



KINGDOMS OF THAR DESERT

13 Nights / 14 Days

“Kingdoms of Thar Desert” is a bespoke journey curated by **The Indian Bucket List**, offering an exquisite 13 Nights / 14 days exploration of Rajasthan's rich heritage, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes. This luxurious itinerary includes visits to Jaipur, Shekhawati, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jodhpur and Udaipur each destination providing unique experiences that capture the essence of Rajasthan.

Jaipur : Begin your journey in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, known for its magnificent palaces, forts, and vibrant bazaars. Explore the iconic Amber Fort, the ornate City Palace, and the intriguing Hawa Mahal. Delve into the local culture with a visit to the bustling markets and savor traditional Rajasthani cuisine.

Shekhawati : known for its rich cultural heritage and stunning frescoed havelis (mansions). This open-air art gallery boasts intricately painted walls depicting scenes from mythology, folklore, and everyday life, showcasing the artistic prowess of local craftsmen. The region's vibrant colors, intricate designs, and architectural marvels make Shekhawati a paradise for art and history enthusiasts.

Bikaner : Journey to Bikaner, known for its forts and palaces. Visit Junagarh Fort, Lalgarh Palace, and Karni Mata Temple.- Explore the vibrant markets of Bikaner

Jaisalmer : Explore the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort and Patwon ki Haveli. Enjoy a camel safari in the sand dunes of the Thar Desert. Visit Gadisar Lake, Bada Bagh, and Jain Temples. Explore the local markets and handicrafts of Jaisalmer

Barmer : Journey to Barmer, known for its traditional handicrafts and folk music. - Visit the ancient temples and forts of Barmer. Experience the local Rajasthani cuisine and cultural performances

Jodhpur : Visit Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, and Umaid Bhawan Palace. Explore the vibrant markets and bazaars of Jodhpur

Udaipur : Visit City Palace, Jagdish Temple, and Saheliyon ki Bari. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola and visit the Jag Mandir Palace. Explore the beautiful gardens of Udaipur like Gulab Bagh and Fateh Sagar Lake. Visit the Monsoon Palace and Vintage Car Museum.

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Day 01 & 02

JAIPUR

Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan, India, is known for its vibrant culture, rich history, and stunning architecture. Often referred to as the "Pink City" due to the color of its buildings, Jaipur is a popular tourist destination renowned for its majestic forts, palaces, and bustling markets. Visitors can explore iconic landmarks such as the Hawa Mahal, Amer Fort, and City Palace, which showcase the city's royal heritage and architectural splendor. Jaipur is also famous for its traditional handicrafts, colorful textiles, and delectable cuisine, offering a sensory feast for travelers. With its blend of history, culture, and modern amenities, Jaipur captivates visitors with its timeless charm and hospitality.

Activity 01

Amber Fort, Jaigarh Fort, Nahargarh Fort, City Palace, Observatory and Heritage walk



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEMPLE



MUSEUM

Day 03

SHEKHAWATI

Shekhawati is a region in the northern part of Rajasthan, India, known for its rich cultural heritage and stunning frescoed havelis (mansions). This open-air art gallery boasts intricately painted walls depicting scenes from mythology, folklore, and everyday life. Shekhawati's architectural marvels, adorned with vibrant colors and intricate designs, offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the region's wealthy merchants and nobles during the 18th and 19th centuries. Visitors to Shekhawati can wander through the narrow lanes of its towns and villages, marveling at the exquisite frescoes that adorn the facades of these historic buildings, making it a paradise for art and history enthusiasts.

Activity 01

Heritage Walk, Shekhawati Havelis & Museum



HISTORIAL SITE



COOKING



TEMPLE



MUSEUM

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Day 04 BIKANER

Bikaner, located in the desert state of Rajasthan, India, is a city steeped in history and culture. Founded in the late 15th century by Rao Bika, a Rajput prince and the son of Rao Jodha (the founder of Jodhpur), Bikaner has a rich heritage that reflects a blend of Rajput and Mughal influences. The city is renowned for its magnificent forts, palaces, and temples, showcasing exquisite architecture and intricate craftsmanship.

Bikaner flourished as a prominent trading center on the ancient Silk Route, attracting merchants and travelers from far and wide. The city's strategic location on the trade route contributed to its prosperity and cultural exchange, leaving behind a legacy of vibrant bazaars, bustling markets, and a diverse culinary tradition.

Activity 01

Karni Temple and Lakshmi Niwas Palace, and Jorbeer Vulture Conservation Reserve



HISTORICAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEMPLE



MUSEUM

Day 05 BIKANER

City in the heart of Rajasthan, offers a rich tapestry of history, culture, and architecture for the discerning traveler. Known for its stunning red sandstone structures, the city is home to the magnificent Junagarh Fort, which boasts intricate carvings and a fascinating museum. Explore the bustling local markets, where traditional handicrafts, textiles, and spices abound, offering a taste of authentic Rajasthani culture.

The city's culinary scene, featuring local delicacies such as Bikaneri bhujia and various sweets, adds to the overall experience. Bikaner's blend of historical significance, cultural richness, and culinary delights makes it an ideal destination for travelers seeking an immersive experience in Rajasthan.

Activity 01

Junagarh Fort, Old city, vegetable market, Jain Temple and Camel Research Farm



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HERITAGE WALK



TEMPLE



MUSEUM

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Day 06 & 07 JAISALMER

Jaisalmer, located in the heart of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan, India, is a historic city known for its magnificent sandstone architecture and rich cultural heritage. Founded in 1156 AD by Maharawal Jaisal, the city served as a strategic trading post on the ancient Silk Route, connecting India to Central Asia and beyond.

Jaisalmer is famous for its stunning golden fort, which rises majestically from the desert landscape. The fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and houses a vibrant living community within its walls, with narrow lanes, intricately carved havelis (mansions), and ornate Jain temples.

Activity 01 & 02

Jaisalmer Fort, Gadisar lake, Bada Bagh, Vyas Cenotaphs and Desert National Park.



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEXTILE



WILDLIFE

Day 08 BARMER

Barmer, located in the western state of Rajasthan, India, has a rich historical heritage dating back to ancient times. The region has been inhabited by various communities and dynasties, including the Rajputs, the Mughals, and the Rathores. Barmer was once part of the ancient kingdom of Jaisalmer and later came under the rule of the Rathore clan of Marwar.

The town of Barmer is known for its vibrant culture, traditional crafts, and architectural marvels such as the Barmer Fort and the Kiradu Temples. Over the centuries, Barmer has been a flourishing center of trade, particularly in textiles, handicrafts, and agricultural produce. The town's historical significance and cultural diversity make it a fascinating destination for travelers seeking to explore Rajasthan's vibrant past and present.

Activity 01

Kiradu Temple Complex and Azrakh Textile



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEXTILE

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Day 09 & 10 JODHPUR

Jodhpur offers travelers a captivating journey through Rajasthan's rich history and architectural heritage. Explore the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, a towering fortress that offers panoramic views of the city below. The intricate carvings, expansive courtyards, and ornate palaces within the fort provide a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle of the rulers of Marwar. Visit the ancient Mandore Gardens, home to a collection of cenotaphs, temples, and memorials dedicated to the rulers of the Marwar region. The architectural beauty of the red sandstone cenotaphs and the serene surroundings of the gardens create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere for visitors to explore.

Activity 01 & 02

Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Mandore Garden, Umaid Palace Museum and Heritage Walk



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



TEXTILE



MUSEUM

Day 11 RANAKPUR

Ranakpur is a village located in the Pali district of Rajasthan, India, renowned for its exquisite Jain temples. The main attraction in Ranakpur is the Chaumukha Temple, dedicated to Adinath, the first Tirthankara of Jainism. Built in the 15th century, the temple is a masterpiece of marble architecture, featuring intricate carvings, domes, and pillars that showcase the skill and craftsmanship of the artisans of that era.

Ranakpur holds a significant place in Jain religious history and is considered one of the five most important pilgrimage sites for Jains. The serene surroundings of Ranakpur, nestled amidst the Aravalli hills, add to the spiritual ambiance of the place, making it a tranquil retreat for visitors seeking solace and enlightenment.

Activity 01

Ranakpur Temple Complex and Trekking



WILDLIFE



HISTORIAL SITE



TREK

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Day 12 & 13 UDAIPUR

Udaipur offers travelers a glimpse into the rich history and cultural heritage of the city. The Crystal Gallery showcases a stunning collection of crystal artifacts, including furniture, chandeliers, and decorative items, providing a luxurious and opulent experience for visitors. The City Palace Museum is a treasure trove of artifacts, paintings, and royal memorabilia that offer insights into the lifestyle and traditions of the Mewar dynasty.

Activity 01

Crystal Gallery, City Palace Museum, Vintage Car Museum and Jagdish Temple

Activity 02

Sajjangarh Palace & Mewar School of Miniature Painting



HISTORIAL SITE



HERITAGE WALK



ART



MUSEUM

Day 14 UDAIPUR

On the final day of your unforgettable journey, "Kingdoms of Thar Desert" you have a full day at your leisure to relax, reflect, and absorb the experiences of the past eleven days. This day is designed for you to unwind, indulge in personal interests, and make the most of your remaining time in this captivating region.

Journey ends - Transfer to Udaipur International Airport for flight home.



SHOPPING



ART



SPA

Thank you for joining **The Indian Bucket List** on "Kingdoms of Thar Desert" journey. It was a pleasure to have you with us, exploring the rich cultural heritage and vibrant landscapes of Rajasthan.

We hope you enjoyed the experience and made cherished memories along the way. Wishing you safe travels ahead and we look forward to welcoming you on another adventure soon.

Warm regards,

The **Indian** Bucket List Team