

HAVELIES IN RAJASTHAN 6 Nights - 7 Days

This tour will take you to one of the finest towns of Shekhawati region – famous for painted havelies. You also visit camel country – Bikaner, a very famous religious destination for Hindus – Pushkar, and at the end Jaipur – the capital city of Rajasthan.

Routing: Delhi – Mandawa – Bikaner – Pushkar – Jaipur – Delhi

Highlights: Stay in Heritage hotels, visit camel breeding farm, camel safari in Pushkar and elephant safari in Amber Fort, Jaipur.

Sightseeing & Excursion

Mandawa : Painted Havelies

Bikaner : Junagarh Fort, Camel Breeding Farm, Deshnok Temple

Pushkar : Lord Brahma Temple, Pushkar Lake

Jaipur : City Palace, Royal Observatory, Pink City, Hawa Mahal and Amber Fort

New Delhi : Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, Humayun's Tomb, Indira Gandhi Museum, Govt. Buildings and India Gate in New Delhi.

Old Delhi : Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat in Old Delhi.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 01 ARRIVE DELHI

Arr: Delhi By Air

Warm Indian Traditional Welcome with garlands at the airport and drive to hotel.
(our representative will meet you at the airport holding a play card of your name)

Day 02 DELHI - MANDAWA (250 kms/6 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Mandawa.

Dep: Delhi By Car

Arr: Mandawa

On the way to Mandawa you may stop in a motel for relax and for some refreshment.

Arrive Mandawa and check-in hotel.

Mandawa was settled in the 18th century, and was fortified by the dominant merchant families. Today it has some of the finest painted havelies in the region. Evening visit the town and some of its painted havelies.

Mandawa houses a collection of armories, costumes of ancestors, canons from 1820, ancient coins, numismatic collection and many other interesting items preserved in a museum. The whole area of Shekhawati has beautiful frescoes, havelis & mansions and is called the open-air gallery.

Afternoon walk around Mandawa and visit some of the famous painted havelies.

Overnight at Mandawa.

Day 03 MANDAWA - BIKANER (190 kms - 4 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Bikaner.

Dep: Mandawa By Car

Arr : Bikaner

Arrive Bikaner and check-in hotel. Afternoon visit Junagarh Fort and camel breeding farm.

Bikaner - popularly called the camel country, the city is renowned for the best riding camels in the world.

Afternoon sightseeing of Bikaner. Visit **Junagarh Fort** – built in 1593 A.D. by Raja Rai Singh, a general in the army of Emperor Akbar, and **Camel Breeding farm**.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 04 BIKANER - PUSHKAR (258 kms - 6 hrs. drive)

Morning 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.

Drive to Pushkar.

Dep: Bikaner By Car

Arr: Pushkar

Arrive Pushkar and check-in hotel.

Pushkar - the most famous pilgrimage sites for Hindus – with its **Brahma Temple** the only one dedicated to this divinity – and the site for an annual camel fair that is now world – renowned.
Afternoon enjoy **camel safari** and visit various temples including the only temple of Lord Brahma.
Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 05 PUSHKAR - JAIPUR (165 kms/3 hrs. drive)

Morning free time around the holy **Pushkar Lake**. Later drive to Jaipur.

Dep: Pushkar By Car

Arr: Jaipur

Arrive Jaipur and check-in hotel.

Jaipur - the Capital city of Rajasthan is popularly known as, the Pink City because of its colour (a shade of ochre, actually). A well-known shopping and handicrafts paradise. Jaipur is well known for its breezy Hawa Mahal, its startling stone observatory, its many gardens and pavilions and its calendar of festivals.

Afternoon city tour of Jaipur. Visit: **City Palace, Royal Observatory, Pink City and Hawa Mahal**.

Evening enjoy **Rajasthani Folk Dances** and Dinner. (Optional) Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 06 JAIPUR - DELHI (260 hrs./5 hrs. drive)

Morning drive to Delhi.

Dep: Jaipur By Car

En-route visit **Amber Fort**. Enjoy elephant ride to ascend the hill top fort.

Arr: Delhi

Stop in a midway for tea or coffee. Continue drive to Delhi and check-in hotel.

Rest of the day free for shopping or individual activities.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 07 DEPART DELHI

Morning full day sightseeing tour of New Delhi and Old Delhi. Visit: **Qutab Minar, Lotus Temple, Humayun's Tomb, Indira Gandhi Museum, Govt. Buildings and India Gate** in New Delhi. After lunch continue sightseeing tour Old Delhi. Visit: **Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat**-cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi. Evening transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination.

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