



TRIBAL WORLD OF RAJASTHAN

ITINERARY

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 the accommodation at Lily Court. This restaurant doubles as a superb gallery with local sculptures and art.

Check-in to the Hunting Lodge accommodation.

Welcome from local Bheel community.

Gentle walk through the village local elders. CONVERSATION 2 - Meet the staff at the hotel, each with their own unique Indian story and the very Indian one of leaving their village for work.

Overnight: Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 3 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. CONVERSATION 3 - over morning tea with women.

Lunch at on the trail.

Afternoon - visit to a local school.

Dinner at Hunting Lodge.

Overnight: Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 4 Hunting Lodge.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Travel to Little Madar. Beautiful views, remote shrines and occasional wandering herders.

Picnic lunch at village. CONVERSATION 4 with village people and farmers.

Coach back to Hunting Lodge.

Afternoon - free time to wander the lake and village.

Dinner at Hunting Lodge.

Overnight: Hunting Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 5 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 Hunting Lodge.

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

Overnight: 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.
Lunch en route.
Check-into Godwad Safari Camp.
Afternoon with extended Jogi Gypsy family who work as snake catchers.
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 fascination group of people.
Dinner at Godwad.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 7 Jawai.

Morning meditation.
Breakfast at the hotel.
Visit a nearby Rabari village. CONVERSATION 7 - Talk on new migration patterns of the Rabari as their grazing country becomes scarcer.
Lunch at Godwad.
Afternoon - Visit to a local Hindu Temple with a Rabari priest.
Visit the Jogi Gypsy family in their home in the Aravali Hills.
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

Very early safari into the Leopard Conservation Park to beat the tourists and maybe sight a leopard. In any case, it is glorious country.
Breakfast on the safari.
Explore the Aravali Hills.
Lunch at Godwad.
Afternoon - free time in Godwad.
Dinner at the Godwad with some of the people we have met in Jawai.
Overnight: Godwad.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 9 Jawai to Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation
Full day coach trip from the beautiful 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 with local guides.

Dinner at Suraj Haveli 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 wander the beautiful chhatris {centotaphs} on the lake and the ancient Ghats and Temples around it.

Lunch at Mugs4Bugs Cafe at the Lake.

Travel to Bada Bagh, the old cenotaph of the Maharajahs.

Visit an NGO for village women in the Old City who reassemble pieces of material to make exquisite patchwork quilts.

Dinner at Gulaal.

Overnight: Jaisalmer.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

DAY 12: Jaisalmer.

Morning meditation.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit a Bhopa Gypsy family in their modest dwelling in near the Old City.

Lunch in Gulaal.

Afternoon - Rest.

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.

