



# 6-11 November, 2011

## India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

**TOUR CODE (CT- 7) A WEEK IN WONDERLAND ( 07 NIGHTS / 08 DAYS)**

### **DAY 01 ( Wed) : DELHI - PALACE ON WHEELS**

In time pick up from the venue at 1530 hrs and transfer to Safdarjung Railway Station to board Palace on Wheels train. Reporting time at POW is 1600 hrs. The journey of a lifetime begins at the Railway Station where the guests are accorded a warm, traditional welcome before the Palace-on-Wheels pulls out into the night for a week-long luxury cruise through fascinating Rajasthan.

Dinner and Overnight on Board



### **DAY 02 ( Thu) : JAIPUR: ARRIVAL 0345 HRS. DEPARTURE 2330 HRS**

The first stop of the Palace-on-Wheels is Jaipur, one of the most well planned cities of the world of its time. This capital city of Rajasthan, popularly known as the Pink City, was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, in 1727 A.D.



To explore the city, an air-conditioned coach takes you to Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, which is a remarkable five storied building on the main street of the old city in pink splendor with semi-octagonal and delicate honey combed sandstone windows.

This is followed by a visit to Amber Fort where elephant ride is available to climb up the hill. Lunch at a Amber fort followed by visit to City Palace Museum and Observatory and Albert hall. Dinner and overnight on board.

### **DAY 03 ( Fri): SAWAI MODHOPUR : ARRIVAL 0530 HRS. DEPARTURE 1030 HRS**

One can almost sense a life of the wilderness, as the Palace-on-Wheels arrives in Sawai Madhopur, a city named after its founder Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I. After breakfast a visit is arranged to the Ranthambhor National Park, wherein are located the ruins of a 10th century fort. This wildlife sanctuary is considered to be the country's best for observing and photographing the activities of the tiger. The park, covering an area of 392 sq. kms. is home to more than 300 species of birds. The tiger, hyena, rate, jackal and fox are among those constituting the carnivorous population here. Sawai Madhopur is known for its exclusive toys, ethnic ornaments and costumes. Upon return to the Palace-on-Wheels, you leave for Chittaurgarh, when one gets an opportunity to watch the colourful countryside passing by in the daylight.



### **CHITTAURGARH : Arrival 1600 hrs. Departure 0200 hrs (next day)**



After lunch on board you are in Chittaurgarh. Images of love and valour; scars of battles lost and won...thrice-besieged, Chittaurgarh Fort is all this and more. Moving legends of honor and pride will echo in your mind as you proceed to Udaipur.

### **DAY 04 ( SAT) UDAIPUR: ARRIVAL 0800 HRS. DEPARTURE 1530 HRS.**



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The capital of the Sirodia Maharanas, enjoy pre-eminence among the Rajput clans of Rajasthan spend the day sight seeing at Udaipur Maharana Udai Singh, Laid the foundation for a new kingdom Udaipur situated at Lake Pichola where the impressive city palace was lavished with aesthetic and imaginative work of art miniature painting was encouraged.

Subsequently the princes built the seemingly floating Island Palace, the royal summer retreat, offering a spectacular view of the lake and surrounding mountains.

Breakfast on board. Lunch at Sun set point-Open air restaurant room where you can enjoy a view of Lake Palace, Jagmandir and can enjoy fresh breeze of Pichola Lake.

Visit to Crystal Gallery-It is a balcony of Fateh Prakash Banquet hall which is having a museum of crystal glass furniture, crockery, chandeliers of old time.

Boat Ride and back to train.

**DAY 05 (SUN) : JAISALMER : ARRIVAL 0915 HRS. DEPARTURE 2345 HRS**

Jaisalmer: The golden city of Rajasthan has a charm of its own, Rawal Jaisal a Bhati Rajput ruler founded the city in 1156 AD. The western most citadel of the desert, Jaisalmer has an ancient history linked with its development as a trading center. Located en-route one of the two passages, that connected India with Persia, Egypt Africa and West. The Bhati Rajput sole guardians of the city accumulate enough wealth through tax levied on the passing caravans. Jaisalmer amid picturesque a marvel of beautiful culture and harsh climate conditions. The Sonar Quila Fort, made of yellow sand stone will immediately command your attention here.



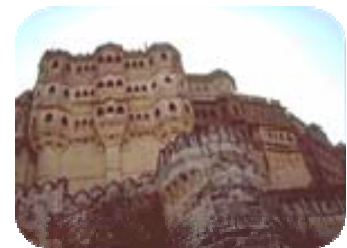
The city is also known for its old mansion better known as havelies. Patwon Ki Haveli and Nathmalgi Ke Haveli, Salim Singh Ji Ki Haveli most striking architecture a fine blend of ancient and the medieval era. Shopping and lunch at Moomal Hotel. The sweeping sand dunes enjoy the romance of solitude at Kuldhara and your camel takes you deep in the Thar Desert, the set here is the most awaited experience. As the sun sets the rolling golden dunes the surreal experience is worth. Though the winter, followed by the cultural performance - campfire with dinner in dunes.

1. Enjoy Rajasthani Food with traditional music.
2. Evening Tea, Sun set & Dinner with Bar-be-que, at Samdhani.

**DAY 06 (MON): JODHPUR: ARRIVAL 0700 HRS. DEPARTURE 1530 HRS**

The city best known for its indigo-hued homes and buildings, Jodhpur is the former capital of the Marwar. The Mehrangarh Fort was built by Rao Jodha in 1459 and later his successions also added new structures. The fort is situated 120 meters high rocky hill, this fort is witness the lavish and royal history of Rathore.

Fort stands on strong and wide walls, which are 20 to 120 feet high and 12 to 70 feet thick its gigantic structure and finely carved intricate sculpture are a treat for eye.





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The royal structure boast their own saga of security and beauty the pearl palace has a delicately carved stone screen, Umaid Vilas displays the Rajput miniature paintings and the Ajit Vilas exhibits musical instruments and the royal costumes. Shopping of local handicrafts.

Umaid Bhawan Palace worlds finest and largest palace in the world Maharaja Umaid Singh utilized the services of a well known Edwardian architect, Henry Vaughan lanchester for the construction of this palace. There are 347 rooms in the palace that boast about its grandness and splendor the central dome that has become the identity of the palace 110 feet high. The royal family in still lives a part of the palace also having the old clock museum.

Lunch at 5 Star Hotel. After lunch back to Palace on Wheels, dinner on board.

**DAY 07 (TUE ) : BHARATPUR : ARRIVAL 0500 HRS.DEPARTURE 0845 HRS**

In the morning, the Palace on Wheels arrives in Bharatpur, the capital of Maharaja Suraj Mal . After breakfast pay a visit to the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place for thousands of Egrets, Siberian Cranes, migratory Water Fowl and other species of birds.



**AGRA: ARRIVAL 1030 HRS. DEPARTURE 2300 HRS.**

Upon arrival visit the Agra Fort and after lunch arrive at the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. A pristine monument of undying love. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewellery.

**DAY 08 ( Wed) : ARRIVE DELHI: ARRIVAL @ 0445 HRS**

Arrive at Railway station at 0445 hrs. Breakfast will be served on board and let the pleasant memories of the past week linger on your mind for a long, long time. The guest will come out from the train at 0600 hrs after night sleep and breakfast.

Pick up from the Railway station at 0600 hrs and transfer to the hotel for check in. Own arrangements for Hotel accommodation in Delhi.

===== Tour ends =====

**Meal Plan:** Palace on Wheels on board: all meals are included on the train for all 07 nights

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- 20% of the ticket value if cancelled 65 days prior to the departure.
- 50% of the ticket value if cancelled between 64 – 35 days before departure.
- 100% of the ticket value if cancelled within 34 days of departure.

**The above tour includes:**



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- Accommodation on Twin sharing room with ALL MEALS on board the train.
- While during the Palace on wheels tour, all transfers, sightseeings and excursions using an air conditioned deluxe coach basis with other members of the Palace Wheels on board.
- Services of a local English speaking guide at all the places of visit (guides on the Palace on wheels part of the train package).
- Current entrance fee at the places of visits (except camera fee).

**The above tour does not include:**

- Any expenses of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, mineral water etc.
- Service tax
- Any meals / services which is not mentioned in the above.

**Special note:**

Prices are subject to change due to hike in fuel / Govt. Taxes. / State Road Tax if any in near future Rates include only those Items as specified in the above Itinerary.

**ALL THE ABOVE PRICES ARE VALID FOR THE MONTH OF FEB ONLY**