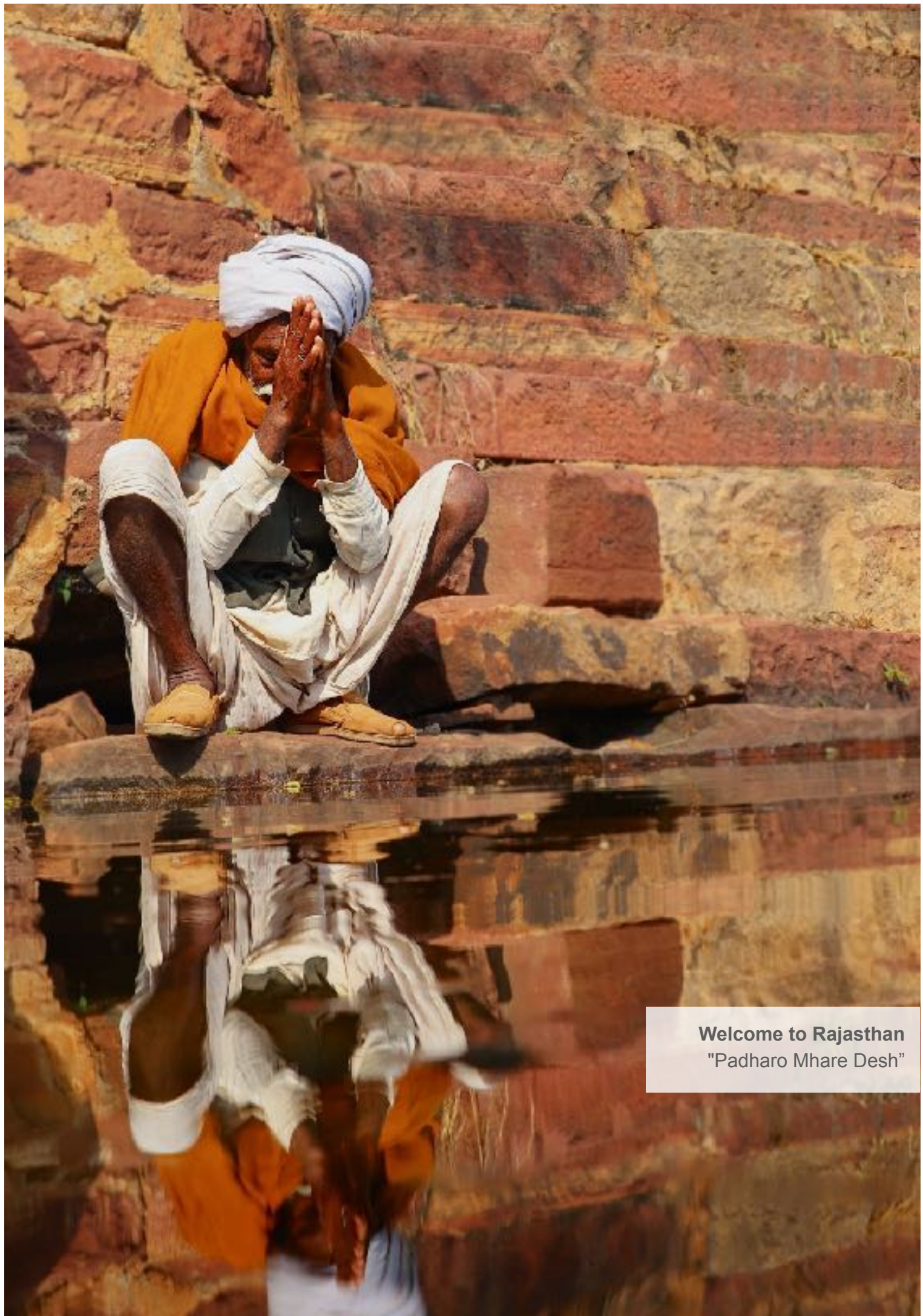


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The land of Maharajas, lakes, grace, emotions, adventure and vibrancy, Rajasthan with its royal essence welcomes you with all its heart.

"Khamma Ghani", it says, and has the beauty that never betrays. Rajasthan is a magical land full of cheerfulness and quintessential charm.

In the era where development has taken over, the state remains truthful to its roots and customs. In every street you will find a new ritual, in every face, you'll see an acquaintance.

It is a land that showers you with love and a melting pot of multiple religions that is meant to be visited once a lifetime.

Enchanted by the Aravalli Mountain Ranges, adorned by extravagant palaces and guarded by glorious forts, this state welcomes its visitors with an open heart and promises a fascinating experience.

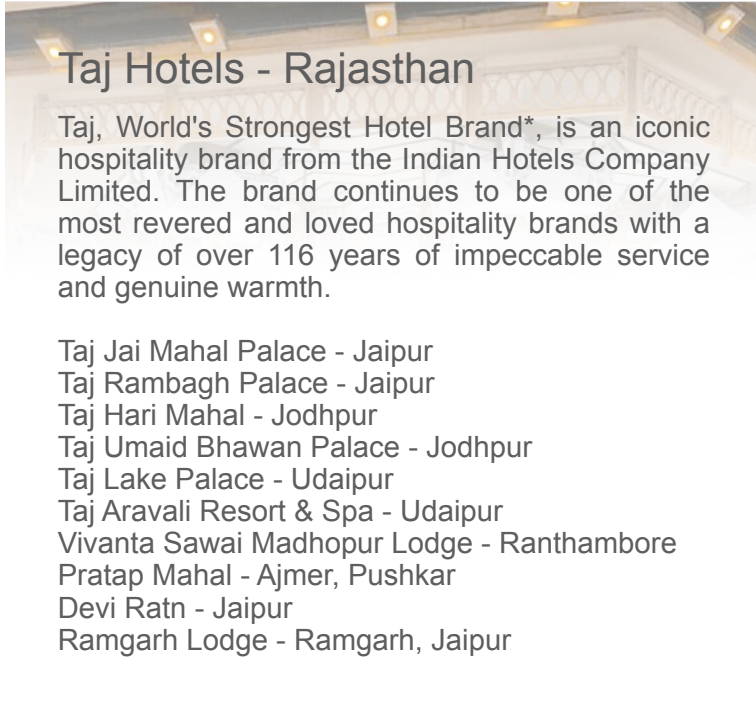
Irrespective of which part of the state you are visiting, it will be the royal glamour and appeal of Rajasthan that will cuddle up and deck your holidays with its enchanting charm!



Oberoi Hotels - Rajasthan

Our story wrote its early chapters in 1934 in Shimla where Mr. M.S. Oberoi pioneered the idea of luxury hospitality in India by opening his first hotel. The lessons self-taught, the inevitable mistakes made, the wisdom gained, the prestigious awards won. All have formed the compass for successive generations of Oberois.

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Taj, World's Strongest Hotel Brand*, is an iconic hospitality brand from the Indian Hotels Company Limited. The brand continues to be one of the most revered and loved hospitality brands with a legacy of over 116 years of impeccable service and genuine warmth.

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 Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace - Jodhpur
 Taj Lake Palace - Udaipur
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 Vivanta Sawai Madhopur Lodge - Ranthambore
 Pratap Mahal - Ajmer, Pushkar
 Devi Ratn - Jaipur
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The Leela Palaces - Rajasthan

Drawing inspiration from Rajasthan's royal heritage, The Leela Palace Jaipur is an elegant reflection of modern palatial grandeur and an epitome of true Indian luxury.

Promising unparalleled luxury, this is where memorable traditions meet contemporary sophistication, peppered with thoughtfully curated immersive cultural experiences, celebratory rituals and distinguished taste making, all delivered with the warmth and graciousness of Indian hospitality.

- The Leela Palace - Jaipur
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- RAAS Jodhpur
- RAAS Devigarh
- RAAS Chhatrasagar
- RAAS Rajmahal Palace Jaipur



The Sujan Life - Rajasthan

We are delighted to share with you that 21 years since SUJÁN was founded, we have committed to an evolutionary transformation to further enrich 'The SUJÁN Life'. It has been a privilege to share our world with you over the past couple of decades, and we thank you for your patronage.

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- Sujan Sher Bagh - Ranthambore
- Sujan The Serai - Jaisalmer
- Sujan Jawai - Jawai Bandh

Aman Hotels - Rajasthan

With its ancient forts and tiger-inhabited wilds, Rajasthan is renowned for its beauty, nowhere more concentrated than in the Aravalli Hills in the garden oasis that is Amanbagh.

Once the staging area for royal tiger hunts, today the rose-hued cupolas and vaulted entrances of the resort's Mughal-inspired structures soar from the greenery – utterly peaceful and consummately private.

- Amanbagh - Jaipur
- Aman-i-Khas - Ranthambore





Raffles Hotel - Udaipur

A stay in one of our properties is an experience to remember. Every hotel reflects the mood of its location, with a personality that is both intimate and luxurious. We take pride in making each guest feel like they are in somewhere very special.

Whatever you are looking for, we have an offer that caters to your specific needs. Explore our world of bespoke opportunities.

Each of our hotels provide an oasis for the well travelled, allowing their guests to share stories and celebrations. Discover what we believe makes life worth living.

Alila Fort - Bishangarh

Located at Bishangarh Village in the Jaipur District, barely 6 km off the Delhi-Jaipur National Highway.

Alila Fort Bishangarh is easily accessible from both Delhi and Jaipur. It is 180 km (3 hours) from Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and only 55 km (1 hour) from Jaipur Airport.

Perhaps the only warrior fort to be converted into a heritage resort, this historic landmark is a unique example of Jaipur Gharana architecture, influenced by both the Mughals and the British.



Samode Hotels - Rajasthan

Exclusive and discreet, Samode Hotels have been host to royalty, celebrities, artists, and the discerning traveller. Awaken to the quiet dawn, or have a cocktail on the terrace garden to the accompaniment of folk musicians. Run your fingers across the intricate story of an ancient mural on an uneven wall.

Samode Palace - Samode, Jaipur
 Samode Haveli - Jaipur
 Samode Bagh - Samode

ITC Rajputana - Jaipur

Inspired by the imposing architecture of Rajasthan's traditional havelis and located in the heart of the city, ITC Rajputana invites its guests to immerse in the romance and majesty of the royal era.

The elegant red brick exterior encompasses a central atrium around which the various levels rise gracefully.

Long corridors, secluded courtyards and the tinkle of fountains recall times long past. Infused with this style is the modern uncluttered look and feel – a combination that makes the hotel a truly distinguished host in Jaipur.



Alsisar Haveli - Jaipur

Treat yourself to the exquisitely indulgent moments and regal charm with the majestic mansion of the Thakurs of Alsisar at Alsisar Haveli- the heritage hotel in Jaipur.

More than five centuries ago, the grandson of Maharaja Udaikaran of Amer, the great warrior Maharao Shekhaji, founded a sub-clan popularly known as "Shekhawat". The Alsisar Hotels is owned by this branch of the "Kachawa" clan of Rajputs. The descendants of the family have since restructured and refurbished many of the old family mansions and palaces to manage a portfolio of some of the best heritage and luxury hotels.

Suryagarh Hotels - Rajasthan

Suryagarh, Jaisalmer is your gateway to the Thar Desert. We believe we are not just a hotel, but represent a unique way of life, carefully preserving the traditions of our past yet framing them in a modern idiom.

- Suryagarh Jaisalmer
- Laxmi Niwas Palace - Bikaner
- Narendra Bhawan - Bikaner





Shiv Niwas Palace - Udaipur

Where royalty has always felt at home, today you are invited to an experience of a lifetime.

Shiv Niwas Palace offers beautiful, yet differing suites and rooms to choose from 17 individually decorated suites carry original furniture and portraits that have been with the royal family for generations. All the suites look out onto the natural panorama of Udaipur. Unparalleled splendor and spaciousness characterise each room.

Fairmont Hotel - Jaipur

Gleaming under the watchful eyes of the Aravalli hills, away from the hustle & clamour of Jaipur city, glittering with history & culture of Rajasthan, Fairmont Jaipur is a luxurious living palace that gracefully combines the glories of the past with modern day comforts.

The 245 Guest Rooms including 7 imperial suites at Fairmont Jaipur are bespoke residences that exude classic heritage influences. The imposing Darwazas from the fort of Jaisalmer stand guard to the exclusive 90,000 sq. ft. convention grounds at Fairmont Jaipur.



Marriott Resort & Spa - Rajasthan

Allow Jaisalmer Marriott Resort & Spa to provide a sensational backdrop for your visit to the "Golden City." Step into our elegant hotel room or suite; our accommodation is overflowing with luxury perks, such as plush bedding, a stately marble bathroom, free Wi-Fi access, 24-hour room service and a flat-screen TV.

- Jaipur Marriott Hotel
- Jaisalmer Marriott Resort & Spa
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Six Senses - Ranthambore

A beautiful 14th century fort, sensitively converted to become a Six Senses sanctuary of well-being. Originally owned by a Rajasthani Royal Family, it faces the Chauth ka Barwara Mandir temple. The significant conservation effort incorporates two palaces and two temples within the walled fort. The design reinterprets the gracious and regal ambience of a bygone era dating back 700 years.

The historic fort has been sensitively preserved and converted, and enjoys a sensational view of the lake and temple. The landscaping integrates purely endemic plants and water features. The property is working with the local community to rewild the forests to the east and revive the sacred lake to its former glory.



The Bagh - Bharatpur

The Bagh is a heritage hotel spread over 40 acres of a 19th century garden in the Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. Located in the periphery of the Keoladeo National Park, The Bagh is at a few hours' drive from Delhi, Jaipur, Agra and Gwalior. It offers visitors an opportunity to experience luxury near one of the most popular bird sanctuaries of India.

There is another side to the hotel that is surrounded by organic farms and luscious greens – The Farm Wing. It is also categorized under premium, superior and family superior rooms, and has lawns and open courtyards to sit and enjoy the nature around.

Laxmi Vilas Palace - Bharatpur

Laxmi Vilas Palace, offers an amazing blend of Heritage, Royalty & Modern Amenities, close to the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary on Agra Jaipur Highway. The heritage hospitality goes beyond the narrowly appointed rooms, period decor, and antique furniture.

Enjoy a plush meal acclaimed by national as well as international travellers.

The best of creative style is equally distinguished by warmth and personal involvement of our attention to various intangibles that define the rich and varied heritage culture.





House of Rohet - Rajasthan

A family of distinguished Noblemen, who over 15 generations, have left their mark in the fields of Military, governance, administration, sport, politics, social service, education and now entrepreneurship.

With the grant of the 'Jagir' of Rohet in 1622, generations of the family have ruled and served its people and lived in their Ancestral home – Rohet Garh, for four centuries.

- Mihir Garh
- Rohet Garh
- Rohet Wilderness Camp
- The Rohet House

Neemrana Hotels - Rajasthan

While most heritage hotels in India are born with the beauty and treasures of history, only a few of the best hotels and resorts in India, offer the opportunity to experience authenticity, where guests return as informed travelers. Neemrana offers the opportunity to experience 18 of the most magical heritage hotels and resorts in India.

- Hill Fort Kesroli - Alwar
- Neemrana Fort & Palace - Neemrana
- Tijara Fort & Palace - Alwar
- The PIRAMAL HAVELI - Shekhavati



Castle Mandawa - Mandawa

Set in Mandāwa, Hotel Castle Mandawa has a fitness center, bar, garden, and free WiFi throughout the property. Boasting family rooms, this property also provides guests with a terrace. The accommodations offers a 24-hour front desk, room service and luggage storage for guests.

All guest rooms come with air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels, a kettle, a shower, free toiletries and a desk. At the hotel all rooms have a private bathroom.

Sariska Palace - Alwar

Sariska Palace is placed on the borders of the Sariska National Park. It turned into one of the most popular hotels of Rajasthan. This property is spread over 120 acres of land. Also, the hotels offer a royal stay and all the modern facilities to the guests. The guest can relish mouthwatering delicacies of Indian and World cuisines at the restaurant and enjoy exceptional drinks at the bar.

The spacious rooms and suits of Sariska Palace are luxurious and have lavish interiors. This palace is also famous for shooting films. The movie Karan Arjun was shot in this palace as 'Thakur Durjan's Haveli' and Karan Arjun's village was an area of Bhangarh in Alwar District. Moreover, it was entirely shot in different parts of Rajasthan.



Vivaana Culture Hotel - Mandawa

Vivaana is a captivating twin haveli adorned with fascinating paintings. Both the exterior and interior boast of superb and rare artifacts and frescos. The over a century old haveli has been lovingly restored and renovated into the Heritage Hotel. It reflects the old world charm at its best.

Personalized service and warm Rajasthani hospitality make the guests feel at home. Historical curios and royal portraits adorn the walls of these spacious rooms. The lawns, terraces and courtyards offer an impressive view of the surrounding "open art gallery". It is beautiful forever, eternal and ethereal!

The Westin Pushkar Resort & Spa

Surrounded by the picturesque Aravalis, The Westin Pushkar Resort & Spa is a haven of wellness and renewal. Embrace serenity in five-star villas, featuring luxury hotel amenities, plush furnishings, Westin White Tea Heavenly™ Bath Amenities and plunge pools in select villas.

Explore diverse cultural and historical attractions, including the Holy Lake, the Sadar Bazaar, the annual Camel Fair, the world-famous Dargah of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti and Brahma Temple, created in the 14th century.





Jaipur - The Capital

The 'Pink City' of Jaipur was named after Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II who founded the city on November 18, 1727. Jaipur along with Delhi and Agra forms the India's Golden Triangle. Which is the most popular tourist circuit in India. This capital of Rajasthan is also a gateway to other tourist places like Ajmer, Pushkar, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Mount Abu in the state.





EXPLORE

Udaipur

Udaipur city is situated 598 metre above sea level in the southern part of the Indian state, Rajasthan. It has an area of 37 square kilometres and is located on the southern slope of the mighty Aravalli hills which separates the city from the Thar desert. Northern Udaipur comprises of plateaus while the eastern side of the city has vast fertile plains. Southern part of this beautiful city comprises of rocks, hills and forests.

An idyllic place for romantics at heart, Udaipur is undoubtedly the best place to holiday in Rajasthan. Adorned with pretty palaces and the scintillating lakes, this popular tourist place has so much to offer to the honeymoon couples and history lovers. The city is also home to the second largest man-made sweet water lake, and has one of the most exotic boutique hotels in India.



Jaisalmer

The 'Queen of Thar,' Jaisalmer is inarguably the best travel destination in Rajasthan. Reckoned to offer tourists an unparalleled holiday experience, this popular place is the gateway to culturally and historically opulent Rajasthan. It is here in Jaisalmer that one is able to witness the perfect amalgamation of nature, architecture, hospitality and adventure. This prized tourism place is about unsurpassed experience of pampering oneself with Rajasthan's famed hospitality, and relishing its art & architecture along with enthralling adventure activities and memorable camel safaris.

Jaisalmer is not just a popular destination in Rajasthan, in fact it is a tourism experience that one dreams to have. Yes, the city is about fort, havelis and desert, but it is primarily about the harmony with which these attractions coexist. What stuns the travellers in this best travel place of Rajasthan is the very fact that its major tourist attraction, Sonar Quila/Golden Fort is a living fort with hundreds of people inhabiting within its expansive walls.



Jodhpur

Jodhpur is a sunny city set against a bright blue sky. A popular travel destination in Rajasthan Jodhpur was formerly the capital of the Marwar kingdom. A city grew outside the limits of the fort in olden times. Modern Jodhpur has grown and expanded though its palaces, forts and temples are favoured tourist attractions featuring beautiful architecture cradled in the sandy folds of the Thar Desert. A proper holiday guide to Jodhpur will enable you to plan your next vacation where there is so much to experience and enjoy.

Jodhpur's sublime architecture is what catches the eyes of the tourists while sightseeing. The mighty Mehrangarh Fort perched on a hillock and breathtaking Umaid Bhawan Palace, which now is one of world's best heritage hotels certainly offer a glimpse of what this popular attraction in Rajasthan is all about. Jodhpur offers its visitors an unbeatable blend of modern and ancient that divides the city neatly into two parts, Old and New.



Bikaner

Vibrant deserts, fabulous forts, desert safaris make Bikaner a blooming beauty in the Thar desert. The city is adorned with gigantic and spectacular forts and palaces that tell the world about the opulence of its rulers. Such strong are these forts that even after so many years of their construction, they stood tall unspoiled and withstood the passage of time. Apart from the historical vestiges, the city is the center of attraction for food lovers due to its yummy snacks.

Till 15th Century, Bikaner was publicly known as "Jangladesh." At that time, the region was possessed by Jat communities namely Sihag, Dhaka, Punia, Godara, Saran, Beniwal, Johiya, and Kaswan. In the year 1488, Rajput prince Rao Bika, a Rathore Rajput, and an elder son of Rao Jodha, king of Marwar, left his durbar in annoyance after hearing a remark from his father. Bikaji then started traveling and came upon the wilderness called Jangladesh.



Bharatpur

Explore the regal and vivacious side of Rajasthan on Bharatpur tour. Once an impregnable and heavily fortified city, Bharatpur is today known as 'Eastern Gateway to Rajasthan' and an important travel destination. It was founded in 1733 by Maharaja Suraj Mal. Famous for its bird sanctuary all over the world; it houses more than 364 species of migratory birds from Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, China, and Siberia. Other tourist attractions include the Lohagarh Fort, Fateh, Laxman Mandir, Bharatpur Palace, Deeg, Ganga Mandir, etc.

Till 17th century, Bharatpur was dominated by the Jat rulers and they were going strong in years to come. Mughals tried to conquer Bharatpur, but they were not able to do anything because of their strong rule, especially under the leadership of Badan Singh and Churaman. In early 18th century, the farmers of Bharatpur rose in revolt against the Mughals. That's when the Jats, under the leadership of Badan Singh along with his uncle Churaman, came together and defeated Mughal.



Ajmer

An emerald oasis, Ajmer lies in a valley encircled by the ancient Aravalli Range in the state of Rajasthan. Ajmer was named after Ajay Meru which means the 'Invincible Mountain' referring to the Taragarh hill along the slope of which Ajmer is situated. It is a heritage city receiving aid from the Indian government's Yojana Scheme. It lies to the west of Jaipur. Ajmer Sharif and Adhai Din ka Jhonpra are two popular tourism places Ajmer is known for.

Ajmer was founded on barren hills in the 7th Century A.D by Raja Ajay Pal Chauhan naming it Ajaymeru. The first fort was built at Taragarh here at Ajmer, which made the city a centre for power. The Afghans took over reins from Prithviraj Chauhan the last of the Chauhans. A turbulent set of three centuries followed thereafter. Emperor Akbar declared it a province in 1556 A.D. It became the headquarters for Mughal operations in Rajasthan. After the Mughal decline the Scindias of Gwalior gained power in Ajmer.



Alwar

In the lap of green hills of Aravalli ranges nestles the beautiful Alwar that has been left replete with exquisite forts, unexplored palaces, and miles of barren land. An important place where many chapters of Rajput history has unfolded, Alwar is an architectural gem of Rajasthan. It's a graceful combination of nature, ancient history, Indian art, and culture unlike any other place in Rajasthan makes Alwar a popular tourists destination.

Alwar is one of the oldest kingdoms in Rajasthan. A mythological belief persists that this region was known as Matsya Desh where the Pandavas spent their 13th year of exile. It was founded in 1049 by Maharaja Alaghraj and was a part of Virat Nagar in 1500 BC. Later, Alwar was ruled by several Rajput lineages - Nikumbh Rajputs, Yaduvanshi Rajputs, Badgujar Rajputs and Naruka. Even the Marathas and Jats of Bharatpur have ruled the region, though for a very short period. Foundation of modern Alwar was laid down by Rao Partap Singh, a brave Rajput soldier who conquered the Alwar Fort.

Bundi

A tourism place that captures every kid's idea of a perfect desert, Bundi is like nowhere else in Rajasthan. Located in the south-eastern region in a narrow valley within the Aravalli Hills like a small oasis, Bundi is also known as the blue city of Eastern Rajasthan. It is mainly famous for its tourist attractions like mansions, forts, paintings, step wells, and palaces. All these places together make Bundi a perfect travel destination in Rajasthan. Such charming is the silhouette of the city that one can see its mention in literary and cinematic works of many veteran authors and filmmakers, like Rudyard Kipling in 'Kim' novel, Rabindranath Tagore in 'False Fort' (Nakalgarh Poem), and Satyajit Ray in his movie 'Sonar Kella'.

Bundi was the capital of a major princely state during the heyday of the Rajputs. History has it that the region around Bundi was earlier occupied by the Mina and Bhil tribes.



Chittorgarh

Chittor, the mention of the name brings to mind gallant heroic Rajput kings exhibiting bravado and valour. A small district mainly known for its fort perched upon a hill, Chittorgarh is an important tourist place in Rajasthan. The tourism in Chittorgarh revolves around the impregnable fort that is bordered by cliffs and is difficult to approach. The fort houses palaces, temples, lawns and lakes, all of great interest to tourists looking for the best historical travel places to see in Rajasthan.

A perfect reflection of the opulent Rajput history, Chittorgarh is a traveller's opportunity to have a rendezvous with glorious past.

Rich in architecture splendour, Chittorgarh's prized possession remains its mighty and majestic fort, which indeed is a fine example of Rajputana architecture. This, one of the best sightseeing places in Rajasthan once was exalted for its eighty four waterfronts.



Dungarpur

Known for their artistic skills of toy-making; gold and silver photo frame-making and paintings on the rocks, Dungarpur is truly a gem city that adds a feather to the cap of Rajasthan tourism. A land inhabited by Bhils and the Dungarias, this travel attraction in Rajasthan is nestled in foothills of Aravalli with opulent wildlife and fertile plains. Dungarpur offers its rich heritage as tourist attraction, and is home to one of the best tribal fairs in Rajasthan, Baneshwar and green marbles that are exported widely from here.

One of Rajasthan tourism's best kept secret, Dungarpur is a delight to visit. This offbeat destination in Rajasthan is ideal for history lovers, who have ample opportunities to have a glance at the exceptional architecture and royal residences that the state is so proud of. According to the historical records, Dungarpur was brought down on the Rajasthan map by Rawal Veer Singh in 1358 A.D., who was also the eldest son of the ruler of Mewar - Karan Singh.



Jhalawar

Home to the brave Chauhan Rajput, Jhalawar is a lesser explored treasure of history in Rajasthan. The distinctive landscape and the varied cultural heritages such as palaces, forts and temples from Rajput as well as the Mughal periods are the major highlights on offer here. Apart from this southeastern city of Rajasthan also flaunts its flora. One can expect to see fields and orange orchards and in the winter, witness the lush picturesque pink and white poppies. For those seeking to explore different aspects of Rajasthan, Jhalawar is a perfect experience that must not be missed.

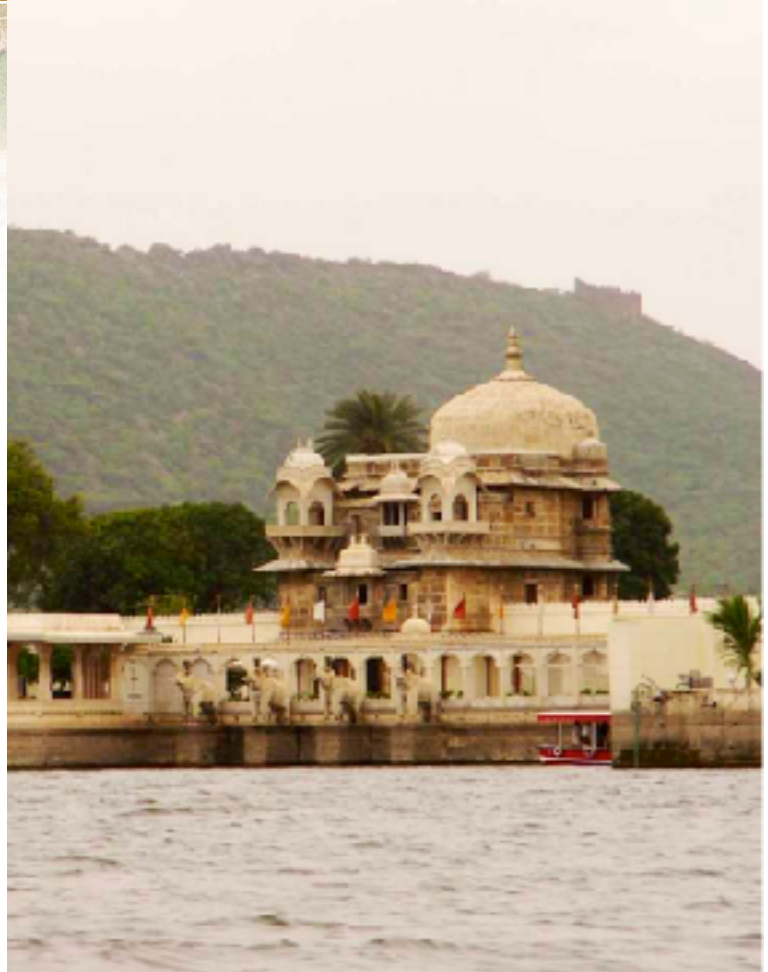
Jhalawar was formed in 1791 A.D. by Rajput Jhala Zalim Singh as a military cantonment and township, then known as Chaoni Umedpura, so as to stop Maratha to reach and attack Kota. At that time, the township was situated amidst a lush green forest which was home to many exotic species. In the year 1838 AD, the English ruler, disjoined Jhalawar from Kota and gave it to Jhala Madan Singh, the grandson of Jhala Zalim.



Kota

With history, culture, cuisine, nature and heritage, Kota has a lot on offer for your perusal. The desert city cites an attractive historical beginning and has seen a lot of valour, majesty, courtliness and grandeur, etching India's glorious monarchy. Proud Rajput kings once ruled over western India adding to this country's glory and richness. Kota is within the Hadoti region located in the south eastern part of Rajasthan. The River Chambal cools the town as it flows through it. In the 17th century Kota region a section of Hadoti was gifted to Madho Singh a deserving prince, and Kota attained the prestigious Rajput hallmark of gallantry and Rajputana culture.

One of the most vivid travel destinations in Rajasthan, Kota reveals pages of rich history through its amazing unexplored prehistoric caves, its exquisite palaces with sprawling interiors, unassailable forts and glimmering waterways which provide the perfect foil to intricate frescos and striking unusual wildlife.



Mount Abu

Mount Abu in the Sirohi District of Rajasthan is beautiful and one and only hill station in Rajasthan. It is one of the most popular retreats for vacationers and even honeymoon couples. With a distinctive blend of the flavours of Rajasthan, Mount Abu has some of the best places to visit like Dilwara Jain Temples, Nakki Lake, Achal Garh, Guru Shikhar, Adhar Devi, Sunset Point, Trevor's crocodile Park, Wildlife Sanctuary and Gaumukh.

Dilwara Jain Temples are the Jain temples that were constructed between 11th to 13th century AD. Some consider its craftsmanship in marble to be superior to that of the Taj Mahal. The main temple complex consists of five different temples dedicated to the Jain Tirthankaras. Dilwara temples may be visited 365 days a year from 12noon till 5pm. As per legends, Nakki Lake was created by the Devtas by digging up with their nails or, nakh. It is the only Indian artificial lake at such a high altitude of 3937ft approximately and one of the top sightseeing places here.



Pushkar

Pushkar is an important centre of pilgrimage for Hindus. The place has a magnetic appeal with 400 temples that are blue white and a number of bathing ghats. The town resounds with chanting of prayers and religious songs, along with drums and gongs.

Pushkar is a happy tourist attraction and the main marketing spot sells didgeridoos(Australian wind music instrument), scarves in tie and dye, to the mix of eager tourists flocking from the world over. There is a dash of commercialism but the town retains a mystique. The Nag Pahar is a small hill which separates Pushkar from Ajmer a mere 11 km apart.

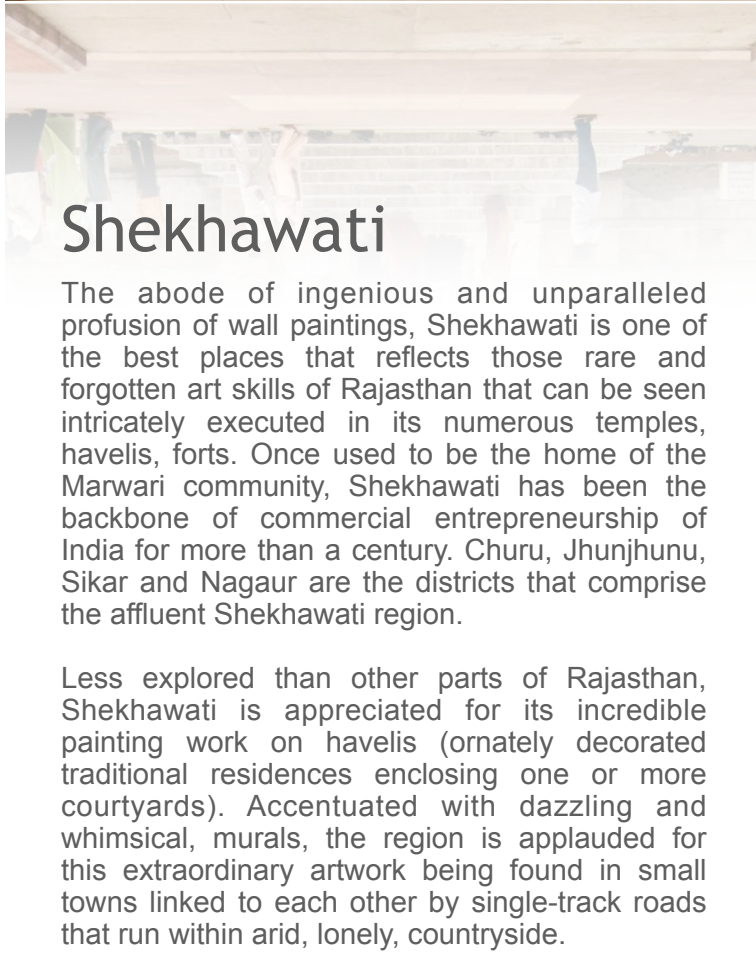
Pushkar is a favourite travel destination in Rajasthan, as it happens to be a temple town. The town of Pushkar has grown curling around the Pushkar Lake which is a holy site said to have legendarily appeared when a lotus was dropped by Lord Brahma upon the site . It is an old city considered to be a chosen place where Brahma is worshipped.



Ranakpur

Ranakpur – a serene village in the Pali district of Rajasthan is a pious place for the Jains. Being an important place for pilgrimage, Ranakpur is home to some of the most beautiful and revered temples of western India. It is a remote valley in the Aravalli Ranges, situated 96 km from the famous city of Udaipur. The calm atmosphere of the place and the beautiful Jain temples which are made up of amber stones around the year 1438 attracts tourists to this place round the year.

This cozy hamlet and pilgrimage of Rajasthan is known as the town of temples. There are a lot of popular tourism places in Ranakpur. A king called Rana Kumbha gave to a rich businessman place to build Jain temples. Hence the city is named after this benevolent king. The Jain temple is the most important sightseeing places in Ranakpur. It is built over an area of 40000 sq. ft and is adorned with intricate carvings.



Shekhawati

The abode of ingenious and unparalleled profusion of wall paintings, Shekhawati is one of the best places that reflects those rare and forgotten art skills of Rajasthan that can be seen intricately executed in its numerous temples, havelis, forts. Once used to be the home of the Marwari community, Shekhawati has been the backbone of commercial entrepreneurship of India for more than a century. Churu, Jhunjhunu, Sikar and Nagaur are the districts that comprise the affluent Shekhawati region.

Less explored than other parts of Rajasthan, Shekhawati is appreciated for its incredible painting work on havelis (ornately decorated traditional residences enclosing one or more courtyards). Accentuated with dazzling and whimsical, murals, the region is applauded for this extraordinary artwork being found in small towns linked to each other by single-track roads that run within arid, lonely, countryside.



Ranthambore

14kms from the railway town of Sawai Madhopur, lies the breath-taking Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Reserve. Spread over 1334 sq.km. of thick jungle, this is where you can spot the elusive big cat in its natural habitat.

Even if the tiger plays hide and seek, you can still have a wonderful safari with a number of other animals and birds on display. Jackal, hyena, Indian wolf, nilgai, sambhar deer, greylag goose, nightjar, great crested grebe, and many more. A trip to Ranthambore feels like you're part of a live-action movie of The Jungle Book!

The dry-deciduous forest landscape is made up of sparkling rivulets, crags, lush meadows and densely-covered hills. Animal lovers are spoiled for choice when it comes to places to visit in Rajasthan, and Ranthambore is the wildlife jewel.



Banswara

Banswara gets its name from the 'bans' or bamboo trees that once grew here in abundance. It is dominated by Bhil tribals (popularly known as the bow men of Rajasthan) who make up more than half the total population of the region.

History states that Banswara was ruled by a Bhil ruler named Bansia or Wasna and the place derived its name from him. Bansai was defeated by Jagmal Singh who crowned himself Banswara's first Maharawal.

The district is a mix of different geographies with fertile plains of maize, wheat, rice, cotton soya bean and gram covering the entire central and western regions, while the Aravallis range make up the eastern side. The rich teak forests and mango, khajur (date) and mahua trees are home to diverse wildlife. Archaeological significance of Arthuna has made it one of the prime attractions of Banswara.



Barmer

Occupying an area of 28,387 sq. km, Barmer is among the larger districts in Rajasthan. Being in the western part of the state, it includes a part of the Thar Desert. Jaisalmer is to the north of this district while Jalore is in its south. Pali and Jodhpur form its eastern border and it shares a border with Pakistan in the west. Partially being a desert, this district has a large variation in temperature. The temperature in summer can rise up to 51 °C and falls to 0 °C in winter. Luni is the longest river in Barmer district. After travelling a length of almost 500 km, it passes through Jalore and merges in the marshy land of Runn of Kutch.

Once a camel trade route, This area is rich in craft that include wood carving, pottery, embroidery work and ajrak prints. Several festivals are held in Barmer, Most important being the Mallinath Cattle festival which is held at Tilwara village in remembrance of Rawal Mallinath who was founder of Mallani Pargana.

Bhilwara

Famous as the 'city of textiles and looms', Bhilwara is home to the world renowned Ramdwara of Ramsnehi Sampraday.

The founder Guru of the Sampraday, Swami Ramcharanji Maharaj, preached to his followers here and later decided to move to Shahpura. The present day headquarters of the Ram Snehi Sampraday, known as Ram Niwas Dham are located in Shahpura.

Some people say that Bhilwara got its name from the Bhils (tribal people) who lived there during the days of yore. As per a story, the city of Bhilwara had a mint that minted coins known as 'bhiladi'.

This is supposedly the origin of the district's name. Bhilwara's cultural history can also be traced back to the Nagar Brahmins mentioned in the Skanda Purana.



Dausa

Dausa is a small ancient town named after a Sanskrit word Dhau-sa meaning Beautiful like Heaven.

Also referred as Deva Nagri, located around 55 km from Jaipur, on National Highway 11.

The city was the first headquarter of the former Kachhawaha Dynasty and has much history and archaeological importance linked to it. Situated away from the bustling cities, the town of Dausa offers an authentic rural experience in Rajasthan.

The area of the district is 3432 sq.km. and ranks at 32nd among other districts of the state. Dausa district is the one of smallest district of Rajasthan by an area. The district has a roughly semi-circular or C-shape broadest the centre and tapering towards east and west.



Nagaur

Nagaur is located in the north western Marwar region of Rajasthan. It is an area with a forest belt of thorn scrubs that circles the Thar Desert. It's surrounded by Churu District in the north, Bikaner District from the northwest and Sikar District in the northeast. Pali lies in the south and Jodhpur District to the southwest and west. Jaipur is located on its east, while Ajmer is in the southeast. In the south eastern stretch of this district lies the magnificent Aravalli Range while India's largest salt lake, 'Sambhar Lake' lies at the southwestern corner of the district.

This city was known as Jangladesh in Mahabharata era. Its fort stands testament to the great battles and rulers who fought them. This town was granted to Raja Amar Singh Rathore by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Nagas, Chauhans, Rathores, Mughals and even the British laid claim on this city. The dargah of Sufi saint Hamiduddin Chisti Faruqui Nagauri, one of the chief disciples of Khwaja Moinuddin, is also located here. Nagaur is also the birthplace of Saint Poetess Meera Bai and Abul Fazal.



Karauli

The small city of Karauli that has recently caught the attention of tourists is an exquisite home to well decorated havelis, peaceful shrines, picturesque views and imprinted chhatris that dot the entire city.

This beauty of a place in Rajasthan shares its borders with the heart of India, Madhya Pradesh and is surrounded by Dausa, Dholpur and sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan.

This city resonates with Mughal architectural panache and is world renowned for its pale red sandstone that surrounds the entire city with strong and sturdy wall.

Apart from its royal history, Karauli offers its visitors a rural and tranquil ambience with warm and hospitable behaviour, echoing the true old Rajasthani culture

Pali

THE TRADE CENTRE OF THE ROYAL STATE

Eponymously known as the Industrial City, Pali has been an important part of Rajasthan from centuries and a hub for merchant activities.

Carved out of erstwhile state of Jodhpur, Pali flaunts its rich heritage and culture in the form of beautiful Jain temples and other elaborate monuments.

Resembling an irregular triangle, this district shares a common border with eight districts in Rajasthan namely, Nagaur and Jodhpur in the north, Barmer in the west, Rajmasand and Udaipur to the south-east, Ajmer to the north-east and Sirohi and Jalore in the south and south-west respectively.

Come explore the wonders and sites that Pali has to offer you. There's always something to see in Rajasthan.

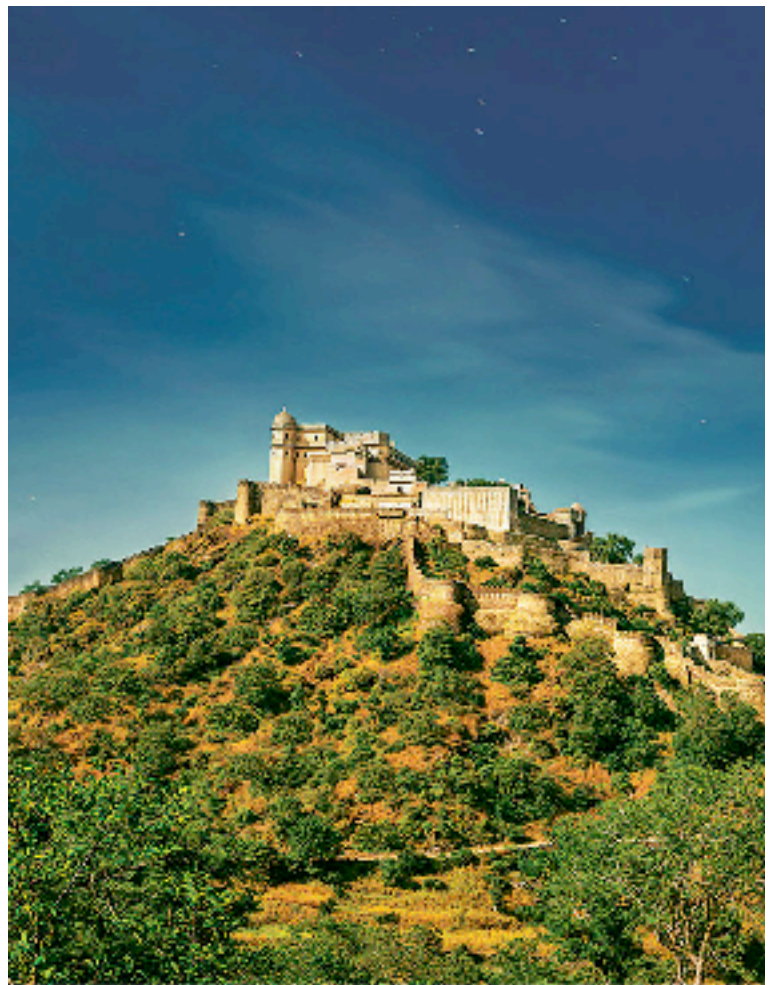


Rajsamand

Rajsamand is located around 67 km from Udaipur. Apart from being quite well known for marble production and being the largest marble producing district in the country, Rajsamand is also a town that houses beautiful lakes, awe-inspiring palaces, great historical significance and also a national park.

For any visitor, Rajsamand lives up to every travel expectation you might have, and at times, even surpass them.

Among the most famous spots in the district are the Kumbhalgarh Fort, the place where Maharana Pratap was born; Haldighati, the famous battlefield; Dwarikadheesh; Charbhuja; and a number of Shiv temples. Rajsamand makes for a fascinating visit, offering you the opportunity to glance and bask in its rich history, religion, culture, and mining industry.

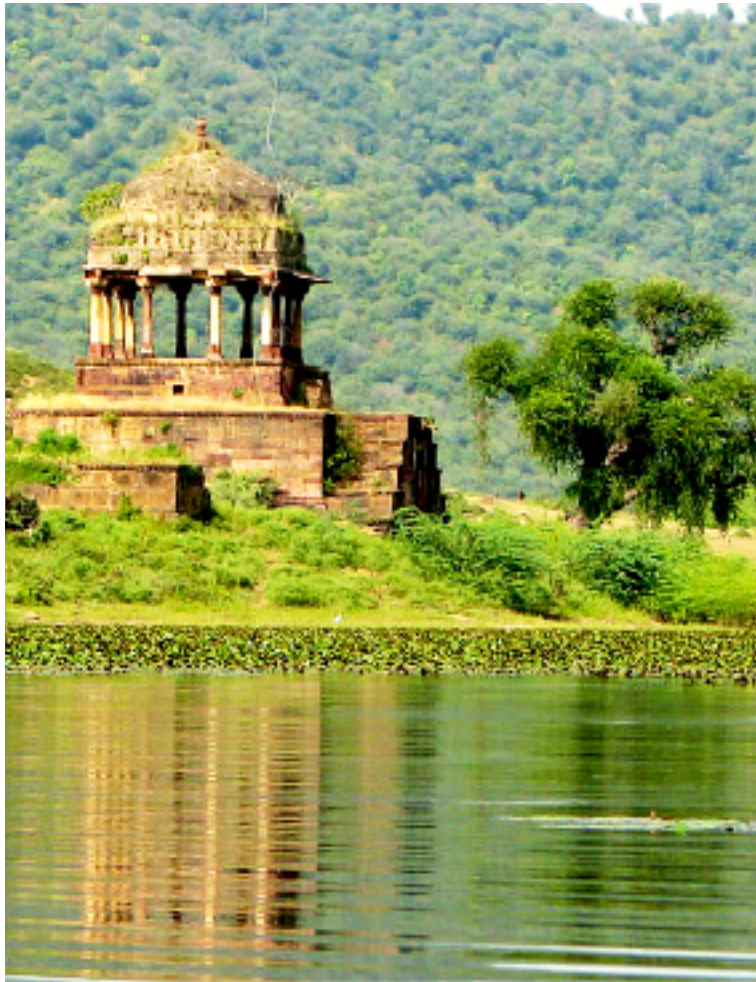


Hanumangarh

Hanumangarh is a city best known for its temples and its historical significance given that it was once part of the Indus Valley Civilization. Recent excavations in the area have revealed some stunning artefacts belonging to an era of great significance to human history. The city is also known to be an agricultural marketplace where cotton and wool are woven on handlooms and sold.

The primary tourist attraction of Hanumangarh is the Bhatner fort, a beautiful structure whose history dates back thousands of years. Formerly the kingdom of Bhati kings, Hanumangarh was originally called Bhatner. However, when Raja Suraj Singh of Bikaner captured the city he rechristened it 'Hanumangarh'.

The reason being that the city was won on a Tuesday, a day considered auspicious to the Hindu god Hanuman. The Hanumangarh area is steeped in history and is believed to have once been part of the Indus Valley Civilization.



Baran

A separate area carved out of the beautiful region of Kota, Baran is located further in the Hadoti province of Rajasthan. A traveller's dream, Baran is the land of picturesque wooded hills and valleys, where one can stumble upon old ruins that tell stories of an era long gone. The city is known for its Ram- Sita temples, serene picnic spots and vibrant tribal fairs and festivals.

The history of Baran dates back to the 14th century when Solanki Rajputs ruled over the region. In 1949, Baran became the head-divisional quarter of Kota when Rajasthan was reconstituted. It became an established district of Rajasthan in 1991. Baran is popular for attracting tourists who prefer exploring the non-commercial aspects of the State. Its architectural marvels, a beautiful collection of temples dedicated to Ram and Sita and mighty fortresses add to Baran's natural beauty.

Jalore

Famed for its numerous quarries, Jalore has risen to prominence for producing some of the finest granite in the world. Originally a small town, industrial growth has helped Jalore grow by leaps and bounds in recent times.

The 'tope khana' or cannon foundry at Jalore Fort is the foremost tourist attraction of Jalore and it provides stunning views of the city. The city is also famed for the Sundha Mata Temple which was built around 900 years ago and is sacred to the devotees of goddess Chamunda Devi.

Believed to be founded in the 8th century AD, Jalore was originally called Jabalipur in honour of the saint Maharishi Jabali. The town was also known as Swarn giri, after the hill at the foot of which it is situated. Over the centuries a number of clans ruled over Jalore including the Gurjara Pratiharas, the Parmars and the Chauhans until the city was captured and destroyed by the Sultan of Delhi, Ala-Ud-Din-Khilji. After 4 centuries the city was finally restored back to the rulers of Marwar in 1704.



Sriganganagar

The northern-most city of Rajasthan, Sri Ganganagar is located near the border of the state of Punjab and also the international border of the nation of Pakistan. It is often referred to as “the food basket of Rajasthan” due to its fertile plains similar to those one would find in Punjab. The area was once barren and dry but was converted to a green town thanks to Maharaja Ganga Singh who constructed the Gang Canal to carry excess water from Punjab and Himachal Pradesh to the town.

Today, Sri Ganganagar is famed for its produce of wheat, mustard, cotton, bajra, sugarcane and grams. Kinnow, a hybrid citrus fruit is a popular horticultural product that is grown here. Majority of the industries in the area are based on agriculture and it provides a livelihood to a majority of the residents of Sri Ganganagar.



Tonk

A small town near the city of Jaipur, Tonk is one of the most interesting places in Rajasthan and is renowned for its old havelis and mosques. This elegant town of Jaipur was once ruled by the Pathans of Afghanistan. The ancient town takes pride in its beautiful architectural wonders, established during the Mughal era. The Nawab of Tonk was very fond of literature and built a large library of Persian and Arabic manuscripts. Founded in the 17th century, the town of Tonk serves as a host to several mansions, mosques and British colonial buildings. This cross-cultural town is a mixture of Rajput buildings and Muslim architecture, which sets this town apart from others. Rich in cultural heritage and magnificent structures, Tonk attracts tourists from all over the world.

This historic city formed a part of Harsha Vardhan's empire during which the Chinese traveller Fa-Hien visited India. The King of Jaipur, Raja Man Singh conquered Tari and Tokra Janpad, during the Akbar regime. 12 villages of Tokra Janpad were given away to Bhola Brahmin in the year 1643.

LUXURY TRAINS

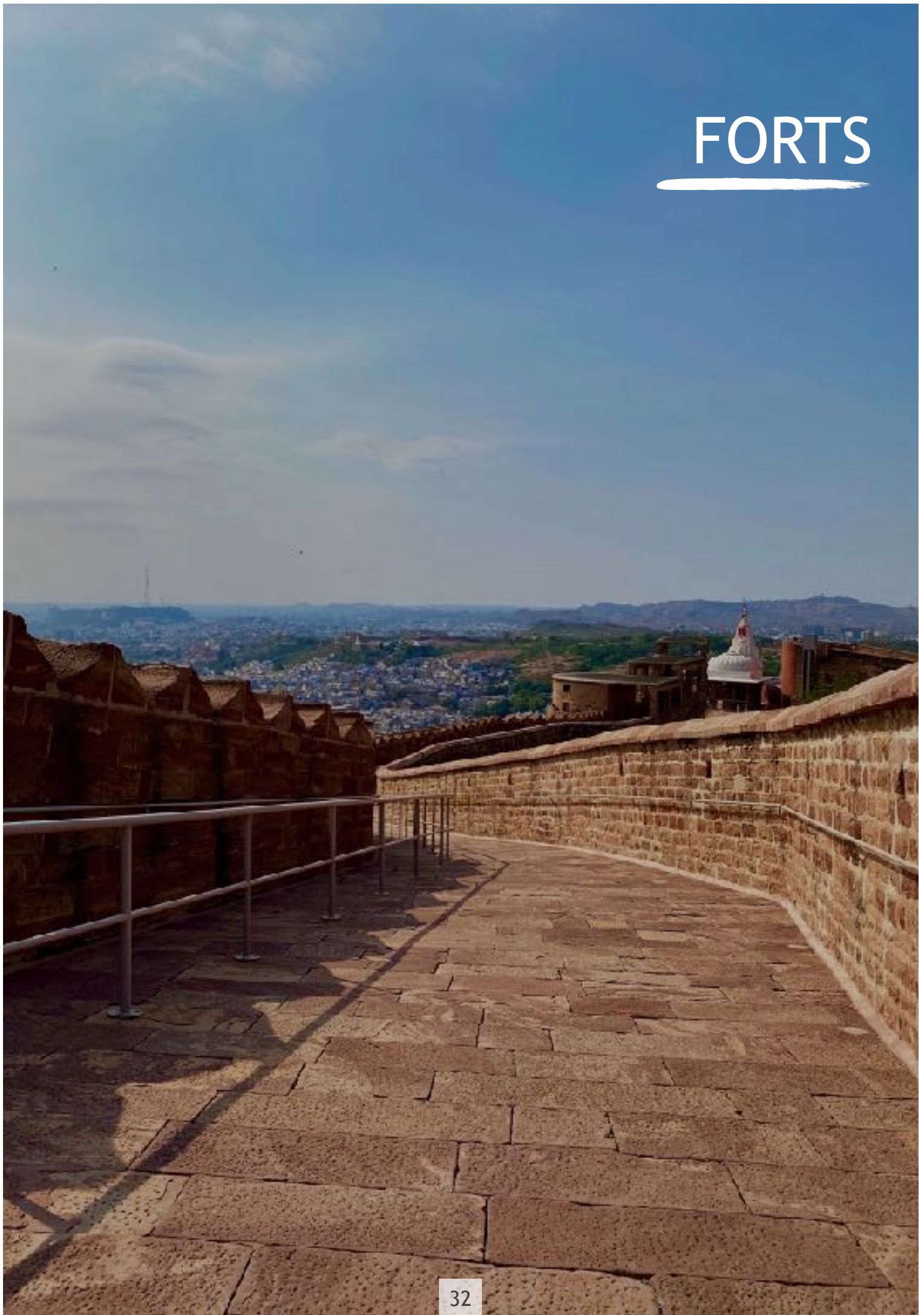




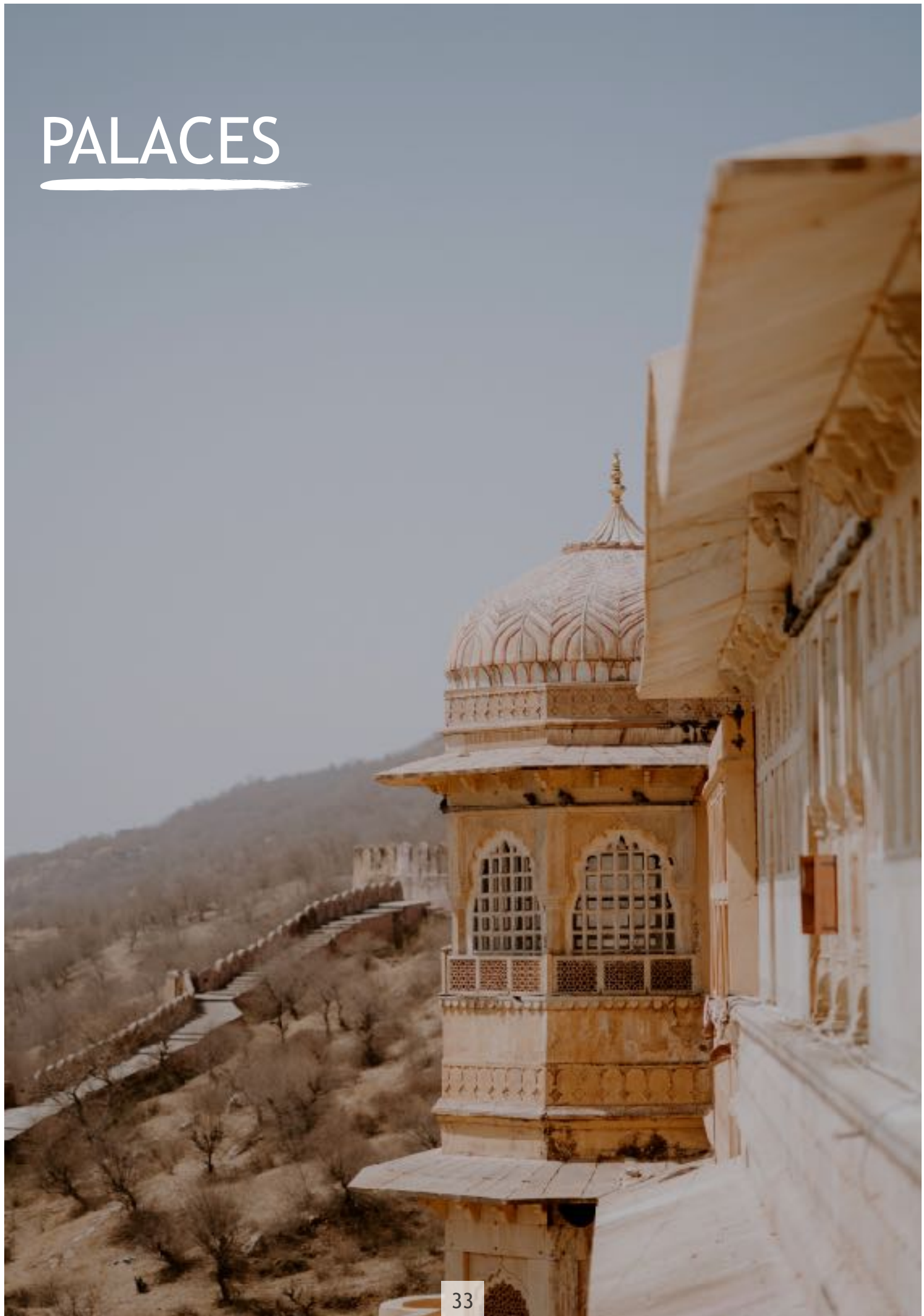
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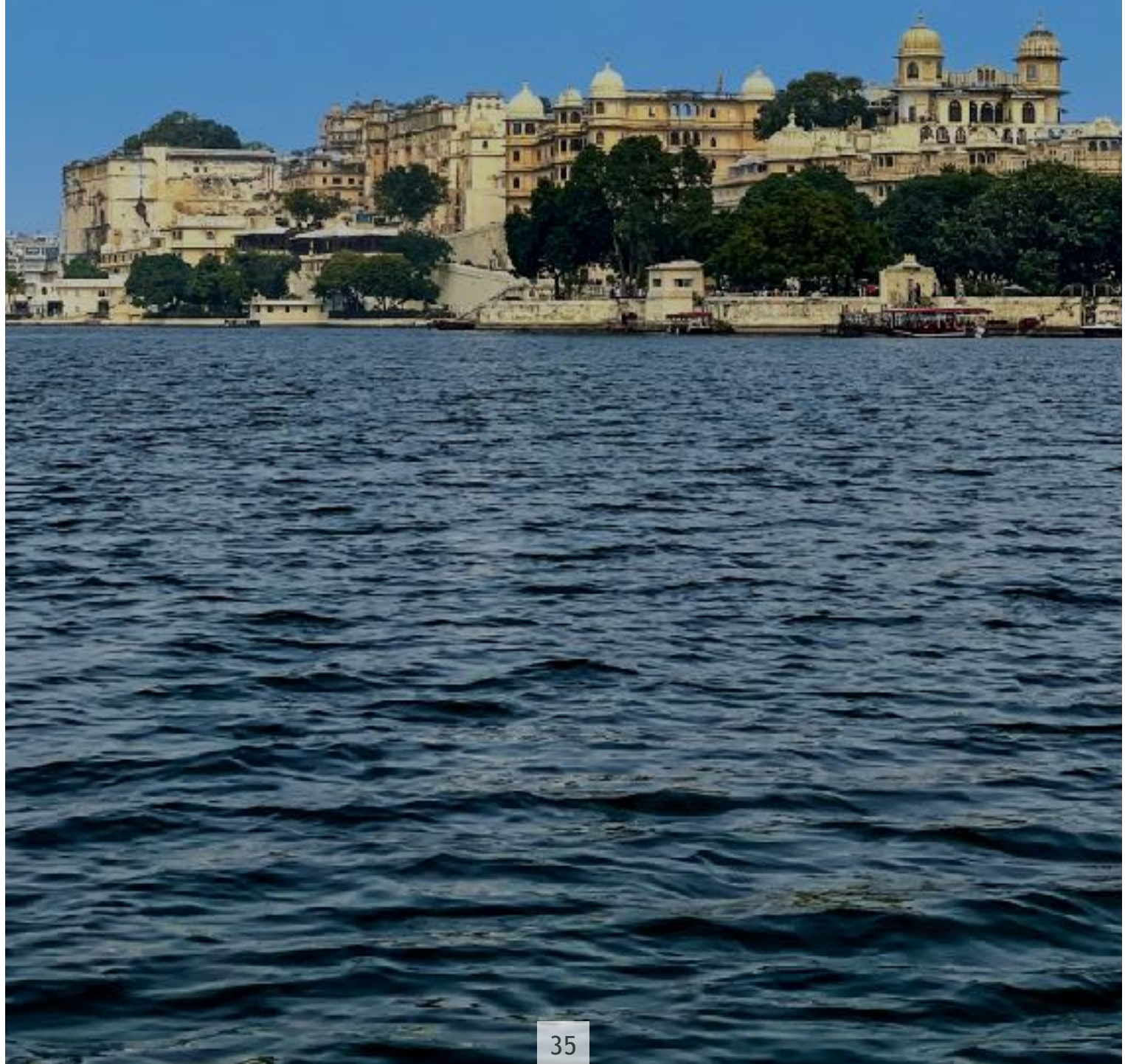
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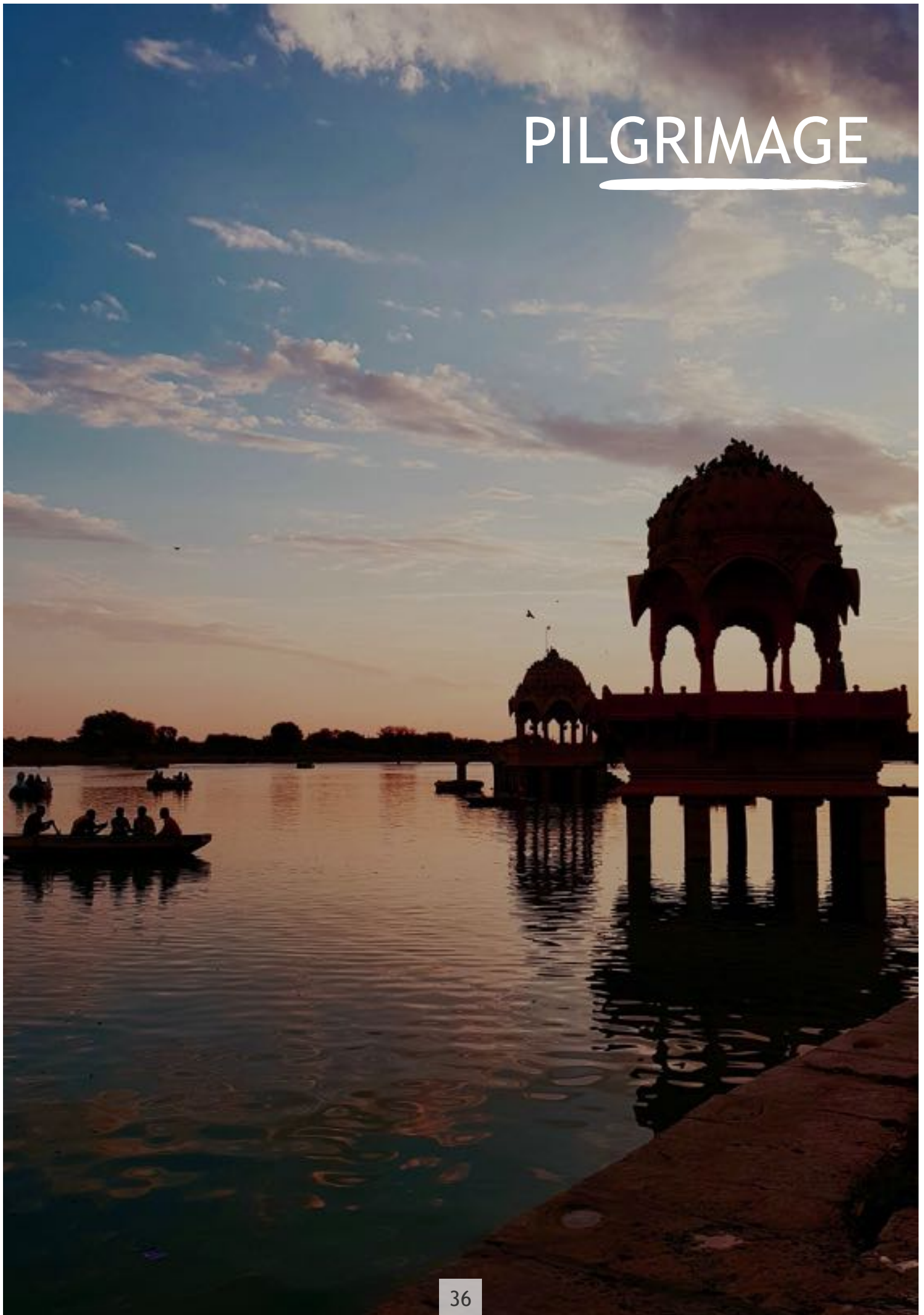
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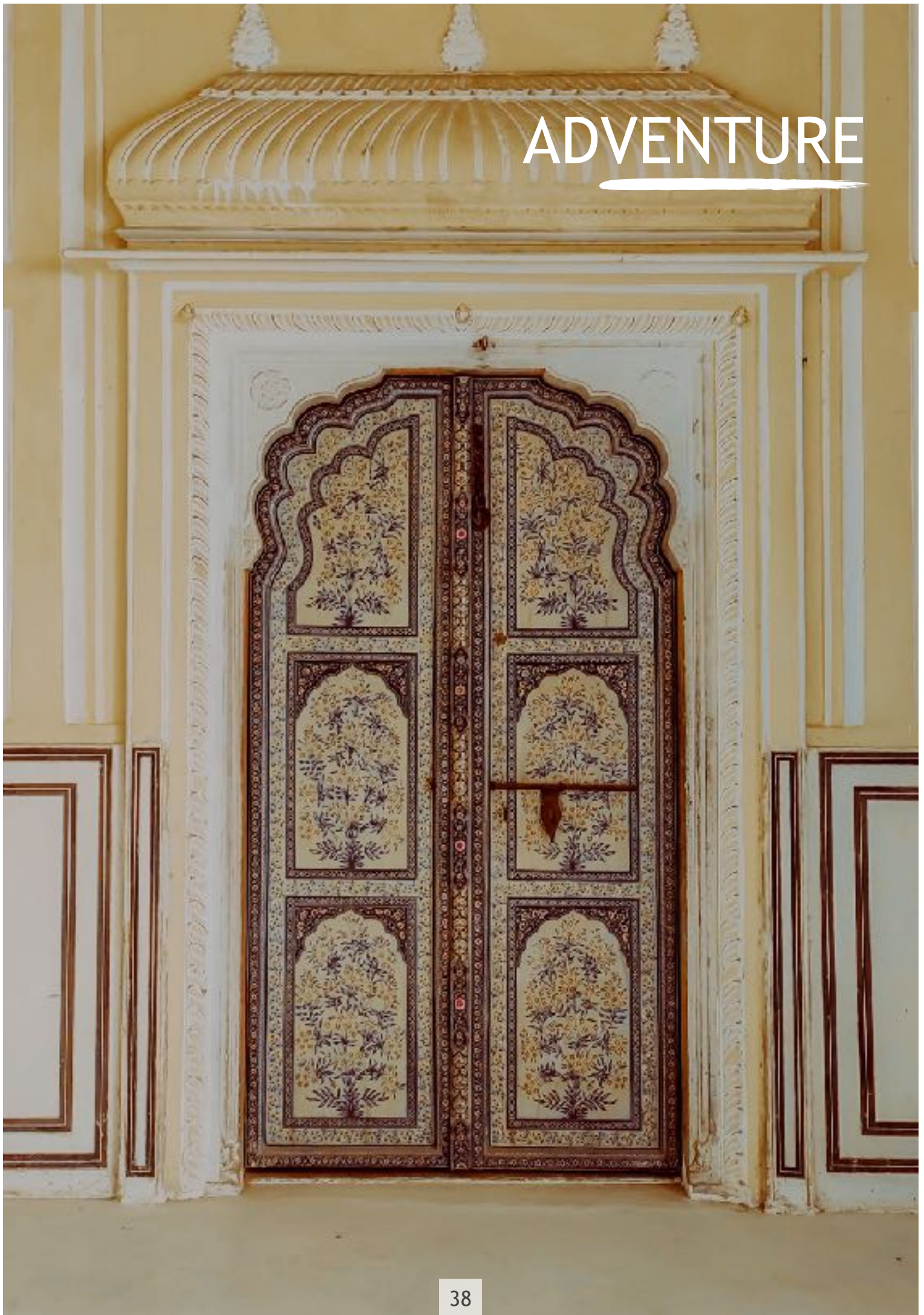
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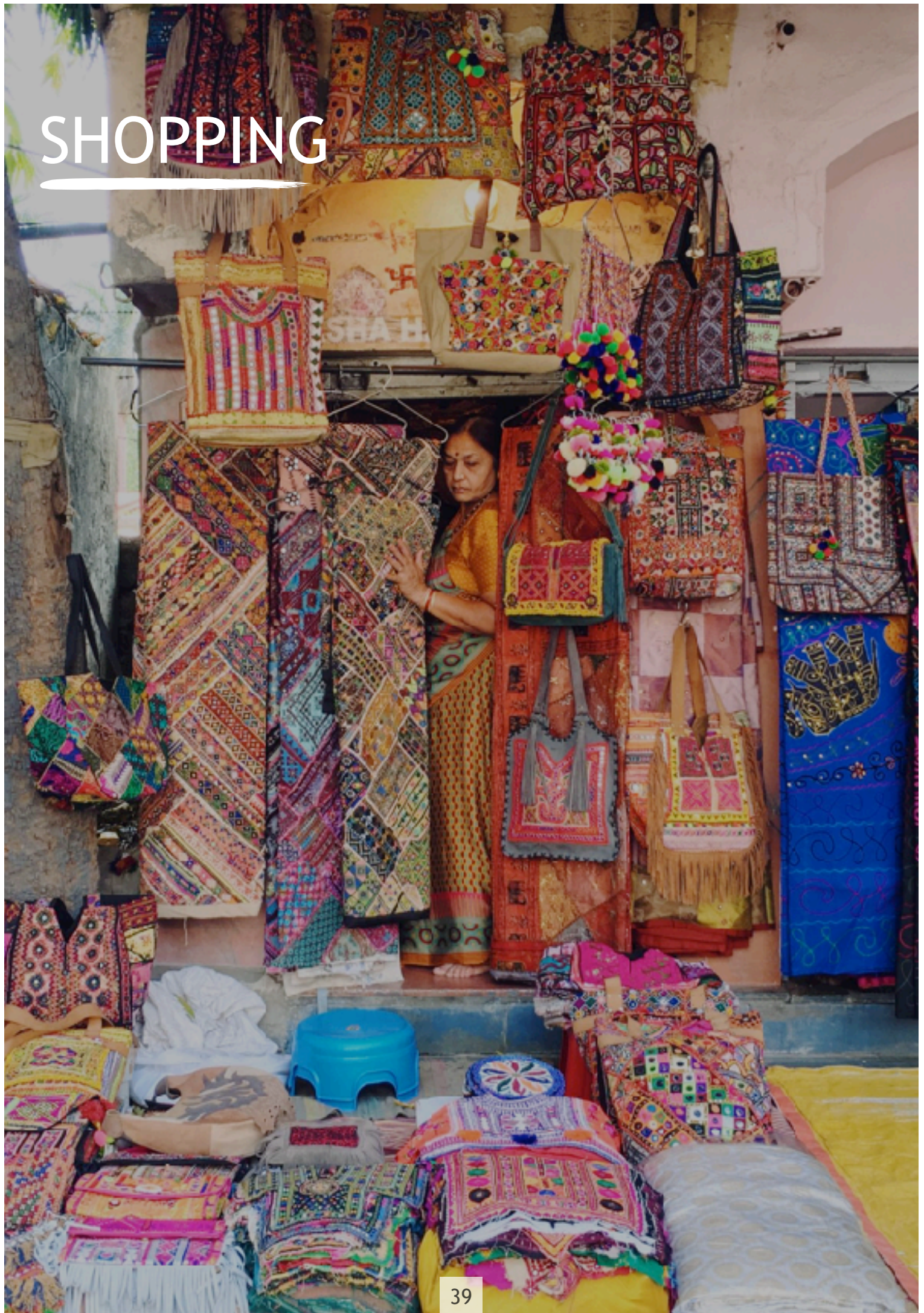
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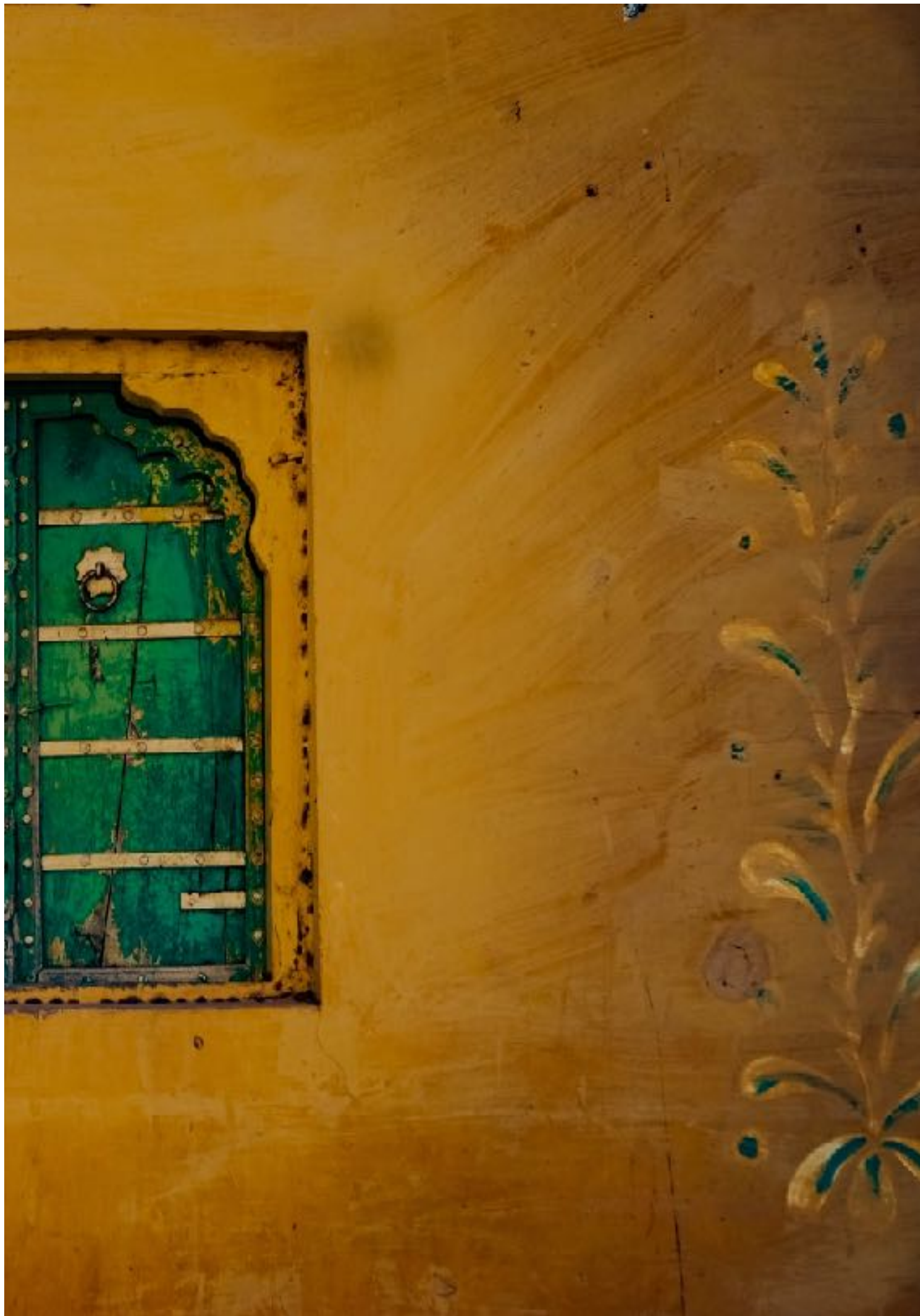


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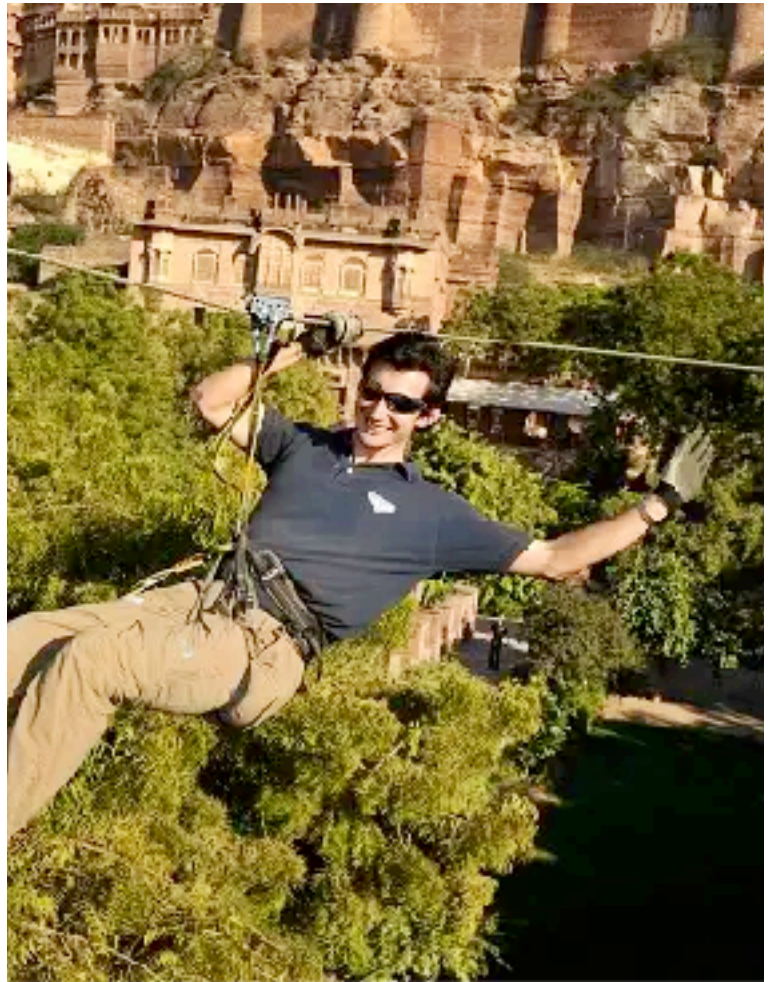


ACTIVITIES



Zip Lining - Go Zipping From One Cliff To Another

One of the most sought after things to do in Rajasthan is Zip Lining, or Flying Fox as it is commonly known. Go zipping from one cliff or structure to another and on your way you get to enjoy exquisite views of forts. Zip lining in Rajasthan can be tried in Neemrana Fort and Mehrangarh Fort. While both offer splendid views, Neemrana is an ideal getaway near Delhi and Mehrangarh is very close to Udaipur.



Safari - A Rendezvous With The Wildlife Of Rajasthan

Rajasthan houses some of the best wildlife and bird sanctuaries in India. The most popular ones are Ranthambore National Park, Sariska Tiger Reserve, Keoladeo National Park, and Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. Tigers, elephants, boars, bears, several species of birds, and various other inhabitants of the wild greet you to these wildlife sanctuaries.



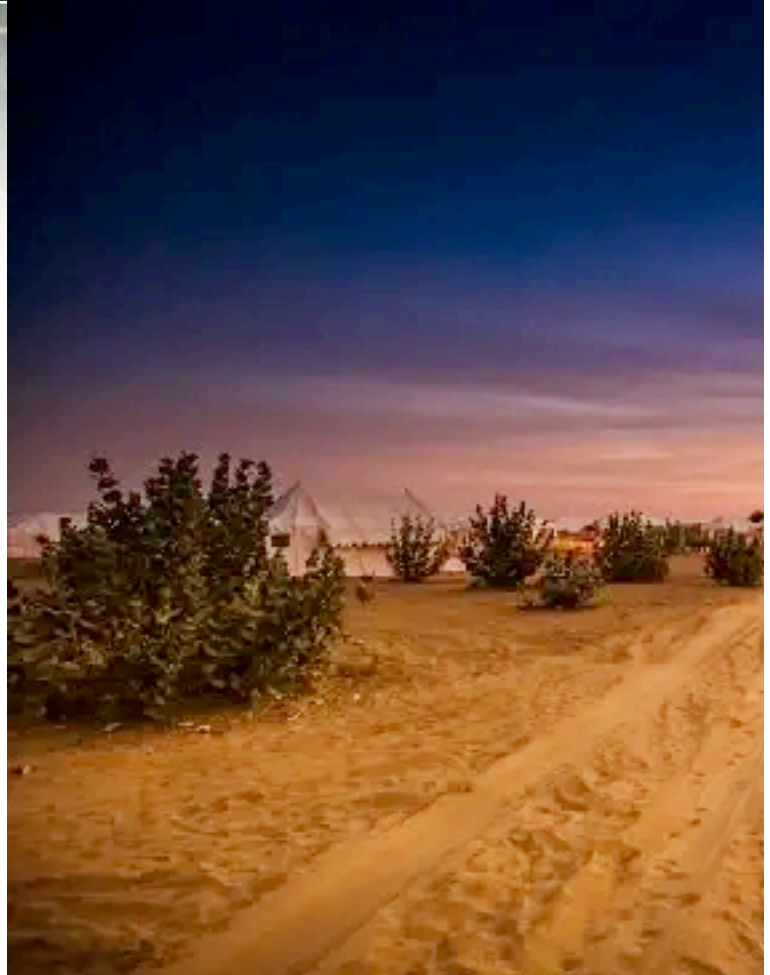
Hot-Air Ballooning In Rajasthan - Float In The Sky

One of the most spine-tingling activities in Rajasthan, hot-air ballooning is a sure hit with travelers and tourists. Soaring high in the sky, you get to witness the detailing of heritage structures and wide expansive greeneries. The experience is marvelous and gives you an insight of this regal land. Right now, there are three cities in Rajasthan where you can enjoy hot-air ballooning: Pushkar, Jaipur, and Ranthambore. Take your pick of the scenery and set out to navigate in the sky. In case you were wondering what to do in Rajasthan, well now you know!



Desert Camping - Feel The Thrill

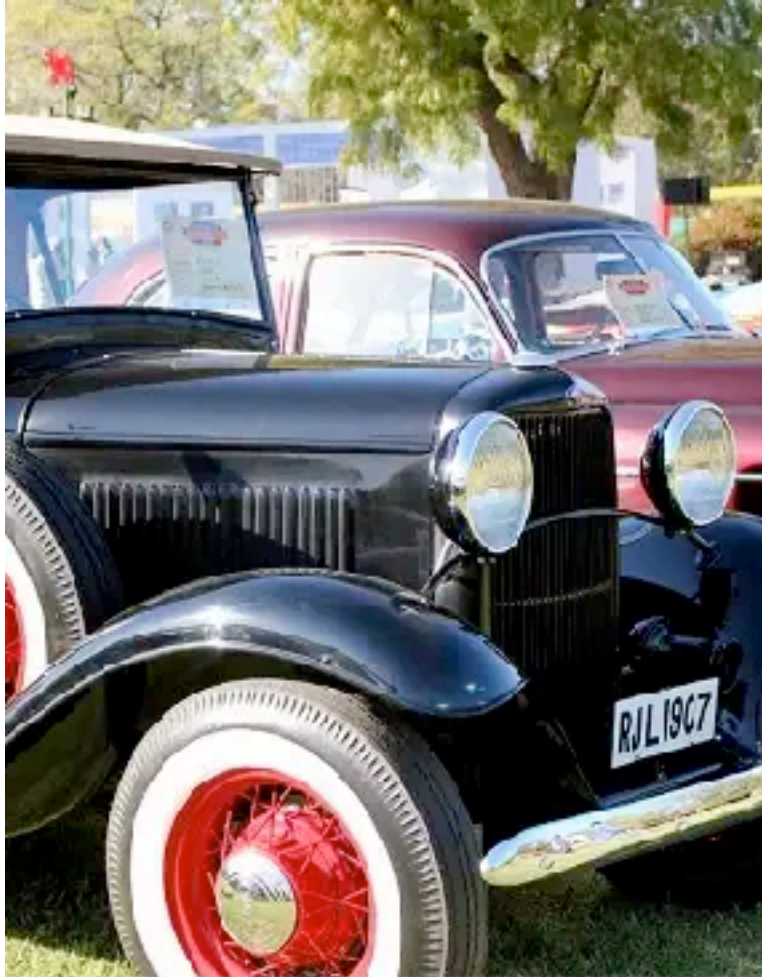
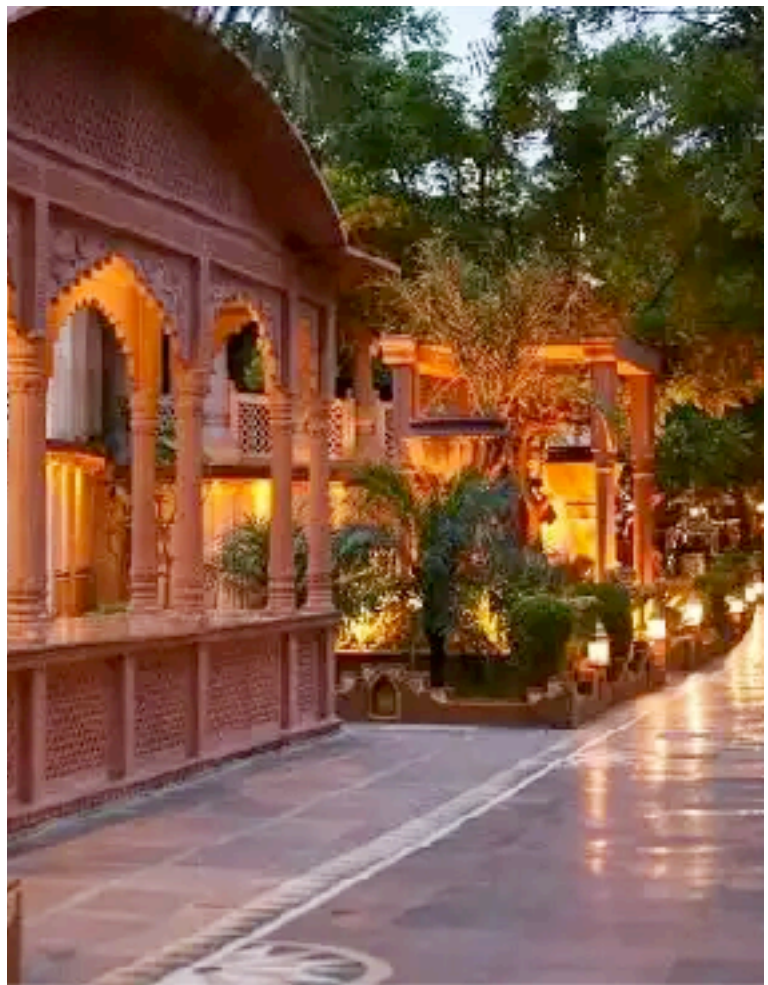
An amazing glamping site, is famous for its desert camping. Starlit sky, lively folk dances, colorful puppet shows, delicious authentic meals, and cozy beddings are experiences that make camping in Rajasthan such a rage. This extraordinary experience of camping in desert is truly one of the best things to do in Rajasthan during winters.



Chokhi Dhani - Have The Real Taste Of Rajasthan

One of the best places to visit in Rajasthan, Chokhi Dhani needs no introduction. A name synonymous with royal hospitality, Chokhi Dhani has catered to avid travelers and eager foodies for many years.

Chokhi Dhani serves authentic Rajasthani cuisine with a touch of warm hospitality. Even if you don't like Rajasthani food much, you will be floored by the service and the decor. The cultural performances and colorful folk dances are enthralling to say the least. Do not forget to try this one when check-listing Rajasthan things to do.



Vintage Car Rally in Rajasthan - For Car Lovers

Well now, this doesn't need any more explanation. Surely, some of you were sold on 'Vintage Car' only. For the rest, the showcase of luxury in Rajasthan is at its best during these rallies, especially in Jaipur. The beautiful streets are taken over by these awe-inspiring machines, and its sheer delight for car lovers to just witness the rally. It is certainly one of the best things to do in Rajasthan for mean machine fanatics. It happens every year in the month of January and is surely an experience of a lifetime.



Abhaneri Step Well - Admire The Stunning Architecture

Abhaneri Step Well or Chand Baori as it is popularly known is a shining star in heritage showcase of Dausa District near Jaipur. One of the best things you can do in Rajasthan is to visit the imperial structure and admire its architecture and beauty. The ancient site, once used to harvest rainwater, impresses with its sheer excellence and colossal size.



Trekking - Yes, The Desert State Has Hill Stations

Trekking in Rajasthan can be tough and tiring given the hot summer climate. But in right season and on a slight windy day, it can be a terrific experience. Lush greenery of Alwar and heritage density of Mount Abu are the most preferred treks for adventure lovers. While these treks range from easy to moderate, the otherworldly beauty and salubrious climate attract not only adventure seekers but nature lovers too. You get to spot colorful birds and interact with local villagers.



Camel Breeding Farm In Bikaner - Befriend The “Ships of Desert”

One of the most unusual yet interesting things to do in Rajasthan is befriending camels. Visit the Camel Breeding Farm in Bikaner, and try patting and playing with the camels. Especially if you are traveling with kids, including a trip here could be the highlight of your Rajasthan vacation.



Dune Bashing - Let The Adrenaline Rush Take Over

An extremely popular sport in Thar Desert, dune bashing is a real pump of adventure. Driving an SUV in the endless desert is an exhilarating experience. If you don't own a SUV, worry not! You can rent one from the neighborhood dealers and have the blast.



Elephants At Dera Amer - A Day Out With Elephants!

Have you ever had a day out with Elephants? Well, this is the perfect opportunity to have one. You can try your hand at all sorts of activities related to elephants like giving them a shower or feeding them sugarcane. You can even paint their trunks with organic paints so as not to harm your giant friends. It is one of the most visited tourist places near Jaipur. While enjoying your day at Dera Amer, you can gorge on authentic delicacies of Rajasthan at the spot too. If you have had enough for a day, you can also head out for a short trek on a nature trail in the nearby forest.

Camel Safari - One Of The Popular Things To Do

A camel safari in Rajasthan is again one of the exclusive experiences you can have here. Exquisite views of the desert seem even more beautiful from camel's back. The ship of desert lets you explore the ruins and beautiful structures from vantage point, unmatched by any. Best cities to enjoy camel safari in Rajasthan are Pushkar and Jaisalmer.



Music Of Kalbeliya Tribe - Match The Steps!

To witness the hypnotizing folk dance performance of Kalbeliya Tribe is a treat. Enjoy the lovely dance performances by beautiful women of the tribe and I bet their belly dancing skills will completely blow your mind. Do not forget to witness this gorgeous folk dance performance when touring the “Land of Maharajas” with your family and friends.



Motor Boating In Fateh Sagar Lake - Create Waves

Another exciting thing to do in Rajasthan is to go speed boating in Udaipur's Fateh Sagar Lake. Besides being a thrill and fun experiences, the beautiful view of the lake and sun hiding behind the mountains (towards the evening) is a delight!



Horse Safari In Pushkar - Enjoy The

Regal state, regal ways! What better way to enjoy that royal city of Pushkar than to take a tour on a horseback? The horses take you through rustic lanes and regal alleys of Pushkar as you enjoy the majestic views. Do not miss this especially when you are unsure of what to do in Rajasthan.

Cycle Your Way Through Jaipur - Peddle Around The Pink City

Peddling around the pink city – Jaipur – is one of the best things to do in Rajasthan. There are many organizers who take groups on bicycle tour of the city and rural areas surrounding it. The length and pit stops depend on the operator. However, these tours are also customized for durations and pit stops as per demand.



Kite Festival - Reach For The Soaring Sky

If you happen to visit the royal state during Makar Sankranti, i.e. 14th January, then this is an exciting thing to do in Rajasthan. Thousands of colorful kites soar in the sky during this annual Kite Festival in Jodhpur. Now that the festival has gained international popularity, many foreign tourists and kite lovers also participate in the colorful festival. And while you are visiting the city, don't forget to explore the best places to visit in Jodhpur.



Bhangarh Fort - Encounter With

Enough of the beauty? Let's put a in a pinch of horror now! While the ruins and structures of Bhangarh Fort are impressive, the tales associated with them are spine-chilling. The most daring thing you can do in Rajasthan is to visit Bhangarh. While the nights are said to be most haunting in Bhangarh, some say that the days are equally chilling.



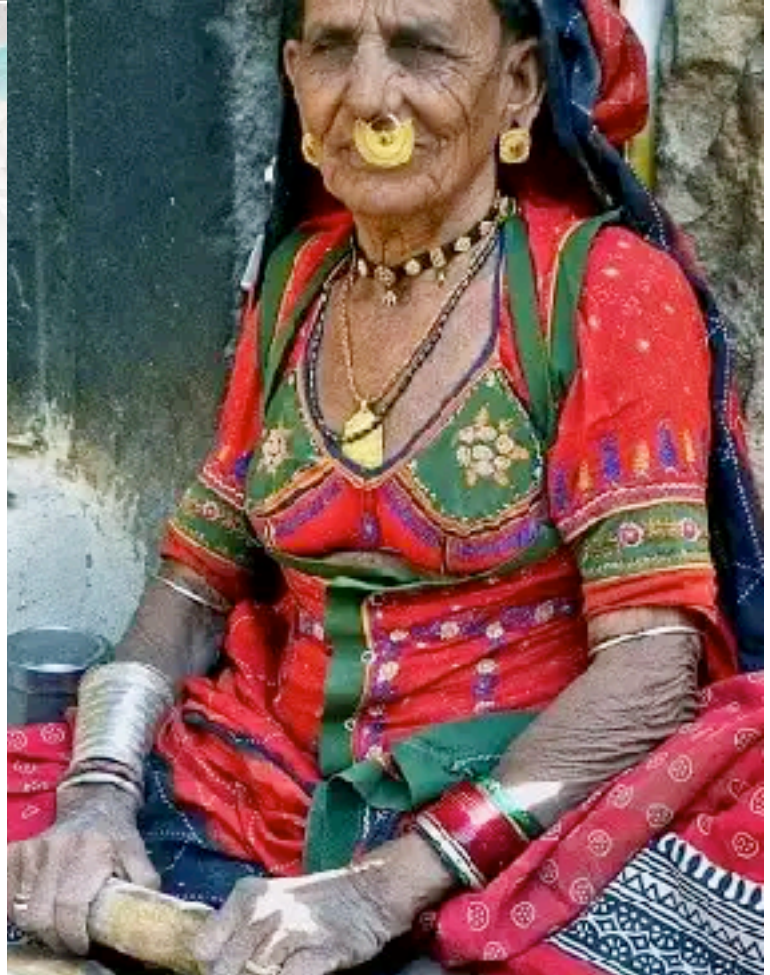
Ajmer Sharif - Say Your Prayers

One of the most visited places in Rajasthan, Ajmer Sharif is the holy resting ground of Sufi Saint Moinuddin Chishti. The shrine is visited by thousands of devotees in a day. Famous for its spell of granting and fulfilling every wish, ardent believers of every religion flock to the beautiful dargah with believing hearts. Visiting this spot and praying is one of the things to do in Rajasthan for all solace seekers. This is one of the places that you must see in Rajasthan to understand the significance of the place.



Rural Pockets Of Rajasthan - Explore The Village Life

This is one of the offbeat thing to do in Rajasthan. The culturally rich state houses equally warm and rich locals. Beautiful mud houses, straw huts, basic essentials, colorful clothes, yet hearts full of love and face decorated with smiles – this is the real Rajasthan.



Visit the temples

The royal state is a sort of spiritual hub, dotted with numerous temples, each with a unique history and architectural charms that date back to the 8th and 11th centuries. This religious architecture draws people in their thousands, every year. Some of the most notable ones that you don't want to miss when visiting include Brahma temple (Pushkar), Dilwara temple (Mount Abu), Eklingji temple kailashpuri (Udaipur), Govind Dev Ji temple (Jaipur), Mehandipur Balaji temple (Dausa) and Karni Mata temple (Bikaner).



Master how to make authentic Rajasthani food

A highlight of any visit to India is the food and Rajasthan is one of the gastronomic centres of the country. For those wishing to gain some hands-on experience, Dera Mandawa, a charming 130 year old heritage hotel in Jaipur, offers an excellent one-off cookery lesson focussed on authentic and easy to cook Rajasthani recipes.

Head to a local market to buy the vegetables and spices then learn how to turn these in to a range of different dishes under the watchful eye of one of the Mandawa family, ending with the chance to try what you have made!



GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Rajasthan

Rajasthan is a state of vibrant folk dance and music, gigantic forts and palaces, spicy food, colourful and large turbans, extensive golden sand desert, camels and rich handicraft.

It is therefore, an incredible place to visit in India for enjoying unforgettable holidays. Sprawling in an area of 342239 sq km, Rajasthan is perfect for history buffs, culture aficionados, adventure lovers, wildlife enthusiasts, family vacations, honeymoon, and more.

A Rich Melange of Dances, Songs, Rides & Colors!

For culture aficionados, there are a number of fairs and festivals in Rajasthan to witness. The flamboyant manner in which even the cattle fairs take place in Pushkar and Nagaur is truly something to behold.

Some of the most famous tourism festivals that showcase the rich traditions, customs, folk dance and music of the state are the Desert Festival, Bikaner Camel Festival, Nagaur Fair, Pushkar Fair, Elephant Festival, Mewar Festival, Mount Abu Winter Festival, Gangaur Festival and Teej.

Climate

Rajasthan has a wide range of climate that varies from extremely arid to humid. The humid zone spans the southeast and east.

Except in the hills, the heat during the summer is intense everywhere, with temperatures in June—the warmest month—typically rising from the mid-80s F (about 30 °C) to nearly 110 °F (low 40s C) daily.

Architecture: Forts, Palaces & Havelis!

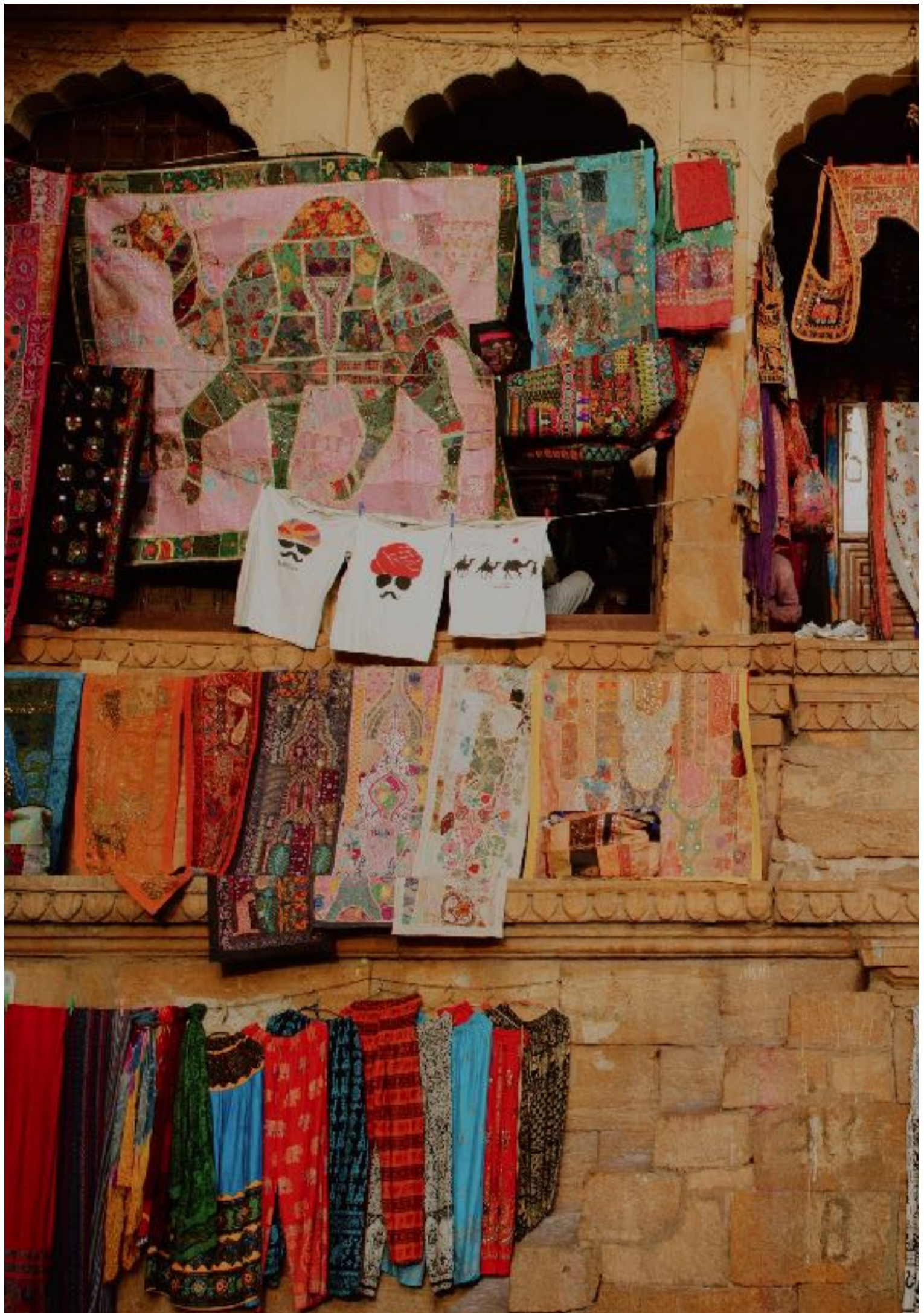
The major tourist attraction of Rajasthan are its havelis, palaces and forts that add to the experience of exploring one of the historically wealthy states in India. Some of the most famous and most visited forts in Rajasthan are Chittorgarh, Mehrangarh, Jaisalmer, Jaigarh and Junagadh Forts. The exquisite architecture isn't only confined to the palaces and forts as Rajasthan also boasts impressive Hindu & Jain temples like Dilwara Jain Temples and Eklingji Temple.

People

Most of Rajasthan's population consists of Indians of various social, occupational, and religious backgrounds.

The Rajputs (various clans of landowning rulers and their descendants), though representing only a small percentage of Rajasthan's residents, are perhaps the most-notable section of the population; indeed, the state draws its name from that community.

In terms of caste structure, the Brahmans (highest caste) are subdivided into many gotras (lineages), while the Mahajans (trading caste) are subdivided into a bewildering number of groups.





LUXURY JOURNEYS



Rajasthan with Aman: A journey for the senses

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days

Cruises: Delhi | Ranthambore | Ajabgarh | Delhi

Get in the 'Aman-state-of-mind' at the Lodhi, which used to be the Aman New Delhi and has retained a sleek and low-key vibe. Explore the city accompanied by the best guides; absorb the buzz of Old Delhi – a maze of narrow lanes and bazaars full of vibrant silks, aromatic spices and chattering vendors – and visit the Red Fort, the Jama Masjid and Chandni Chowk.

Next, head for Ranthambore National Park, the ex-hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Aman-i-Khas is the most luxurious and stylish safari lodge in Asia, with a huge centrepiece fire pit which guests gather around at night for cocktails. But the real reason you come to Ranthambore is to go on safari... you will have expert wildlife guides and private jeeps, not to mention a chilled glass of bubbles awaiting you when you return from tiger spotting!

We can't think of anywhere more perfect to end your Aman journey than a stay at Amanbagh, a rural gem and perhaps our favourite hotel in the world. Amanbagh is an ideal spot whether you're here with your family or as a couple; there are some wonderful local excursions, or if you prefer to do nothing, the hotel is a gorgeous place to relax.



Taj Palace Tour - The Ultimate Indulgence

Duration: 15 Nights / 16 Days

Places: Mumbai | Udaipur | Jodhpur | Jaipur | Hyderabad

A combination of what we do best, this tour blends opulent luxury with the best of Indian culture. India has some of the most palatial and impressive hotels in the world, and the Taj Palace collection is as good as it gets. A selection of historical palaces that have been sensitively restored into sensational hotels, the Taj Palaces truly take the breath away and leave a lasting imprint on the soul.

Start your trip in Mumbai, India's most cosmopolitan city, with three nights at the iconic Taj Mahal Palace. Next, travel to Udaipur, a tranquil lake city and the perfect contrast to bustling Mumbai. A drive through the scenic Aravelli hills takes you to Jodhpur, Rajasthan's fabled Blue City and home to Umaid Bhawan Palace, an unforgettable blend of Art Deco and Neo Gothic architecture.

Cross Rajasthan and journey on to Jaipur, home to the elegant Rambagh Palace, formerly the official residence of the Maharaja and Maharana of Jaipur. End the trip on an absolute high with a stay at Taj Falaknuma Palace – the former home of the Nizams of Hyderabad, Hyderabad's ruling family.



Rajasthan with Oberoi Hotels

Duration: 09 Nights / 10 Days

Places: Delhi | Agra | Jaipur | Udaipur

This leisurely journey travels through the Golden Triangle region of Northern India and the fabled city of Udaipur whilst staying at the some of the finest hotels in the world. The Oberoi group, renowned for their service and impeccable attention to detail, have a reputation of the highest order and in this tour we use their hotels exclusively, and in doing so have created a smooth and luxurious ride through this deservedly famous and spectacular region of India.

Discover the Mughal and Imperial monuments of Delhi whilst staying at the newly refurbished Oberoi New Delhi - the place to see and be seen amongst the glitterati of Delhi's glamorous social scene. Travel south to the erstwhile Mughal capital and marvel at the astonishing Taj Mahal in Agra, the world's greatest monument to love. Continue your journey to the Pink City of Jaipur where you can visit the Amber Fort, the magnificent fort and extensive palace complex.

End your journey in the shimmering lake city of Udaipur, possibly one of the most romantic locations in India. Delhi and Rajasthan is renowned for its great shopping, from the opulent jewels of Jaipur to the contemporary designers of Delhi, and there will be time to browse and bargain.



A Perfect Introduction to India

Duration: 08 Nights / 09 Days

Places: Delhi | Delwara | Udaipur | Nimaj | Jodhpur | Delhi

This 9-night trip is created for first-time visitors who might be nervous about taking a holiday to India. Some might use a shortage of leave days as an excuse not to go or have a psychological barrier that makes them unable to commit to an India holiday. So we have designed what we feel is the perfect tour of India, possibly the perfect introduction to India focusing on the grandeur of Rajasthan and Delhi to see if “Incredible India” is for you or not.

This itinerary includes some of our very favourite hotels in India together with our favourite sites which include the fairytale Lake Palace in the enchanting city of Udaipur, the shimmering white marble Jain Temples in Ranakpur, the imposing Mehrangarh Fort in the blue city of Jodhpur, and a broad range of Rajasthani landscapes. On this occasion we have deliberately omitted Agra, home to the Taj Mahal, as its inclusion would make the overall trip less enjoyable involving a lot of extra driving, reducing the amount of leisure time and would expose you to the downside of commercial and crowded mass tourism in India. If at the end of this trip you have fallen in love with India and want to go again, we will happily arrange a visit there for you, but for this first trip to India we want to ensure that you experience India at its very best from the moment you land until its time to return home.



Rajasthan - Romance, Culture & Heaven

Duration: 17 Nights / 18 Days

Places: Delhi | Udaipur | Narlai | Jodhpur | Nagaur | Jaisalmer | Rohet | Nimaj | Samode | Delhi

Our Boutique Rajasthan tour is an ideal option if you value intimacy, are interested in days relaxing in the wilderness, wish to visit quaint rural settlements, but still want to take in the most evocative sights of Rajasthan; a holiday for true romantics at heart. Start with the beautiful lake city of Udaipur staying at the privately owned Bujera Fort, followed by the pretty settlement of Narlai where your accommodation blends perfectly with the setting. The pomp and majesty of Jodhpur follows where you'll stay at the luxurious RAAS hotel.

The less frequented town of Nagaur is next with the simplistic yet utterly charming Ranvas heritage property. The impressive fortified desert city of Jaisalmer looms large and here you'll stay in the fort itself at the simple Killa Bhawan hotel. Mihir Garh, located in the desert is a remarkable property and RAAS Chhatra Sagar, with its stunning lakeside camp is equally memorable.

The trip is rounded off with a three night stay in the wonderful Samode Palace just outside Jaipur. Agra and the Taj Mahal, or even a jaunt to try to spot a tiger in Ranthambore, can easily be added to this tour.



Rajasthani Nights - Luxury Desert Tour

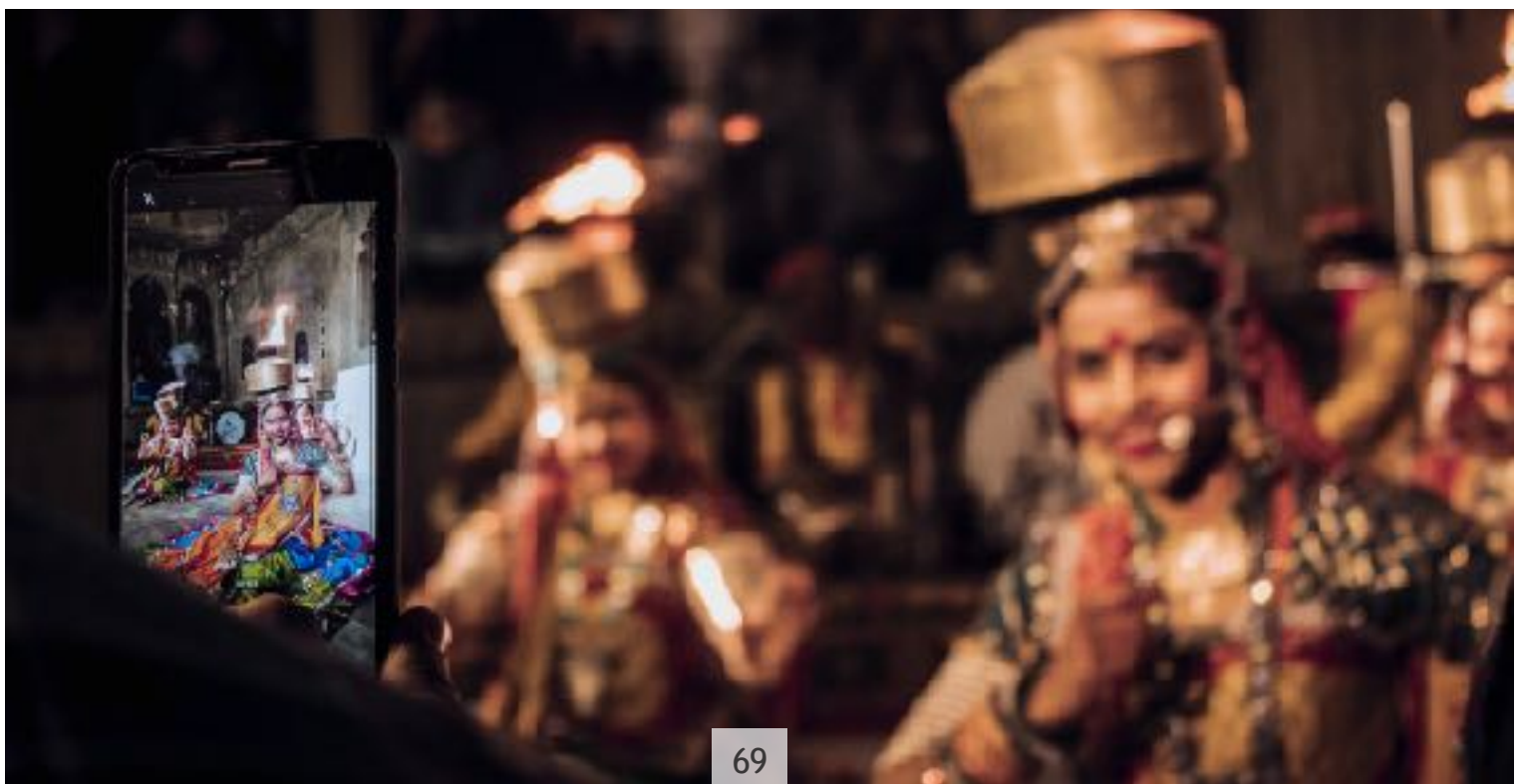
Duration: 11 Nights / 12 Days

Places: Delhi | Jodhpur | Rohet | Jaisalmer | Osian | Delhi

Combine sparkling sand dunes, secluded tented camps, sunset camel rides, impressive forts and glittering palace hotels on this romantic tailor-made tour of Rajasthan's desert landscapes.

Explore the best of Rajasthan's desert landscapes in style with this luxury tour. Our suggested itinerary starts in the Blue City of Jodhpur, with two nights at RAAS, a magical boutique hotel located in the very heart of Jodhpur's walled city. From Jodhpur drive to Mihir Garh, a secluded retreat located outside the small village of Rohet. After a few days of rest and relaxation journey up to the desert town of Jaisalmer for two nights at Killa Bhawan, a heritage hotel built into the fort's walls.

Once rested and rejuvenated the tour will then take you to the Osian Camel Camp, a small and atmospheric tented camp. The following day take a camel ride around the local tribal villages, or simply soak up your surroundings by the pool. The camp is owned by the grandson of the Maharaja of Jodhpur, Reggie Singh, who you may be lucky enough to meet over cocktails at the camp's safari bar. The following morning return to Jodhpur's magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace for your final night in style.



Colours of Rajasthan, North India

Duration: 15 Nights / 16 Days

Places: Delhi | Agra | Jaipur | Raipur | Jaisalmer | Jodhpur | Narlai | Udaipur

Visit in November to experience the Pushkar Camel and Cattle Fair - one of India's most vibrant festivals where thousands of Rajasthani villagers congregate to trade and race up to 50,000 camels, horses and donkeys. The fair also comes alive with Rajasthani music and traditional dancers dressed in colourful regional costumes.

This tour of Delhi, Agra and Rajasthan has been put together to represent the kaleidoscopic colours that can be witnessed whilst travelling through the princely state. From here travel to Agra, home of the impressive Taj Mahal. Continue into Rajasthan where the colours begin to jump out from all directions, from the ladies vibrant saris to the cities buildings.

Take in the 'pink city' of Jaipur before driving into the countryside to visit the holy town of Pushkar. Next, drive west to Mihir Garh, a fabulous boutique hotel resembling a Rajasthani fort floating in the middle of the desert, before journeying further west into the Thar Desert to visit Jaisalmer. Return to the 'blue city' of Jodhpur and stroll around the bazaars with their spices, tie-dye fabrics and puppets, and visit the Meherangarh Fort. End the trip in the romantic city of Udaipur and take a boat ride on the shimmering Lake Picchola.



Grand Tour of North India

Duration: 16 Nights / 17 Days

Places: Delhi | Varanasi | Khajuraho | Agra | Ranthambore | Jaipur | Jodhpur | Udaipur

Enjoy an extended tour of northern India, which has been designed to reveal the highlights of this fascinating and enigmatic region.

Start by exploring the majestic capital city, Delhi, followed by the sacred city of Varanasi and Khajuraho, famed for its extraordinary carvings, before arriving in Agra, home of the Taj Mahal.

Continue your journey by exploring the regal state of Rajasthan, whose fascinating history is told in innumerable fables and evidenced by its towering forts and dramatic scenery.

Take time to explore the cities of Jaipur and Jodhpur and track tigers in Ranthambore National Park. Your final stop will be the fairytale lake city of Udaipur.

No two places on this unusual tour are alike, and together they span many centuries of Indian history and form the backdrop to landmark events such as the birth of Buddhism, Mughal invasion and rule, epic Rajput battles and British imperialism.



Essential India...

North & South India

Duration: 15 Nights / 16 Days

Places: Delhi | Agra | Ranthambore | Jaipur | Udaipur | Cochin | Kumarakom | Mararikulam

This journey combines the fascinating historical and natural highlights of the northern regions of Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh with the beautiful, serene southern state of Kerala.

From the Mughul and Imperial monuments of Delhi, the Taj Mahal, tigers in the wild, and glorious Rajasthani forts and palaces of Jaipur and Udaipur, to the tranquil backwaters and lazy beaches of Kerala, experience the true essence of this rich and diverse land, taking in some of its most exciting sights, hotels and adventures.

Architectural wonders, exquisite handicrafts, colourful culture, and tempting cuisine are a few of the many highlights of this magnificent state. Set amidst a vast desert, the magical land of Rajasthan is synonymous with romance and chivalry. Feel their tradition and culture like your own!

This package includes options like exploring luxurious palaces, witnessing vintage cars, enjoying camel safaris in golden sand dunes, a fun shopping time in Jaipur Bazars, and embarking on a tiger safari in the wild forests of the state.







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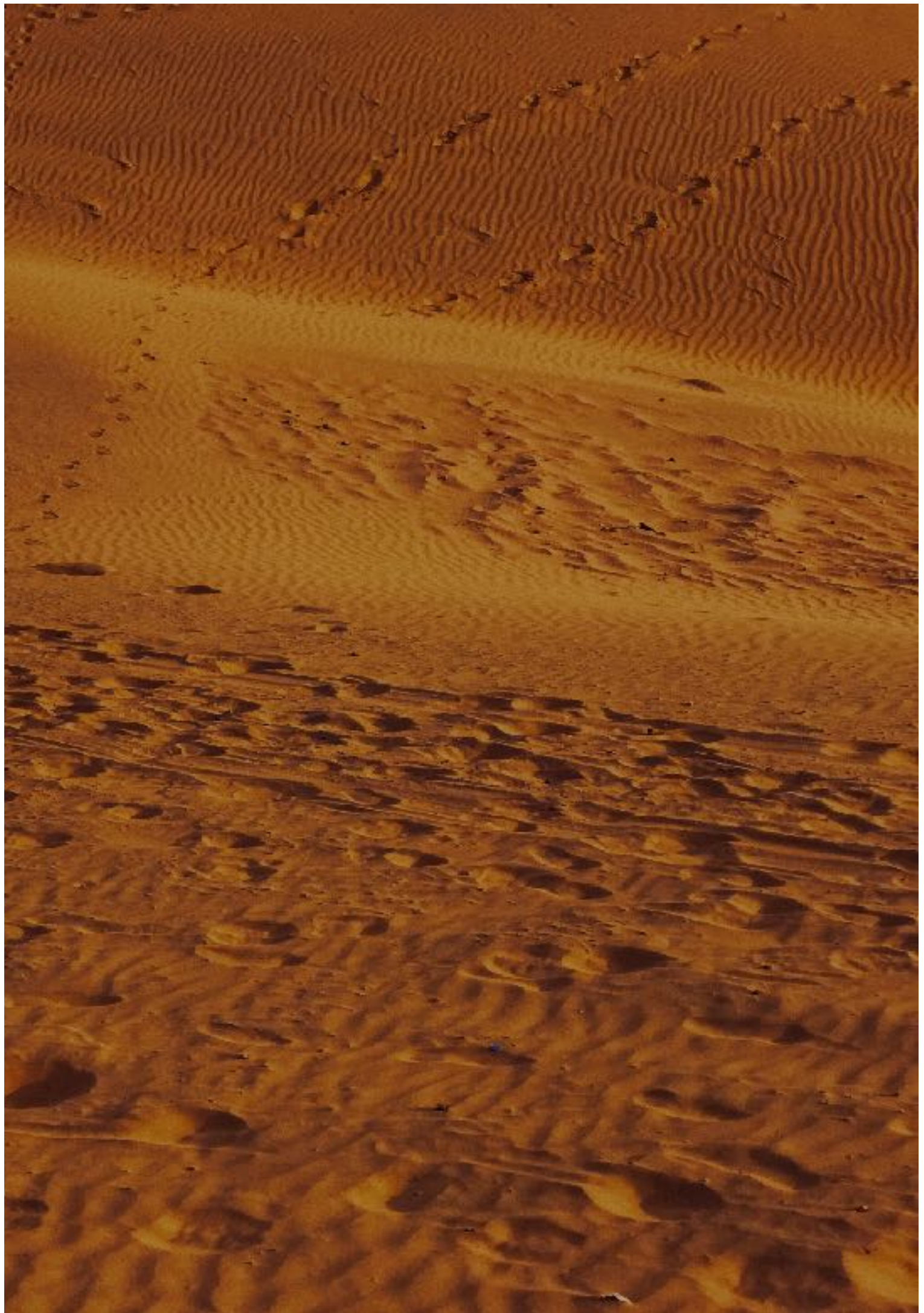






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