



Colours of Rajasthan

The everlasting beauty and the ancient charm of the Land of The Rajput's 'Rajasthan' can be experienced with this cycling trip. As we take the journey through the state of desert we explore the mesmerizing cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur, Ranakpur, Kumbalgarh and Udaipur. We shall also cycle through this colorful state to the lesser-known jewels of Rajasthan such as Khimsar to sightsee the great Thar Desert and Jojawar to explore the beautiful rural India and its colorful people.

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 30 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	13 Days (<i>Approx. 490 Kms / 304 Miles</i>)
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 27°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 and more information, please refer to our FAQ section.

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16 Nights / 17 Days

DELHI - BHARATPUR - KARALI - JAIPUR - KHIMSAR - JODHPUR - RAVALA JOJAWAR -
KUMBHALGARH - UDAIPUR - DELHI

Day 1: Arrive 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 - Agra

(Drive 170 Kms / Cycling Approx - 30 Kms).

Post breakfast start our excursion driving towards Agra, which takes about 2 hrs. from Sohna towards via the back road till Nuh. From here we begin cycling for around 3 hrs. to Hodal (Koshi). After taking the lunch we continue our drive for Agra to witness the symbol of Love, 'The Taj Mahal'. It took 22 years and 20,000 men to build; the marbled beauty. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, in the 17th century, the Taj Mahal is truly among the Seven Wonders of the World. We stay overnight in Agra.

Day 3: Agra - Bharatpur

(Drive 40 Kms / Cycling Approx - 30 Kms).

On the Day 3 morning we visit the beautiful white marble Taj Mahal, and later we move on to visit the Red fort of Akbar after which we drive for about an hour to visit The Fatehpur Sikri. The abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569, in righteousness of the great Saint Sheikh Salim Chisti who sanctified Akbar and prophesized the birth of the three sons to the heirless Emperor. After the excursion we proceed for delightful Indian lunch and afterwards visit the Bharatpur wildlife sanctuary. We shall ride our bikes for Bharatpur and view the mesmerizing country sites. We stay overnight in Bharatpur.

Day 4: Bharatpur - Karali

(Drive 85 Kms / Cycling Approx. 40 Kms).

On Day 4, in the morning we shall begin cycling as we stopover at the Keoladeo Ghana bird sanctuary. This is one of the finest bird sanctuaries in the world with over 360 species of birds. Post lunch we shall partly drive and partly cycle to Karali, a heritage and sacred town in the heart of the rural Rajasthan. Historically the royal family built the 600-year-old Karali's city palace in the 14th century in 1635 AD. The fort and the city palace remained the official residence of the royal family of Karali till 1938 AD. During that time the Bhanwar Vilas palace (a much more modern structure) was built by Maharaja Ganesh pal Deo Bhadur. We stay overnight in Karali.

Day 5: Karali

(Cycling Approx 30-40 KM).

We start our 5th day's excursion with a picnic lunch around Kaila Devi National Park, a part of the Project Tiger and buffer zone to Ranthambore National park. In the evening, we shall

explore the 600-year-old Karauli city palace full of frescos, fine stone statuettes, paintings and also witness the local markets of handicraft such as the lac work used to make jewelry, wooden toys and traditional sweets etc.

Day 6: Karauli - Jaipur

(Drive 120 Kms / Cycling Approx 27 Kms).

This morning we start with cycling 27 Kms towards Jaipur. Lunch enroute. After lunch we continue drive to Jaipur. The “Pink City”, is the capital of Rajasthan state. Jaipur is worldwide famous for its Architecture, monuments, Palaces, Art and Craft, Culture and its unique cuisines. The city of victory, Jaipur presides over the fascinating desert state and its people: surrounded by rugged hills, each crowned by a formidable fort; and beautiful palaces. We stay overnight in Jaipur

Day 7: Jaipur

(No-Cycling)

After breakfast in the hotel you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the ancient capital of **Amber** to see the fabulous **Amber Fort** Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar’s most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17th century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. After lunch visit City Palace, Jantar Mantar (medieval observatory) and Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), etc.

Day 8: Jaipur - Roopangarh

(Drive 80 Kms / Cycling Approx 40 Kms).

This morning we start drive for 40 km to Bagru to avoid traffic. The terrain is regularly flat and we cycle mostly through villages where you will experience real Rajasthan in its absolute rural form, the cornfields, temples and ancient monuments. Our destination for day 8 is the Roopangarh fort, which was built in the 17th century. This citadel and palace has been converted to a hotel. On arrival to the fort we can take walk through the ‘secret’ passage and other historical buildings inside the fort complex. There is also an opportunity to visit the village and take a walk to watch the large inland of the salt lake or more commonly known as the Sambhar Lake. Witness an enthralling sight as you see thousands of flamingos and other water birds that congregate here. In the evening you will be entertained with traditional music, dance and cultural shows. We stay overnight in Roopangarh.

Day 9: Roopangarh - Khimsar

(Drive 150 Kms / Cycling Approx 40 Kms).

On the 9th day morning we partly cycle and partly drive to Khimsar via Nagaur is around 43 km away from Khimsar and famous for its cattle fair in February. Thousands of people bring camels, bullocks, and horses for sale. Camel races and other sporting events are organized at this fair. Situated near the edge of the Thar Desert, between Jodhpur and Jaisalmer, Khimsar is a truly a distant and passionate desert town. We stay overnight in Khimsar.

Day 10: Khimsar

(Cycling Approx - 70 Kms)

On the Day 10 we shall cycle to a place nearby Khimsar visit different religions Locals villages and interact with local peoples of their daily life activities and visit Dhanis (Houses) and see the regular daily life activities. Although visit Local Bishnoi School and share time with the school Children.

Day 11: Khimsar - Jodhpur

(Drive 80 Kms / Cycling Approx 20 Kms).

On the 11th day of our excursion we partly drive & cycle to the blue city of Jodhpur, which has

grown to become the second largest city of Rajasthan, and without shedding its medieval glory. In the noon we shall visit the imposing and the enormous Mehrangarh Fort, perhaps one of the largest forts in India and witness its unsurpassed beauty and magnificence. We stay overnight in Jodhpur.

Day 12: Jodhpur - Jojawar

(Drive 110 Kms / Cycling Approx 40 Kms).

On day 12th post the morning meal we explore the Bishnoi village and further continue cycling to Jojawar, a little garrison fort set amidst the Aravallis hills. The fort proposes an old world appeal of the princely kingdom of former times. Rawla Jojawar been created after refurbishing the old fort which has always been a magnificently hotel. Generations after generations have been living here since 1780. Enroute you can interact with the tribal to found here. We stay overnight in Rawla Jojawar.

Day 13: Jojawar

(Cycling Approx - 40 - 50 Kms)

On day 13th we shall cycle to the countryside of Jojawar that claims to possess very stimulating landscapes. The camel herding Rabaris are an ethnic group only to be found around Jojawar and we will cycle to their farmsteads. Total distance to be covered is around 40-50 KM.

Day 14: Jojawar - Kumbalgarh

(Drive 25 Kms / Cycling Approx 45 Kms).

The Day 14th the cycling will consist a visit to the Kumbalgarh Fort. Embraced in the cluster of thirteen mountain peaks of the Aravallis range, this daunting medieval citadel is encompassed by a 36 km long boundary wall. Total distance to be covered is around 77 KM.

Day 15: Kumbhalgarh - Udaipur

(Drive 70 Kms / Cycling 40 Kms).

On the 15th day of your excursion we cycle to Ranakpur - perhaps one of the biggest and the most important Jain temples in India. Built in the 15th century, Ranakpur temples are till date very well preserved and Ranakpur is considered to be one of the most holy places for Jain pilgrimage. We further continue cycling to Udaipur. We stay overnight in Udaipur.

Day 16: Udaipur

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 Fatehsagar 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.

Day 17: Udaipur - Delhi

By Flight/Train

We say a warm adieu to the beautiful colorful Rajasthan on the 17th day of the entire excursion. Our representative shall assist you to the Udaipur airport. On arrival at Delhi Airport our representative will assist you and transfer to International Airport to board the flight for onwards journey.

Note: We will be pleased to make additional arrangements and suggest things to see and places to stay should you wish to extend your stay in India. This could be a non-cycling tour as well. Ask us for optional add-on tours by writing to us here: info@divijourney.com