

DETAILED ITINERARY OF PALACE ON WHEELS

Day 1 - Wednesday



NEW DELHI : Reporting Time 16.00 hrs. Dep. 18.30 hrs.

The journey of a lifetime begins at the Delhi Safdarjung 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

Day 2 - Thursday



JAI PUR : Arrival 03.00 hrs. Departure 19.30 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 a one 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 Five Star Hotel followed by visit to City Palace Museum and Observatory.

Day 3 - Friday



JAISALMER : Arrival 09.00 hrs. Departure 23.45 hrs.

In the heart of the Thar desert lies Jaisalmer, founded by Rawal Jaisal, in 1156 A.D. Here the yellow sandstone fort is an imposing sight, towering magnificently over the city. Discover the painstakingly latticed havelis or mansions with their grand facades. The **Nathmalji-ki-haveli**, **Patwon-ki-haveli** and **Salim Singh-ki-haveli** are fine examples of the stone carver's skill. Shop for fine pattu shawls, mirror work and embroidered articles, wooden boxes, trinkets, silver jewellery and curios.

After lunch on board, go for an exciting camel ride on the sand dunes of **Sam**, before sipping a refreshing cup of tea. Enjoy the dinner and the cultural programme at a Five Star hotel.

Day 4 - Saturday

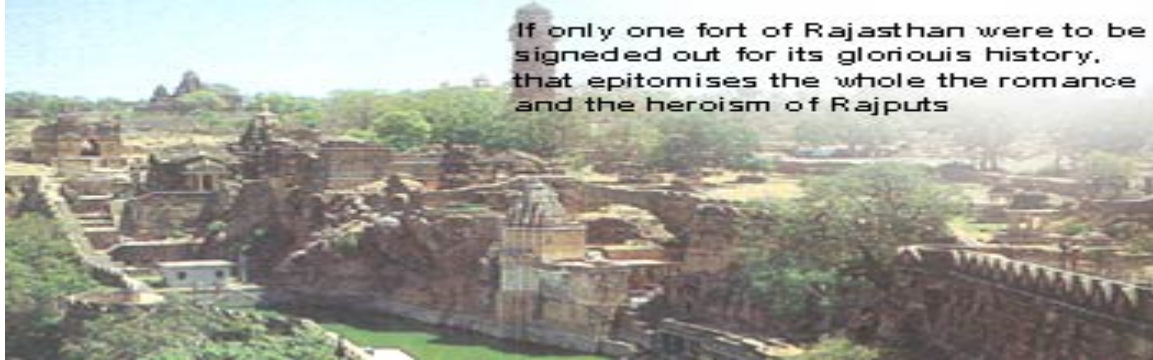


JODHPUR : Arrival 07.00 hrs. Departure 15.30 hrs.

Next morning the Palace-on-Wheels is in Jodhpur, a city ringed by a high stone wall with seven gates and several bastions. This second largest city of Rajasthan, founded by Rao Jodha in 1459 A.D. is known for its rock-solid **Mehrangarh Fort**. The grand palaces within - Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana

are impressive examples of architectural excellence. Near the fort complex lies **Jaswant Thada**, and a group of royal cenotaphs made of white marble. After lunch at a Palace hotel, return to the Palace-on-Wheels. While in Jodhpur shop for exquisite handicraft articles including the famous breeches, embroidered shoes, metal curios, silverware, paintings and tie and dye fabrics.

Day 5 - Sunday



If only one fort of Rajasthan were to be signed out for its glorious history, that epitomises the whole the romance and the heroism of Rajputs

CHITTAURGARH : Arrival 16.00 hrs. Departure 05.30 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 6 - Monday



UDAIPUR : Arrival 07:30 hrs. Departure 17.30 hrs.

Udaipur, the Lake City, was founded by Maharana Udai Singh of Mewar, after the Sisodia dynasty was driven away by the Mughals, in 1559A.D. Perhaps the two most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble palaces- the **Jag Niwas** (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of **Lake Pichhola**. After lunch at a Five Star Hotel, a visit to the **City Palace**.

Day 7 - Tuesday



BHARATPUR : Arrival 06.30 hrs. Departure 9.00 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.

Day 7 - Tuesday



AGRA : Arrival 12.00 hrs. Departure 21.00 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 8 - Wednesday

DELHI : Arrival 04.00 hrs.

Arrive at **Delhi Safdarjung Railway station** at 04.00 hrs. Breakfast on board and let the pleasant memories of the past week linger on your mind for a long, long time.