



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

India & the Riches of Rajasthan 2019

12 days

Limited to 18 guests

Explore vibrant Rajasthan, the cultural heartland of northwest India, rich in Hindu, Jain and Muslim heritage, 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.

Included With Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access (Where Available)
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

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

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE DELHI, INDIA

Arrive in Delhi, India's historic capital city, and transfer to your luxurious and recently renovated hotel.

The Oberoi, New Delhi

DAY 2 DELHI | DISCOVERING THE OLD & THE NEW

Begin your exploration of Delhi with a visit to the great Jama Masjid, the largest and most important mosque in India. Move among locals engaged in daily prayer, taking in the Mosque's two 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, tour New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb, an architectural precursor of the Taj Mahal. Also view the India Gate, a triumphal arch more than 130 feet tall; drive along the Rajpath, or King's Way, a broad ceremonial boulevard; and see the presidential residence of Rashtrapati Bhawan. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner and cocktails at your hotel.

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, join your fellow guests for dinner at your hotel.

Umaid Bhawan Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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, Ride 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 Chaumukhu, 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. Cap off your boat cruise with a Scenic Sundowner. Later, enjoy dinner 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 and a spice demonstration at a family-owned local 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 astronomical observation site built in the early 18th century. This evening, gather for dinner at your tranquil hotel that is set amid beautiful gardens.

The Oberoi Rajvillas, Jaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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 Rajvillas, Jaipur | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DAY 10 AGRA | THE 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 the hotel for your farewell cocktail and dinner.

The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 AGRA & DELHI | 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

DAY 12 DEPART DELHI

Transfer to the airport early this morning for your flight home or begin your post-tour extension to Mumbai.

Extensions



Pre-Tour Extension: Punjab & Amritsar

4 days from \$1,595 per person
Single Supplement from \$695 per person
Internal air from \$695
✈ Delhi/Amritsar/Delhi

DAY 1

Arrive in Delhi, capital of India, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

The Oberoi, Gurgaon

DAY 2

Fly to Amritsar, near the border with Pakistan in Punjab state. Receive a briefing on Sikhism at your hotel, then attend the Wagah Border Ceremony, a military practice filled with pageantry, carried out jointly by Indian and Pakistani security forces.

Taj Swarna, Amritsar | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

Explore the Sri Harmandir Sahib or Golden Temple, holiest site in the Sikh faith, visiting its huge community kitchen. Sample Punjabi cuisine at a local restaurant for lunch. Later this evening, witness the sacred ceremony of "putting to bed" the Sikh holy book.

Taj Swarna, Amritsar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4

Fly to Delhi, and visit Qutub Minar and Mehrauli Archaeological Park. Transfer to your hotel.



Post-Tour Extension: Mumbai

4 days from \$2,795 per person
Single Supplement from \$1,095 per person
Internal air from \$290
✈ Delhi/Mumbai

DAY 1

Fly to Mumbai, India. Tour the city, viewing colonial buildings, and stop at Dhobi Ghat.

The Oberoi, Mumbai

DAYS 2-3

Rise early for an insider's experience of Bombay. Visit a fish market where women barter for the day's catch, explore fragrant markets and meet vendors sorting hundreds of daily newspapers. Then, enjoy a lesson at a Bollywood dance studio. On Day 3, cruise to Elephanta Island to visit its cave temples.

The Oberoi, Mumbai | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 2); Breakfast, Lunch (Day 3)

DAY 4

Transfer early to the airport and depart.



Explore Dubai: Stopover Package

3 days from \$1,995 per person
Single Supplement from \$1,195 per person

Park Hyatt Dubai (from \$1,695; single supplement from \$1,195)
Taj Dubai (from \$1,695; single supplement from \$1,195)
Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach (from \$1,995; single supplement from \$1,395)
International air not included.

3 Days

Add a Remarkable Stopover to Your Journey

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to fly one of the world's premier airlines at exclusive preferred business and first-class rates, and spend two nights in Dubai before or after your journey. Fly glamorous Emirates to Dubai and check in to your luxury hotel. Discover the best of this dazzling city, viewing its remarkable architecture, visiting the Spice Market and colorful shops at the Deira Gold Souk, and ascending the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest skyscraper. On the last day, continue on to your journey or board your flight home.

Park Hyatt Dubai or Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach or Burj Al Arab Jumeirah | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2) Breakfast (Day 3)

Dates & Prices

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

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$535
Delhi/Jodhpur; Udaipur/Jaipur

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: arrival into Delhi at 6:00 p.m. on Day 11.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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