

PAINTING RAJASTHAN



ITINERARY

***** MOST CONVERSATIONS double as portraiture sessions with the subjects answering questions on their family, their village and themselves.**

*****THE POP-UP STUDIO will be established at each accomodation facility. This allows a beautiful space from which to develop visual diaries.**

DELHI - UDAIPUR

DAY 1: Delhi

Arrive at Maidens Hotel - Delhi by 2 pm.

After check-in meet at 2-30 pm in the foyer.

Full briefing on our journey and introduction to the team.

CONVERSATION 1 - an overview of the tribal world of Rajasthan into which we are travelling.

Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Delhi.

Meals: Dinner.

DAY 2: Delhi to The Hunting Lodge [Udaipur]

After breakfast check out of the hotel and transfer to the Delhi Airport to board your flight to Udaipur.

Lunch on the way to our accomodation at Lily Court. This restaurant doubles as a superb gallery with local sculptures and art.

Check-in to the Hunting Lodge accomodation.

Welcome from local Bheel community.

Gentle walk through the village with local elders. CONVERSATION 2 - Meet the staff and characters at the hotel, each with their own unique Indian story. {and they have great faces as well}

Overnight: The Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 3: The Hunting Lodge.

Morning meditation to drift into the calmer space of tribal India.

Breakfast at the hotel.

WALKING WITH TRIBALS - Stroll with Bheel herders walking at the pace of the slowest goat. That's pretty slow. Opportunities for portraiture, landscape and animal imagery. CONVERSATION 3 - over morning tea with women.

Lunch at The Hunting Lodge.

Afternoon - Pop-up studio before and after dinner.

Dinner at The Hunting Lodge.

Overnight: The Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 4: The Hunting Lodge

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Travel to Little Madar in the Aravali Hills. Beautiful views, remote shrines and occasional wandering herders.

Picnic lunch at village. CONVERSATION 4 with village people.

Coach back to the Hunting Lodge.

Afternoon - Pop-up studio time before and after dinner.

Dinner at The Hunting Lodge.

Overnight: at The Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 5: The Hunting Lodge.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day in Udaipur, walk old city to City Palace.

Lunch in City restaurant overlooking the Lake.

Visit to local art gallery. CONVERSATION 5 - on the traditional art of Pichwai and the emergence of contemporary themes.

Return to The Hunting Lodge.

Evening meal with the Bheel people we have met as our guests.

Overnight: The Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



JAWAI

Day 6 Hunting Lodge to Jawai.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart on bus for the extraordinary 500 year old Rankipur Jain Temple a couple of hours away. Masterful carved architecture in one of the finest temples in India.

Check-into Godwad Safari Camp.

Lunch en route.

Afternoon with extended Jogi Gypsy family who operate as snake catchers. Plenty of opportunity to sketch and paint these visually powerful people.

CONVERSATION 6 - on customs, genetic heritage and snake catching role of Jogi people.

Evening performance of the Tera Tali folk dance form by the Kabariya Community, another fascinating group of people. Dinner at Godwad.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 7 Jawai.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit a Rabari village. CONVERSATION 7 - Talk on new migration patterns of the Rabari as their grazing country becomes scarcer and their relationships with leopards. Lunch at Godwad.

Afternoon - time in the pop-up studio then visit to the Gypsy and a Rabari homes in the foothills of the Aravali.

Evening experience of the 'Gau dhuli' - a word to describe the 'cow dust' of returning goats with Rabari herders and tinkering bells.

Dinner back at the Godwad.

Overnight: Godwad.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 8 Jawai

Depart early for a safari into the Leopard Conservation Park to beat the tourists and maybe sight a leopard. In any case, it is glorious country to be in for a 'plein air' session.

Breakfast on the safari.

Explore the Aravali Hills.

Lunch at Godwad.

Afternoon off in the pop-up studio with the sun setting over the Aravali.

Dinner at the Godwad.

Overnight: Godwad.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 9 Jawai to Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation

Full day coach trip from the Aravali Hills into the Thar Desert that surrounds Jaisalmer.

Check into the glorious Gulaal Haveli.

Overnight: Gulaal.

Dinner watching the sunset over Jaisalmer Fort.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.



JAISALMER - DELHI

DAY 10: Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation.

After breakfast proceed to the 800 year old Jaisalmer Fort, still a living fort, and be welcomed by a family who've lived inside its walls for generations at the Suraj Haveli.

CONVERSATION 8 - with the oldest son of the family at the Suraj Haveli.

Lunch at the Suraj Haveli.

Afternoon explore the fort.

Pop-up studio at the haveli.

Dinner at Suraj with music from Manganiyar musicians.

Overnight: Jaisalmer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 11: Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit glorious Lake Gadisar.

Time to paint the beautiful chhatris [cenotaphs] on the lake and the historic ghats and temples around it.

Lunch at Mugs4Bugs Cafe at the Lake.

Travel to the amazing Bada Bagh, the old carved stone cenotaphs of the Maharajahs.

Afternoon - Pop-up studio at the hotel into dinner.

Dinner hotel.

Overnight: Jaisalmer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 12: Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit to our haveli by a Bhopa Gypsy family to enhance our pop-up studio.

Lunch at Hotel

Afternoon - continue pop-up studio.

Evening of food, song and dance in a camp in the Thar Desert with some friends we have met.

Overnight: Jaisalmer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 13: Jaisalmer to Delhi.

Morning meditation.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board the flight to Delhi.

Afternoon at hotel.

CONVERSATION 9 - Curated visit to the famous Delhi Art Gallery.

Dinner at the Maidens hotel.

Overnight: Delhi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14: Delhi.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit the Central Cottage Industries Emporium, an ethically sourced collection of fabrics, artefacts and wares from all over India.

Afternoon - To Be Decided based on group's preferences.

CONVERSATION 10 - A wrap of stories and impressions, led by YOU, the participants.

Celebratory dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Delhi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 15: Delhi Depart.

Breakfast.

Check out from the hotel and transfer to the Delhi airport to board your flight for onward destination.

Meals: Breakfast.

Namaste - End of Tour and Services.

