# Travel like a Maharaja enjoying the atmosphere of yesteryear as you stay in their Palaces





A fully escorted tour departing Adelaide on Sunday 17th April 2016
13 nights in India in carefully selected Heritage Hotels

This tour received exceptional reviews from our group that experienced this tour in 2013. Be sure to visit the websites of our selected hotels, details are in this brochure.



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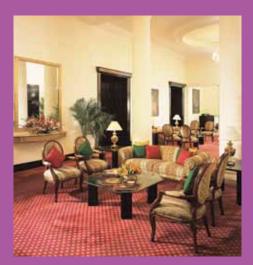


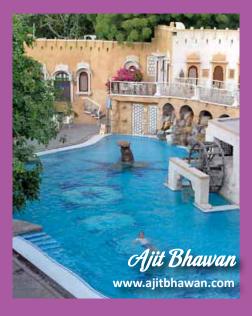
# The Best Exotic Rajasthan Hotels

Your Tour Hosts, Jeff & Sylvia, owners of Specialised Travel have visited India previously and have put their experience of this wonderful country into an itinerary that gives you a taste of the country, its gracious people, their cuisine and time to go shopping. The Heritage accommodation has also been chosen to allow you to experience India's Royal past. Both Jeff and Sylvia have escorted groups to numerous countries throughout the world over a 30 year period.

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### Day 1: Sun. 17 April: Adelaide to Delhi (meals in flight)

Depart Adelaide early morning via Singapore with a two hour stopover arriving into Delhi late evening and transfer to your colonial hotel built in the early 1900's.

**Overnight: Maidens Hotel** 

### Day 2: Mon. 18 April: Delhi (B, D)

Leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Mid morning we embark on an tour of Delhi, visiting Raj Ghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi, the Red Fort, India Gate and drive through the Consulate area and past Parliament House. Return to the hotel to freshen up before we attend a personalized Culinary Class & Cooking Demonstration followed by dinner.

**Overnight: Maidens Hotel** 

### Day 3: Tue. 19 April: Delhi to Jodpur (B, D)

After breakfast at the hotel we transfer to the airport to board our midday flight to Jodpur. Arrive early afternoon and transfer to our hotel. Check-in and time to explore our heritage hotel at your leisure, you may wish to hire one of their many Vintage cars for a quick ride around town. Dinner in the hotel.

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan

### Day 4: Wed. 20 April: Jodpur (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we visit the Meharangarh Fort situated on a low sandstone Hill, including Moti-Mahal and Phool Mahal. Also visit Jaswant Thada, an imposing Marble Memorium built in 1899 and the museum located in the Umaid Public Gardens. We take some free time to explore some of the local markets. Dinner at your own leisure.

Overnight: Ajit Bhawan

### Day 5: Thu. 21 April: Jodhpur to Udaipur (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we drive 98kms to Udaipur visiting enroute at our leisure without a local guide, the Ranakpur Temples. Built in the 15th century, they are situated in the picturesque valley of the Aravali. Ranakpur has grand structures and extensive sculpture. There are 1444 pillars in the temple and none of them are similar. Surya Temple and other Jain Temples are further attractions. Arrive Udaipur and transfer to our heritage hotel to check into our Dovecote Room. Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Fateh Prakash Hotel** 

### Day 6: Fri. 22 April: Udaipur (B)

Morning tour of the City and Grand Palaces, surrounded by the ancient Aravali Mountains and set on the edge of three lakes, is a brilliant kaleidoscope of narrow lanes flanked by bright stalls, gardens, lakes, palaces and temples. In the afternoon we take time to visit the Craft shops nearby. This evening we embark on a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Dinner at your own leisure.

**Overnight: Fateh Prakash Hotel** 

### Day 7: Sat. 23 April: Udaipur to Jaipur (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we drive to Jaipur making a stop along the way. Arrive Jaipur and transfer to your heritage hotel with time to explore its surrounds. Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Alsisar Haveli** 

### Day 8: Sun. 24 April: Jaipur (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we visit Amber Fort where we take an Elephant ride to ascend the fort. Visit the Sheesh Mahal or the Hall of Victory glittering with mirrors. In the afternoon we take a tour of Jaipur, which was given a coat of pink a century ago in honour of a visiting Prince. We visit Maharaja's City Palace, the Observatory & Ram Niwas Gardens, built by Maharaja Jai Singh, the notable astronomer some 260 years ago. Drive past Hawa Mahal and through the pink rose residential areas. Dinner

Overnight: Alsisar Haveli

### Day 9: Mon. 25 April: Jaipur to Ranthambhore (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Jaipur this morning for a drive toward the Tiger country of Ranthambhore, one of the best Tiger Reserves of India. Surrounded by a 16th century fortress, Nahargarh, our accommodation for the next two nights, is built like a traditional Rajput hunting palace complete with a vast "Char Bagh" or formal mughal garden. We check into the palace and have dinner this evening at the hotel.

**Overnight: Nahargarh** 

### Day 10: Tue. 26 April: Ranthambhore (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we venture by Jeep into the 400 sq. km unspoilt wilderness of rugged hilly terrain with dense undergrowth which characterize the jungles of primeval India. Lets hope we are lucky enough to spot a tiger on our only day in the reserve. Lunch at

the hotel with the afternoon at leisure until our late afternoon Jeep ride for further exploration. Dinner this evening in the hotel.

**Overnight: Nahargarh** 

### Day 11: Wed. 27 April: Ranthambhore to Agra (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure in the fascinating Hunting Palace, check out prior to our farewell lunch and transfer to the nearby railway station for our special experience of travelling by rail to Agra. Late arrival to our hotel. **Overnight: Grand Imperial** 

### Day 12: Thu. 28 April: Agra (B, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visit the world famous Taj Mahal an immense mausoleum of white marble, built between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favourite wife. Taj Mahal means "Crown Palace", one of the wife's names was Mumtaz Mahal, "Ornament of the Palace". The Taj is one of the most well preserved and architecturally beautiful tombs in the world, one of the masterpieces of Indian Muslim architecture, and one of the great sites of the world's heritage. Also visit Agra fort. Dinner at the hotel Overnight: Grand Imperial

### Day 13: Fri. 29 April: Agra to Delhi (B)

After breakfast we drive to Delhi. Upon arrival into Delhi we will be situated near Connought Place, the centre of Delhi, with the evening free to explore the nearby markets at your leisure. Check in to our only modern hotel.

**Overnight: Park Hotel** 

### Day 14: Sat. 30 April: Delhi departure (B, meals in flight)

Breakfast at the hotel. During the day we explore the hectic lifestyle of Old Delhi. A late check out of our hotel has been arranged and early evening we transfer to the airport to board our overnight flight for Singapore.

Overnight in flight

### Day 15: Sun. 01 May: Singapore (meals in flight)

We arrive into Singapore early morning. Day use of a hotel has been arranged for your convenience. Your day is at leisure to explore Singapore. Early evening we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight home. You have the option to extend your stay in Singapore if you wish.

Overnight in flight

### DAY 16: Mon. 02 May: Arrive home

Arrive in Australia early morning.

### \* \* \* OPTIONAL EXTENSION \* \* \*

Should you wish to spend a few days in Singapore to break your journey home, there are a range of hotels available. Ask Specialised Travel for a quote to suit your budget.

### India Tourist Visa on Arrival

Application is done on-line prior to travelling, costs US60 and a passport style photo must be presented as well as your passport photo page.

















"Imagine Sonny (played by Dev Patel in The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel) actually finishes his hotel to the high standard he talks about, and you are his special guest"

## A 16 Day Tour with 13 Nights in India

### Includes:

- Return Economy International flights
- Domestic flight from Delhi
- Govt Taxes & Surcharges
- Heritage Hotels as listed
- Daily breakfasts, 8 dinners, 2 lunches
- Tipping for Guide and Driver
- Experienced Guide & Driver
- Airport transfers / tours as per itinerary
- Day use of hotel in Singapore

### Not included:

- Indian Visa US\$60 online
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)
   25% discount applies to insurance on

\$4,950 twin share \$5,840 sole occupancy



### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### **ITINERARY & COSTS**

- Prices are based on the exchange rate at the time of printing. They are quoted in Australian Dollars and are GST free for international travel, and GST inclusive for domestic travel and services.
- Details of particular hotels described in the itinerary may change due to quality control by the Tour Operator. Every endeavour will be made to keep details up to date. A hotel of similar or superior standard will be substituted.
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   Some airline and/or hotel deposits may be forfeited.

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- It is your personal responsibility to ensure you are adequately protected for travel outside of Australia.
   You can obtain information from your family doctor or consult the Traveller's Medical and Vaccination Centre in your capital city by phoning 1300 658 844.
- We strongly suggest you consider Travel Insurance.
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### **CANCELLATION CLAUSE**

- Bookings cancelled at any time after confirmation will automatically incur a loss of deposit.
- In addition to the loss of deposit, other charges may be enforced by the airline, hotel or tour operator up to 100% of the tour cost, particularly within 45 days of departure.
- Any group tour may be cancelled if insufficient numbers are booked or events outside of our control cause cancellation. Optional dates will be

- offered in such cases.
- Upon paying any money for deposits, part or full amounts, it is desirable to purchase your Travel Insurance to guard against most forms of cancellation.

### **ROOM TYPES & BEDDING**

- Prices for this tour are based on existing bedding at the hotels selected. Additional bedding will need to be specifically requested and is subject to availability.
- A Single Supplement is required to be paid if sole occupancy of a room is required.
- Single, interconnecting, twin as against double, smoking or non-smoking rooms need to be clearly referred to on the booking form, and are based upon availability.

### PASSPORT VALIDITY & VISA REQUIREMENTS

- Passports will require at least six months validity from the date of entry into a foreign country.
- Depending upon your Nationality, a Visa may be required prior to departing Australia.

### **BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE & SECURITY CONTROL**

- Economy Class travellers are allowed 20kgs per person. Business Class passengers are permitted 30 Kgs. No one bag may exceed 35 Kgs.
- Carry-on luggage is restricted to 5 Kgs, and no larger in size than 48cm X 34 cm X 23 cm.
- No sharp objects such as a nail file, scissors, Swiss Army knife, etc; is permitted in the aircraft cabin.
   Please ensure such items are packed into your check-in luggage.
- There are restrictions regarding the carrying onboard of liquids, aerosols and gels. No item, including duty-free, greater than 100ml is permitted and must be shown in a clear plastic bag at the security screening point.
- Any charges for excess luggage will be at the passenger's expense and payable upon check-in.

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