



BIKING IN THE ARAVALIS

Tour Overview

For the wildlife tour, we shall first cycle in the Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary, one of the premium bird sanctuaries in the world with over 300 species of birds. We bike through the Kaila Devi National Park which is part of the Project Tiger and which has a diversity of birds and mammals. India is the largest repository with about 55% of world's tigers. We shall also attempt to catch a glimpse of this majestic national animal at the Ranthambore National Park.

Cycling / Terrain

The roads of Rajasthan are mostly of asphalt, nevertheless, the roads in the villages are either broken or have been cobbled, consequently making it difficult to use cycles. Customarily in rustic rural lanes away from the traffic, you get to experience the best of rural India. However, we provide 100% support of vehicle to assist you if you do not wish to ride in these segments.

Daily cycling ranges between 40 to 50 kilometers. Instead of giving a certain number of kilometers each day, we mention total distances between the destinations and leave the choice of cycling distances to our guests, as each cyclist is different.

Tour Type	Guided with 100% Support Vehicle
Bike Hire	Included
Cycling Grade	Easy ● ○ ○ ○ ○
Cycling	06 Days (Approx. 260 KMS / 161 MILES)
Group Size	Minimum 2 people to groups of any size

Weather

January to mid-April and October to December is the best time to cycle in Rajasthan. Average temperatures range from max of 25°C and minimum of 7°C. The desert sun is not so intense and the days are cool and pleasant, perfect for cycling. Please bring a sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses. The mornings and evenings are generally cool and mild, however, January and late December can be very cold. Please bring a jumper/windcheater and a sweater/shawl. There is no humidity and little or no rain can be expected. For detailed travel kit recommendations, please refer to our FAQ section

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(10 Nights / 11 Days)

Delhi - Udaipur - Kumbalgarh - Ranakpur - Korta - Ravla Bhenswara - Bhadrajun - Jodhpur - Delhi

Day 1: Arrival at Delhi

You will be acknowledged and warmly welcomed at the Delhi Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, our representatives will greet you and welcome you with a floral garland as you exit the Arrivals Terminal following which you will be transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi - Udaipur

(No Cycling)

In the afternoon we check out from the hotel for Lunch. After lunch we shall start the day for sightseeing of New Delhi. The tour through Majestic Delhi includes a visit to the Qutub Minar, the tallest stone tower in India. Qutub-ud-din Aibak started it in 1199. Then visit Humayun's tomb, built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, it is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style, a precursor of the Taj Mahal. The tour also includes a drive past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament building and the Rastrapathi Bhawan, the President's residence. After exploring New Delhi we head towards Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station to board the train for Udaipur.

Day 3: Udaipur

On your arrival at Udaipur our representative will assist you and you shall be transferred to the Hotel. Post breakfast you will spend whole day for sightseeing of the beautiful city of Udaipur, with the local guide. Take the grand tour to the City Palace, a well-fortified, majestic monument. The main entrance is a triple-arched gate named the Tripolia which was built in 1725. Visit to the Jagdish Temple, which is a 16th-century temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Later you can drive past the Fateh Sagar Lake and visit Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids-of-Honor. Later in the afternoon, you take a boat cruise on Lake Pichola to visit Jag Mandir Palace which covers almost four acres and is noted for its marble pavilion and an imposing dome. After local sightseeing in the evening you will meet our cycling team.

Day 4: Udaipur - Kumbalgarh

(Drive 25 Kms / Cycling - 50 Kms).

This morning you proceed towards Kumbalgarh & Ranakpur partly on cycle and the rest of it in the wagon. The route stays away from the main road and follows a quieter series of back roads and allows us to see the mesmerizing rural life of India. It can be hot cycling in India but the vehicle support will be on hand if required for a four-wheeled break. You cycle to the Kumbhalgarh Fort. Embraced in the cluster of thirteen mountain peaks of the Aravali ranges, this formidable medieval citadel is encompassed by a 36 km long boundary wall.

Day 5: Kumbalgarh - Ranakpur

(Cycling - 40 Kms).

On the day 5 you start cycling for Ranakpur through a mountainous but stunning landscape. On the way you come across the Indian rural life, which is overwhelming and ethnic. As we reach Ranakpur during the late afternoon we visit the eminent and stunningly sculptured 15th century Jain Temples. Considered one of the 5 holy places of the Jain religion, the temples are one of Rajasthan's gems. Situated in a timbered valley this frequently visited spot presents to us some of the most enchanting religious artworks with carvings portraying sights from the lives of the Jain Saints that cover the walls of the shrines. The centerpiece is the temple of Chaumukha, dedicated to Adinath, a quite extraordinary structure that contains 29 halls and 1444 exquisitely carved pillars, with no two being alike.

Day 6: Ranakpur - Kort

(Drive 35 Kms / Cycling - 45 Kms).

The day 6th morning brings to us the cycling between Ranakpur and Korta taking us across a landscape of verdant jungle that skirts the foothills of the Aravallis Range. Fleeting through local villages full with color and clatter of the bazaars we pass through the rural life as we head for the charming village of Korta. Legend has it that the men of the Rabari married the daughters of the gods, rather than mortal women, earning them the epithet of Rabari (the goers out of the path). Once nomadic, they were by tradition camel herders, the men travelled infinite distances with their flocks in search of pastures, while the women stayed at home and run the household. Believers of the goddess Mata Devi are a tough people and the women dress up in an idiosyncratic black headscarf and heavy brass jewelries. Later part of the afternoon you can move further to explore the village and the Jain temple.

Day 7: Korta - Ravla Bhenswara

(Cycling - 50 Kms).

On the morning of day 7 we leave for Bhenswara. Bhenswara is a small hamlet, in the unexplored rural Rajasthan. Our destination is an Ancestral Rural Mansion run by the village's former chief & his family. You can also go for a safari in the evening & see the Shepherd community of the Rebaris & if you are lucky, you might end up spotting some Panthers.

Day 8: Ravla Bhenswara - Bhadrajun

(Cycling - 45 Kms)

We leave early this morning for the legendary fort of Bhadrajun. The journey takes us through tranquil rural areas and untouched villages. We cycle off the beaten track and we halt for lunch amongst the shade of babool and khejri trees at Begunda Lake, before we start for Bhadrajun. The castle occupies an impressive place above the village and stands tall on the mountain.

Day 9: Bhadrajun - Jodhpur

(Drive 70 Kms / Cycling - 20 Kms)

The 9th morning we cycle to Jodhpur, Rajasthan's daunting desert city, standing on the edge of the Thar Desert and ruled by the colossal Mehrangarh fort. Jodhpur is the second largest city in the state with its ancient roots lying behind the protective shield of a 10 km long wall, originally sheltered by 8 gates, while the fortress's invincible location on a steep cliff some 125m above the plains commands some terrific views across the surrounding landscape and looks down at the blue city.

Day 10: Jodhpur - Fly out - Delhi

On the day 10 perhaps the last day of the tour we transfer to Airport to board the flight for Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi proceed for the farewell dinner in time transfer to the international airport to connect international flight

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