

## **Essence Of Rajasthan I The Unique Desert State**

Immerse yourself in the everyday life, culture, history and traditions of the unique desert state of India. Experience on foot, tuk-tuk or on the backs of camels or elephants the magnificent cities and natural landscapes.

### **Day - 10 Jodhpur**

#### **JODHPUR: BISHNOI VILLAGE SAFARI (B)**

You will be taken on jeeps to nearby villages at Rohetvisiting local tribal – called the Bishnois. Bishnois are an integral part of this region, a very hard working and hospitable tribal community. See village folk in their rustic and traditional attire, women clad in their ancestral silver jewellery. Meet them in their homes and talk to them. En-route, you have the opportunity to witness and photograph a variety of wildlife -black buck, chinkaras etc., all endangered species protected by “Bishnois”. You shall also witness the traditional Opium ceremony, which is a unique customary feature besides the cottage craftsmanship of the potters and weavers. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Mehrangarh, one of Rajasthan's finest forts, looks down protectively over the city, from the hilltop. Still run by the Maharaja of Jodhpur, this 5 km long majestic fort on a 125 metre high hill is one of the most impressive and formidable structures. The palace apartments with marvellously carved panels, latticed windows have evocative names such as Sukh Mahal (Pleasure Palace), Moti Mahal (Pearl Palace), the Phool Mahal (Flower Palace) and the Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors). The Chamunda Devi Temple, dedicated to goddess Durga, stands on the southern end of the fort. Continue your tour to Jaswant Thada, located a short distance from the fort, just off the fort road, is a white marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. The cenotaph built in 1899, was followed by the royal crematorium and three other cenotaphs that stand nearby. There are some beautiful marble jali (lattice) work and fine views from the terrace in front of the cenotaphs. End the tour with a Turban or Sari wearing demonstration in Jodhpur.

**Overnight:** Jodhpur

### Inclusions

- 14 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary  
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

- CityTour of Delhi
  - Visit the Taj Mahal & Great Fort in Agra
  - River & Camel safari in Chambal
  - Visit the Amber Fort & the Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing
  - CityTour of Jaipur by Tuk-Tuk
  - Elephant safari
  - Boat ride on Lake Pichola
  - Visit Ranakpur Temples
  - Bishnoi Village Safari
  - CityTour of Jaisalmer
  - Camel ride to the sand dunes to see the sunset
  - CityTour of Bikaner
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- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses  
or with public transportation according to itinerary
  - English speaking tour guide
  - Admission fees according to itinerary
  - 1 litre of mineral water per person per day

### Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees