(Taj Closed on Fridays)

COLOURS OF RAJASTHAN 23 Nights/24 Days

Routing :	Delhi – Mathura – Agra – Ranthambhore – Kota – Bundi – Pushkar – Udaipur – Chittaurgarh – Kumbhalgarh – Ranakpur – Mt. Abu – Jodhpur – Jaisalmer – Sam – Bikaner – Mandawa – Jaipur – Delhi
Highlight :	Jeep Safari in Ranthambhore, Boating in Lake Pichola, Village Safari by jeep, Sand Dune, Camel Safari, Camel breeding farm, Elephant Safari in Amber Fort
Sightseeing & Excursions	
Old Delhi :	Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat – the cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi
Mathura :	Birth place of Lord Krishna and Vrindavan
Agra :	Sikandra, Dayal Bagh, Agra Fort, Itimad-ud-daulah, Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri
Ranthambhore :	
Kota :	Chambal Garden, Maharao Madho Singh Museum, Jag Mandir, Haveli of Devtaji and Kota Barrage
Bundi :	Taragarh or The Star Fort
Pushkar :	Lord Bramha Temple
Udaipur :	Eklingi & Nagda, Sahelion-ki-Bari, City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Bhartiya Lok Kala Museum Jag Mandir
Chittorgarh :	The Fort – the indomitable pride of Chittaur
Kumbhalgarh :	Kumbhalgarh Fort
Ranakpur :	Jain Temples
Mt. Abu :	Amazing Delwara Jain Temples
Jodhpur :	Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Mandore Garden and Osian
Jaisalmer :	The Fort, Jain Temple, Manak Chowk and Havelies
Bikaner :	Deshnok Temple, Junagarh Fort and Camel Breeding Farm
Mandawa :	Painted Havelies
Jaipur :	City Palace, Royal Observatory, Pink City, Hawa Mahal, Jal Mahal, Amber Fort
New Delhi :	Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, Humanyun's Tomb, Indira Gandhi Museum, India Gate, President House, Birla Temple

DAY 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Arr: Delhi By Air Traditional welcome with garlands at the Indira <u>Gandhi Airport</u> and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 DELHI/MATHURA (150 kms/3 hrs. drive)

Morning half day sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Visit: Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat. Afternoon drive to Mathura. Dep: Delhi By Car Arr: Mathura Direct proceed to birth place of Lord Krishna. Evening free and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 MATHURA/BRINDABAN/AGRA (54 kms/1 hr. drive)

Morning proceed to Brindaban – this is where Krishna indulged in adolescent pranks like flirting with gopis in the forests and steeling their clothes while they bathed in the river. Visit various temples. Later drive to Agra. Dep: Mathura By Car Arr: Agra Direct transfer to hotel. En-route visit Sikandra and Dayal Bagh. Afternoon half day sighstseeing tour of Agra. Visit: Agra Fort, Itimad-ud-daulah and Taj Mahal at the time of sun set.

Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 AGRA/RANTHAMBHOR By Train OR By Car

Early morning again visit Taj Mahal and stay there till sunrise. Return to hotel for breakfast. Later drive to Bharatpur Railway Station to connect train for Sawai Madhopur. En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri - also known as "GHOST CITY".

Dep: Bharatpur 1546 hrs. By Jan Shatabdi Express

Arr: Sawai Madhopur 1800 hrs.

Assistance at the Railway Station and direct transfer to hotel in Ranthambhor. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 RANTHAMBHOR

Early morning Jeep Safari to meet Tiger and other wildlife. Return to hotel for breakfast and free time. Later visit: The Fort – this imposing fort is perched atop a hill at an altitude of over 200 mtr amidst a dense forest.

Afternoon again Jeep Safari. Evening free time and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 RANTHAMBHOR/KOTA (150 Kms/3 hrs. drive)

Early morning Jeep Safari and return to hotel for breakfast. Later drive to Kota and direct transfer to hotel. Afternoon half day local sightseeing tour. Kota is a fascinating mixture of medieval grandeur and modern industrialization. Visit: Chambal Garden, Maharao Madho Singh Museum, Jag Mandir, Haveli of Devtaji and Kota Barrage. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 07 KOTA/BUNDI/PUSHKAR (215 Kms/4 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Pushkar.

Dep: Kota By Car

En-tour visit Bundi. Bundi and Kota were once a single principality ruled by the Hada Chauhans, an offshoot of the famous clan of Chauhans who rules Delhi and Ajmer. Visit Taragarh or The Star Fort.

Arr: Pushkar

Direct transfer to hotel.

Afternoon enjoy camel ride and visit local temples including Temple of Bramha. Evening free and overnight stay.

DAY 08 PUSHKAR/UDAIPUR (250 Kms/5 hrs. drive)

Morning free time to walk around Pushkar Lake and visit temples. Later drive to Udaipur. Dep: Pushkar By Car En-route visit Eklingi and Nagda. Arr: Udaipur Direct transfer to hotel. Evening enjoy boat ride in Lake Pichola and visit Jag Mandir. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 09 UDAIPUR – Chittaurgarh (116 kms/2 hrs. drive)

Morning full day excursion trip to Chittaurgarh Fort. Evening free time and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 10 UDAIPUR

Morning visit City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Bhartiya Lok Kala Museum and Sahelion-ki-Bari. Evening free and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 11 UDAIPUR/KUMBHALGARH (84 Kms/2 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Kumbhalgarh – north-west of Udaipur is the second most important citadel of Mewar after Chittaurgarh. Dep: Udaipur By Car On the way to Kumbhalgarh stop at Kankroli to visit a magnificent dam built by Rana Rai Singh in 1660. Arr: Kumbhalgarh Afternoon Jeep Safari (private). Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12 KUMBHALGARH/RANAKPUR/MT. ABU (Approx. 100 Kms)

Morning Jeep Safari. Later drive to Mt. Abu. Dep: Kumbhalgarh By Car En-route visit Ranakpur Temples. Arr: Mt. Abu Direct transfer to hotel in Mt. Abu. Evening visit Dilwara Jain Temples, Nakki lake and Sunset Point. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 13 MT. ABU/JODHPUR (250 kms/5 hrs. drive)

Morning free time in Mt. Abu. Later drive to Jodhpur. Dep: Mt. Abu By Car Arr: Jodhpur Direct transfer to hotel. Evening free time and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 14 JODHPUR

Morning village safari for half day. Afternoon visit Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and Mandore Garden. Evening free time in Old City Market. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 15 JODHPUR/JAISALMER/SAM OR KHURI (280 Kms/6 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Jaisalmer. Dep: Jodhpur By Car En-route visit Osian. Arr: Jaisalmer Direct proceed for Sam Sand

Direct proceed for Sam Sand Dune – 42 km Sheer magic of the golden Sam sand dunes, beckons the tourists to ride by the dunes on camel back to get a feel of the desert.

Enjoy gypsy dances, dinner and overnight stay in Royal Tents.

DAY 16 SAM/JAISALMER (42 kms/1 hr. drive)

After breakfast drive back to Jaisalmer and transfer to hotel. Morning visit The Fort – The golden-hued Jaisalmer Fort can be seen miles away before reaching the town. The fort stands almost 30 metres over the city and houses an entire living area within its huge ramparts. Walking through the narrow lanes is an experience worth savouring. Also visit Jain Temple, Manak Chowk and Havelies.

Rest of the day free for individual activities and to explore the golden city on your own. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 17 JAISALMER/BIKANER (328 kms/6 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Bikaner.

Dep: Jaisalmer By Car

En-route visit Kolayat - The Temple dedicated to Kapil Muni (Saint).

Arr: Bikaner

Upon arrival in Binaker direct transfer to hotel. Evening excursion trip to Deshnok Temple – the temple offers a haven to rats as they are believed to be incarnated as future bards. Thus, the rats, considered to be sacred, roam freely in the temple precincts. Return to hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 18 BIKANER

Morning visit Junagarh Fort and Camel breeding farm. Rest of the day free and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 19 BIKANER/MANDAWA (190 kms/4 hrs. drive)

Morning proceed for village safari. Afternoon depart for Mandawa. Dep: Bikaner By Car Arr: Mandawa Direct transfer to hotel. Evening visit Chokhani and Ladia havelis as well as the street with the saraf havelis. A Shiva Temple and a rock crystal Lingam can also be visited. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 20 MANDAWA/JAIPUR (168 kms/4 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Jaipur. Dep: Mandawa By Car Arr: Jaipur Direct transfer to hotel. Afternoon Half day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Visit: Pink City, Hawa Mahal, City Palace and Royal Observatory. Evening enjoy folk dance and dinner. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 21 JAIPUR

After breakfast excursion trip to Amber Fort – Enjoy Elephant ride to ascend the hill top fort.

Also visit Jaigarh Fort – it is one of the few military structures of medieval India preserved almost intact containing palaces, gardens, open and covered reservoirs, a granary, an armoury, a well planned cannon foundry, several temples, a tall tower and a giant mounted cannon-the Jai Ban – one of the largest in the country.

DAY 22 JAIPUR/DELHI (260 kms/5 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Delhi. Dep: Jaipur By Car Arr: Delhi Direct transfer to hotel. Afternoon half day sightseeing tour of New Delhi. Visit: Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, Humayun's Tomb, Indira Gandhi Museum, President House, Parliament House, India Gate and Laxmi Narayan Temple. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 23 DELHI

Full day visit Museums in Delhi. National Museum, Art Gallery, Dolls Museum and Delhi Hatt. Evening witness live show of Indian Folk Dances OR Light and Sound Show. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 24 DEPART DELHI

Transfer to airport to connect flight for home.

** TOUR ENDS **