carvings.
- Jagdish Temple – A large Hindu temple in the middle of the city, built by Maharana Jagat Singh I in 1651 CE. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, it is an outstanding example of Indo-Aryan architecture and a great indicator of the fusion of architecture and art. The temple is still an active place of worship.
- Vintage and Classic Car Collection – A museum of vintage vehicles belonging to the Mewar royal family, including a 1934 Rolls-Royce Phantom used to transport the Maharana. A must-see for antique connoisseurs.

## Afternoon

- Boat ride at Lake Pichola – Glide across the shimmering lake with views of the City Palace, Jag Mandir and the Aravalli hills. Optional lunch at Jag Mandir (Lake Garden Palace) – a 17th-century island palace on Lake Pichola; prior reservation required.
- Sahelion Ki Bari (Garden of the Maidens) – A spectacular ornamental garden built by Maharana Sangram Singh II in the 18th century for the royal ladies of the court. Features fountains, kiosks, marble elephants and a lotus pool.

## Evening – Culture and Performing Arts

- Bagore ki Haveli – A magnificent 18th-century haveli on the banks of Lake Pichola, now a museum and cultural centre. Attend the evening Puppet Show – this area of Rajasthan boasts a proud heritage of puppet shows, and the stories told through the puppets are worth seeing.
- Bhavai Dance at Dharohar – Witness the Bhavai dance, the last but longest performance by a single artist. Historically, Bhavai dance originates from the desert area of Rajasthan, where women often walked miles to fetch water from wells or oases. The dancer balances multiple brass pots on her head while performing intricate footwork – a breathtaking display of skill and grace.
- Dinner at one of the popular restaurants near the lakeside. Overnight stay in Udaipur.

DAY 10 3 11

## Fly Udaipur to Delhi — Depart

### Day 10 — Fly Udaipur to Delhi

- Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel.
- In time, transfer to Udaipur Airport (Maharana Pratap Airport) to board the flight for Delhi. Flight: Indigo 6E 5184 · Departs 09:55 / Arrives 11:15 hrs).
- Arrive at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport and meet our representative.
- Transfer to a hotel close to the airport for check-in and relaxation.
- Enjoy a farewell dinner at a restaurant of your choice & a final taste of India's rich cuisine before your onward journey. Overnight stay at the hotel in Delhi.

### Day 11 — Depart Delhi

- In time, transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport to board your international flight for your onward destination.
- End of our services. We hope you carry home memories of India's colours, flavours and warmth that will last a lifetime.

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02

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We'll put together a personalised itinerary tailored to your interests and travel style.

03

## Customise to Your Needs

Review and let us know any changes – we'll refine it until it's perfect.

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## We Share the Costs

Once finalised, we'll send you a detailed cost breakdown.

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## Confirm and We Book

On your approval, we arrange all hotel bookings and ground arrangements.

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## Advance Deposit

After hotel confirmation, 50% advance deposit of land costs required, plus 100% of flight costs.

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## Balance Payment

Remaining 50% of land costs payable 65 days prior to your holiday.

