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# Royal Heritage of Rajasthan with Leopard Safari

DELHI – JODHPUR – JAWAI BANDH – RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR – CHITTORGARH  
BIJAIPUR – KOTA – BUNDI – JAIPUR – AGRA – DELHI

17 days trip starting from \$2328 per person

Along with an ancient historical heritage of more than 5000 years, Rajasthan boasts of a rich cultural heritage with opulent palaces, delicate temples, gardens, pavilions, and huge fortresses which dominate the rugged hilltops. Camel, jeep, elephant, horse and village safaris and endless opportunities of living the way the royalties did once, in the heritage hotels. If you're hoping to see a leopard, there's no better place than Jawai Bandh. This itinerary offers a royal experience including visit to some of the off-beat destinations in Rajasthan.

## **DAY 01: DELHI**

Arrive Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport & meet our representative. Transfer to hotel and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 02: DELHI**

After breakfast, morning half day city tour of Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat - The Mausoleum of Mahatma Gandhi. Jama Masjid - the biggest Mosque in India and drive past Red Fort and tricycle tour of Chandani Chowk. Afternoon, half day city tour of New Delhi visiting drive past President House, Parliament House (House of Representatives) and India Gate - War Memorial (stop for photography), Qutab Minar - 72.55 meters, high Victory Tower, Humayun's Tomb - built of red sandstone and is a first substantial example of the Mughal architecture. If time permits visit Bahai Temple (lotus temple). Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 03: DELHI – JODHPUR (BY AIR)**

After breakfast, check out from hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Jodhpur. Arrive at Jodhpur airport and transfer to the hotel. Check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 04: JODHPUR**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and visit Gulbarga Fort, which is a huge complex that includes vast courtyards, grand buildings, intricately carved temples, beautiful mosques, splendid stables and former ammunition dumps. The mosque, called Jumma Masjid, is a particular attraction and has been built after the model of the Great Mosque of Cordoba, in Spain. The fort was originally built by king Gulchand of Warangal Kakatiyas in the 12th century and was fortified in the 14th century by Al-uddin Bahamani of the Bahmani dynasty.

Leave for Bijapur. Arrive at Bijapur and check in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 05: JODHPUR – JAWAI BANDH (150 KMS – 2½ HRS)**

After breakfast, check out from hotel and leave for Jawai Bandh by surface. Arrive at Jawai Bandh and check-in at the hotel. Time to relax. After settling in, embark on a game drive exploring this pristine enclave where leopards roam freely, and humans live in harmony with the land. Jawai Bandh is a dam in Rajasthan built across the Jawai River in Pali district near Sumerpur town. Arrive Jawai Bandh and hck-in at the pristine Camps.

Spend some time relaxing in your luxury tented camp before joining one of the local guides on a leisurely stroll looking for nomadic shepherds as they return at the end of the day with their goats and cattles . This evening, enjoy the tranquil setting from the stillness of your private veranda. Overnight stay at the Camps.

## **DAY 06: JAWAI BANDH**

After breakfast, continue your wild exploration with morning and afternoon game drives. Venture out into the heart of the vast and Wild Granite Aravallis Hills beyond in search of leopards roamfree and other exotic species. Amid former kingdoms of Mewar and Marwar , the region is home to local Rabari herdsman, very charming people living in harmony with the indigenous wildlife.

Drives in a customised 4 x 4 accompanied by your expert guide. Each drive is timed to give you optimal viewing opportunities of the sought-after spotted cat, plus a rich variety of wildlife. Between drives, immerse yourself in the luxury of your stunning tented resort. Indulge in a rejuvenating massage, unwind with meditation or yoga, watch flamingo on the lagoon, or explore the villages of Jawai or the countryside trails surrounding the camp by bicycle or on foot (additional cost).

Overnight stay at Camps.

## **DAY 07: JAWAI BANDH – UDAIPUR (175 KMS – 3 HRS)**

After breakfast, check out from hotel and leave for Udaipur by surface. Enroute visit Ranakpur - almost hidden in a green valley of the Aravalli Hills, the 15th century Jain temples of Ranakpur are some of the most beautifully carved temples. The Ranakpur Jain Temple excels them all as an exquisite work of art and architecture. The temple is an eloquent testimony to India's cultural heritage, her unique architecture and the vision and acumen of her past master artists.

Continue towards Udaipur. Arrive at Udaipur and check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 08: UDAIPUR**

After breakfast, sightseeing of Udaipur by visiting –

The stunning City Palace, a marble complex that offers unforgettable views of the lake and its surroundings. It is in all its ancient glory, the residence of the Maharajas of Udaipur. It has several carved balconies, arches and decorated pillars, continue to the Crystal Gallery in Fateh Prakash Palace.

Visit Saheliyon Ki Bari (Garden of the Maids of Honour) famous for its spectacular lawns, fountains and shady walks before returning to the hotel. Late afternoon, enjoy the boat ride in Lake Pichola with sunset view. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 09: UDAIPUR – CHITTORGARH – BIJAIPUR (155 KMS – 03 HRS)**

After breakfast, check out from the hotel and leave for Bijaipur via Chittorgarh by surface. Enroute visit the eighth century Chittorgarh Fort which is the oldest fort in Rajasthan. Located on a cliff, the fort tells the resistance and heroism of Rajput people against the invaders, the Mughals. The ruins of these magnificent buildings still leave trace the history of Mewar until today. Continue towards Bijaipur. Arrive at Bijaipur and check-in at the hotel.

Bijaipur - Amid the serene Vindhyan ranges, Castle Bijaipur stands as a tradition in hospitality, pageantry and Rajput charm. Built in the 16th Century by Rao Shakti Singh Ji, the younger brother of the great patriot MAHARANA PRATAP to defend the MEWAR EMPIRE from invasions from central India, the chevaliers of this strategic fort have fought many fierce battles of historical importance against the Moghuls and the Marathas. The thirteenth descendant of this fort and in the year 1991 has opened its doors to tourists.

The 12th century Pangarh Fort overlooking the Lotus Lake spread out in 200 acres, is an amazing site to watch. It is 15 Kms by jeep from the Castle. While Boating, if you are lucky, you can see the tribals harpooning fish as done in ancient times. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 10: BIJAIPUR**

Morning Jeep safari to visit the Bassi wildlife Sanctuary, situated adjacent to the Castle, harbouring rare fauna including the Leopards, Chinkaras, Spotted Deer, Four Horned Deer, Crocodile, Wild Boar and a variety of birds.

Afternoon at leisure at the Castle, situated in fortified walls. The Castle is still home to the ruling family who run it not as a hotel but as a 'HOME' where people can come and experience traditional Rajput hospitality – First-hand. Once inside the Castle, time stands still and transfers you to the bygone era. Heritage here is not just about antiques and artefacts – it is more about the culture that is alive inside, about the experiences that are surprisingly genuine, about smiling faces that feel pride in sharing what they call – HERITAGE. Overnight stay at the castle.

## **DAY 11: BIJAIPUR – KOTA – BUNDI (200 KMS – 04 HRS)**

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and leave for Bundi by road (4 Hrs drive). Enroute visit Kota, Situated on the banks of the Chambal River. The history of Kota dates back to the 12th century when Rao Deva conquered the territory and founded Hadoti. The independent Rajput state of Kota was carved out of Bundi in 1631. The kingdom of Kota had a turbulent history as it was raided by various Mughal rulers, Maharajas of Jaipur and even the Maratha warlords. The city of Kota is well known all over the world for its architectural splendour comprising beautiful palaces, temples and museums which exhibit the grandeur of the foregone era.

Onto Bundi is a Rajasthan's offbeat gem well worth visiting. Driving in to Bundi from the train station, through the flat, dusty unpromising outskirts, did nothing to portend charm, beauty or cultural significance.

Upon arrival at Bundi, check-in at the hotel Braj Bhushanji ki Haveli. The Haveli was built a hundred and fifty years ago by a family that gave the state four of its prime ministers.

Bundi: Its Palace has a distinguished characteristic. It has the most picturesque location, isolated and independent that it appears like a miniature. Built of locally quarried stone, it presents one of the finest examples of Rajput architecture. Intricately carved brackets, pillars and balconies and sculpted elephants are used frequently. Chitra Shala inside the palace provides a colourful glimpse of history, the walls and ceiling of this palace are completely covered with paintings. Other places of interest are Phool Sagar Palace, Suke Mahal and Shikar Burj. Bundi is also known for its baolis or step wells. Unique to Rajasthan and Gujarat, the step wells served as water reservoir for the months of summer when there was a scarcity of water.

One of the best preserved is Raniji-ki-Baoli with its exquisitely carved pillars and ornate archways. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 12: BUNDI – JAIPUR (225 KMS – 04 HRS)**

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and leave for Jaipur by surface. Arrive at Jaipur and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon, sightseeing of the city of Jaipur visiting City Palace, Museum, Hawa Mahal, Ram Niwas Garden and drive past the pink Rose Residential and business areas of Jaipur. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 13: JAIPUR**

After breakfast, tour includes visit to Amber Fort – the ancient capital of the state until 1728. Ascend on the elephant's up back the hill on which the fort is situated. Return to hotel. Afternoon, explore the colourful bazaars of Jaipur where one can shop for Jewellery, Paintings, block prints, textiles, carpets, brassware, blue pottery etc. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 14: JAIPUR – AGRA (235 KMS – 4 HRS)**

After breakfast, checkout from hotel and leave for Agra by surface. Enroute visit Fatehpur - Sikri (40 kms. from Agra) - once the capital of Mughal Empire and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. Its fortifications and Palaces are in a wonderful state of preservation. Upon arrival at Agra, check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 15: AGRA**

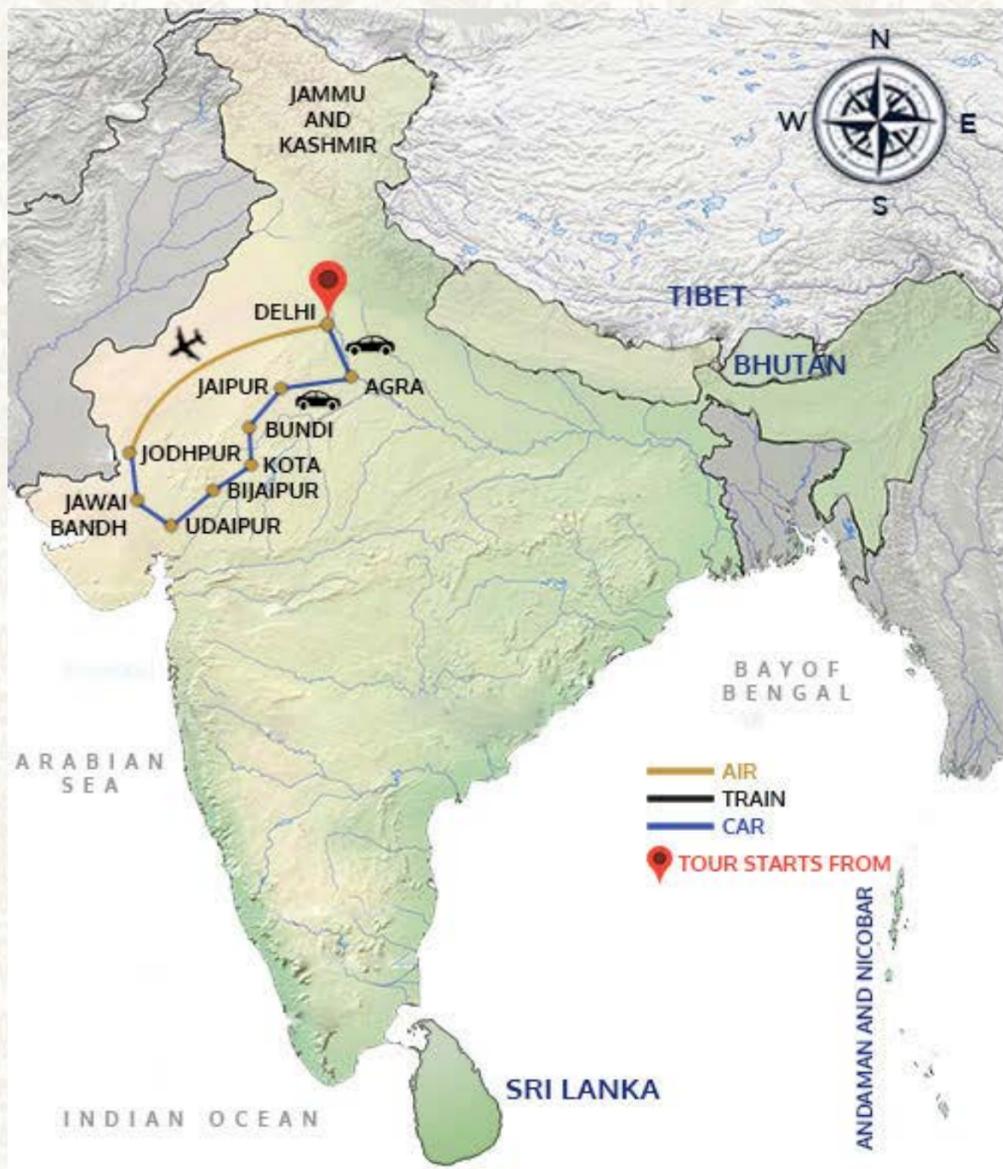
After breakfast, visit the World-famous Taj Mahal, built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan in the year 1652 as a memorial for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. It took 22 years to create this jewel. Agra Fort - four successive rulers helped create this massive fort. Tomb of Itmad-ud-Daullah – built by Empress Noorjehan in memory of her father. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 16: AGRA – DELHI (225 KMS – 3½ HRS)**

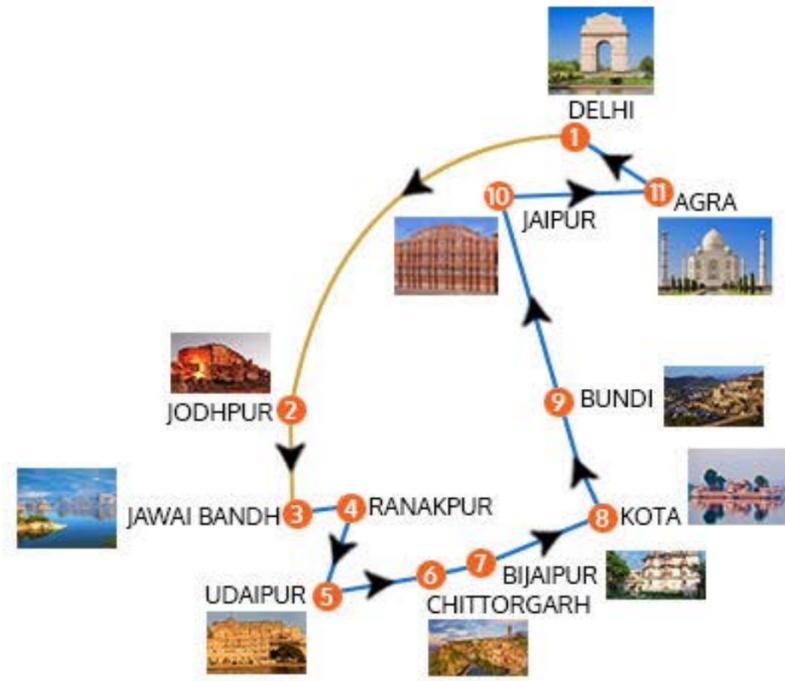
After breakfast, check out from hotel and leave for Delhi by surface. Upon arrival at Delhi, check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

## **DAY 17: DELHI**

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day at leisure. Late check out from the hotel. Evening transfer to hotel near airport for dinner and then transfer to international airport to fly back home / onward destination.



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