



7 Days / 6 Nights Rajasthan Responsible Tourism Tours (R003)

(Delhi/Jodhpur/Jaisalmer/Manvar/Jodhpur Airport/Delhi)

About this tour:

This trip focuses on the desert and its people; you'll see the changing yellows of the Thar desert give way to the blue roofs in Jodhpur. We'll visit many forts that remind us of the glorious history of Rajasthan and its rulers. There are distinct vestiges of the Rajputs, warriors that claimed to originate from the sun, moon and fire who inhabited this area for over a thousand years. Although they lost their status and wealth with the arrival of the British, they left behind a rich heritage. Fortunately, we can still see some striking examples of their architecture, culture and way of life - converted into heritage hotels, lying as ruins, or preserved in museums.

Day One (Delhi)

Upon arrival in Delhi, transfer to your Hotel / Homestay for check-in at 12 noon. In the afternoon, embark on a combined tour of Old and New Delhi.

Day Two (Delhi-Jodhpur airport)

Transfer to airport for flight to Jodhpur, The Blue City. Upon arrival, check into Mandore Guest House, a resort in Mandore. Spend time with the hosts, who will give you an insight into what Jodhpur is all about. In the afternoon, visit Mehrangarh Fort and the Clock Tower.





Day Five (Jaisalmer)

Visit Jaisalmer Fort and Haveli, and the Gadisar tank. Then, visit Achala Village in the afternoon. View the pastoral life of this village, and in particular, the shepherd community. On the trip back to the hotel, stop en route at LPPS, an NGO spearheading conservation of pastoral animals like camels.

Day Six (Jaisalmer-Manvar)

In the morning, we will drive to Manvar, a beautiful resort almost midway on the Jaisalmer-Jodhpur route. Options to stay in tents are available. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Day Seven (Manvar-Jodhpur Airport)

Transfer to Jodhpur airport for your onward flight.

How responsible is this tour?

Environmentally: Accommodations chosen are small, practise Responsible Tourism, and minimise damage to the surrounding ecology. Cars used are all properly tuned. We request our guests to minimise the use of plastic bottles. Interacting with the Bishnoi tribes - the original environmentalists in Jodhpur - gives you a new perspective on vegetarianism.

Socially and economically: We promote responsible shopping in Rajasthan. Buy local handicrafts directly from the artists to ensure that the artists receive every penny. We also promote home stays so that the locals can reap the direct benefits. There's no better way to learn about the Rajasthani culture than to stay with an ordinary family, enjoying their home-cooked meals! Visits to rural Rajasthan bring economic opportunities to the locals.

Day Three (Jodhpur)

Cycle around the city or visit Bishnoi village, where you can participate in some community projects which have touched the lives of villagers around Jodhpur.

Day Four (Jodhpur-Jaisalmer)

We drive you to Jaisalmer where you will check into your hotel near the Fort. In the evening, visit Desert Camel Safari at Khuri sand dunes to catch beautiful views of the sunset over the desert.