



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Signature India & the Riches of Rajasthan 2019

12 days from \$8,395

Private Journey

On this extraordinary independent journey, explore vibrant Rajasthan, the cultural heartland of northwest India, where you meet talented local artisans; visit stunning fortresses, palaces and temples as well as the Taj Mahal; and stay in world-renowned luxury hotels.

A&K Advantages

Journey through Rajasthan - the cultural heartland of northwest India - exploring magnificent temples, staying in world-renowned luxury properties, and experiencing colorful tribal culture

Enjoy the exceptional luxury, world-class service and impeccable grounds of several Oberoi hotels

Tour the soaring Ranakpur Jain Temple, with its dozens of marble columns that support intricately carved marble domes

Witness traditional craftsmanship, from pottery throwing to intricate weaving techniques, on a visit to a rural Bishnoi village.

Experience the Taj Mahal at both sunset and sunrise, watching its marble face change in color with the shifting light

Revel in the Art Deco decor and incomparably luxurious atmosphere of Umaid Bhawan Palace, named by Trip Advisor as the best hotel in the world in 2016

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN DELHI, INDIA

Arrive in Delhi, India's historic capital city, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious and recently refurbished hotel.

The Oberoi, New Delhi

DAY 2 DELHI | DISCOVERING THE OLD & THE NEW

Begin your exploration of Delhi as you drive past the Red Fort en route to the great Jama Masjid, the largest and most important mosque in India. Move among locals engaged in daily prayer, admiring the Mosque's two soaring minarets, each over 130 feet tall. Then, set off on an exciting rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of Chandni Chowk bazaar — one of the oldest and busiest markets in Delhi, frequented by locals and visitors alike. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb, an architectural precursor of the Taj Mahal. Also view the India Gate, a towering triumphal arch; drive along the Rajpath, or King's Way, a broad ceremonial boulevard; and see the presidential residence of Rashtrapati Bhawan. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 JODHPUR | HISTORY UNFOLDS AT THE MEHRANGARH FORT

Fly to Jodhpur and transfer to your hotel, a spectacular Art Deco retreat built in the 1930s. Begin the day's explorations at Mehrangarh Fort, which stands atop a rocky cliff 400 feet above the city. Enter one of its seven fortified gateways, touring its museum and palaces. Descending toward town, stop at Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph remembering the former maharajas and maharanis of Jodhpur. This evening, return to your hotel for an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the in-house spa facilities.

Umaid Bhawan Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 JODHPUR | FROM THE "BLUE CITY" TO TRIBAL INDIA

Set out to explore a Bishnoi village and experience rural Rajasthan's legendary history and customs. Witness a traditional medicinal ceremony; visit with a family of potters as they demonstrate their craft; and see the phenomenal pattern work created by local weavers of traditional rugs. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, travel like a local by auto rickshaw to the old town of Jodhpur, stroll its bazaars, and visit the local markets.

Umaid Bhawan Palace | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 UDAIPUR | TRANQUIL WATERS & HISTORIC SITES

Drive across the Aravalli Hills, one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world, passing age-old farms and vibrantly clothed locals, en route to Udaipur. Stop in Ranakpur to visit one of the most sacred sites of the Jain faith — a 15th-century temple carved from marble slabs that were transported long distances and hidden from invaders among the forested hillsides. View this grand temple, known as Chaumukha, with its more than 1,400 marble pillars and intricately carved interior domes, and take in the wealth of detail in its soaring architecture. Next, enjoy lunch under a banyan tree at Mountbatten Lodge, a luxurious oasis set among the rolling hills. This evening, arrive in Udaipur and check in to your multi-award winning hotel set on the 200-year-old hunting ground of the Maharana of Mewar, on sparkling Lake Pichola.

The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 UDAIPUR | ROMANTIC, WISTFUL & SERENE

Explore Udaipur, starting at the sprawling City Palace, extravagantly decorated in mosaic, mirror and tile work. See how its four interconnecting palaces showcase diverse architectural styles. Proceed to the Crystal Gallery located in Fateh Prakash Palace to browse an exquisite collection of priceless Rajput miniature paintings, crystal *objets d'art* and fine furniture. Finally, visit the Sahelion Ki Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honor) to stroll its extensive lawns and shady walks, followed by an afternoon at leisure. This evening, embark on a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola, sailing past its picturesque *ghats* and palaces, and stopping at the 17th-century water palace of Jag Mandir. View this magnificent monument with its domes, marble pillars and fountains as well as its special approach from the water — a row of marble elephants that seem to be guarding the island. Enjoy your evening at leisure at the hotel.

The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 UDAIPUR | FASCINATING TEMPLE COMPLEXES

After breakfast, take a short drive outside of the city to Delwara and the temple complex of Eklingji and Nagda, to explore its more than 100 temples dedicated to Shiva and Lord Vishnu, and savor the tranquil atmosphere of prayer time. Return to Udaipur for lunch at a specialty fine-dining restaurant before returning to the hotel to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 JAIPUR | THE "PINK CITY"

This morning, fly to Jaipur. Later in the afternoon, set out to explore the "Pink City," named for its use of local pink plastered stone. Tour the City Palace, a complex including the ornate Mubarak Mahal palace. Next, visit the Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century astronomical observation site that features precision instruments designed to measure "the harmony of heavens." Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 9 JAIPUR | FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Today, begin with a photo stop at what is perhaps Jaipur's most famous building, Hawa Mahal, or the Palace of Winds, which was built expressly to allow ladies of the palace to view the street from behind artfully designed screens without being seen. Then proceed to explore Amber Fort, one of the finest examples of a fort



palace, built similar in style to the surrounding, richly decorated Mughal courts. Enjoy lunch at a distinctive local restaurant, and then enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 AGRA | THE AWE-INSPIRING TAJ MAHAL

Journey to Agra, a one-time Mughal capital, arriving in time for lunch at leisure at the hotel. Later, visit the iconic Taj Mahal to marvel at its perfect symmetry and proportions, and watch how the light from the setting sun plays across its detailed marble surfaces. Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 AGRA | IMPOSING AGRA FORT

Start your day by returning to the Taj Mahal to see how the sunrise colors its delicately carved façade. Return to the hotel for breakfast before setting out on a tour of Agra, visiting Agra Fort, an imposing sandstone citadel that lies on the bend of the River Yamuna, almost in the heart of the city. Later, drive to Delhi and, upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 12 DEPART DELHI

Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight home.

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Nov 29 - Dec 10, 2019	\$8,395	\$4,295	\$535	Call for Availability
Dec 22, 2019 - Jan 02, 2020	\$13,795	\$8,795	\$535	Waitlist - Call A&K

Journey Details

First group event: Start of sightseeing on Day 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Last group event: Return to Delhi on Day 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).