








HIGHLIGHTS OF RAJASTHAN

India

13 Days/ 12 Nights



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Welcome to India

India is the world's largest democracy and covers an area of 3,287,263 km², stretching from the high Himalayas in the north to the tropical rain forests of the southern peninsular. In the shape of a triangle, India is flanked by the Arabian Sea in west and Bay of Bengal in the east. The country's topography is varied - there are deserts and tropical jungles, fertile river plains and high plateaus, 7517 km of coastline and coral reefs. It is a vast country of over 1.4 billion people with over 470 languages, numerous religions, races and cultures. India offers the traveller a multitude of unique experiences ensuring an unforgettable visit. From the vibrant and bustling markets, contrasting cuisines, and extravagant festivals to the serenity of a mountain retreat, India is a destination that will touch your soul.

Highlights of the Itinerary:

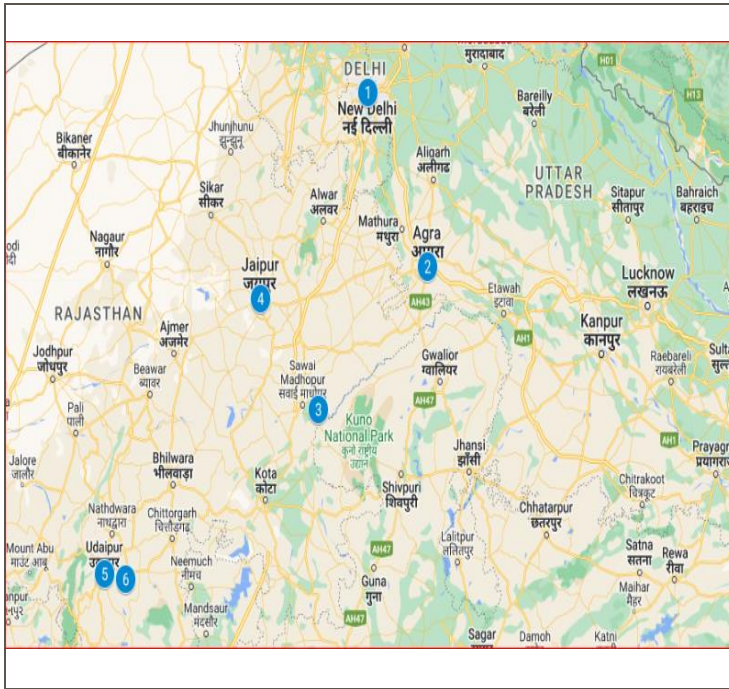
- Breath taking architecture
- Fascinating Indian wildlife in Ranthambhore National Park
- The magnificent Taj Mahal, the world's most famous monument to love
- The spectacular forts and palaces of Jaipur and Udaipur
- Tranquil boat cruise on the blue waters of Lake Pichola, in Udaipur

Best time of year

October to mid-April



At a glance



12 Nights / 13 Days

1 - New Delhi (Day 1,2)

2 - Agra (Day 3)

3 - Ranthambhore (Day 4,5,6)

4 - Jaipur (Day 7,8)

5 - Udaipur (Day 9,10)

6 - Bhatera (Day 11, 12)

AN & BEYOND CUSTOM-DESIGNED ITINERARY

DATE	SERVICE	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	Arrive at New Delhi (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised) Met by an andBeyond representative at New Delhi's International Airport Transfer from New Delhi airport to the Hotel	
	Spend 2 nights at The Oberoi, New Delhi	Premier Room - BB
Day 2	Full day tour of Old and New Delhi	
Day 3	Morning drive to Agra (Approximately 3 ½ hour drive) You will be met on arrival and assisted to check-in at your hotel Late afternoon tour of the Agra Fort and Taj Mahal; to view it at sunset	
	Spend 1 night at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra	Premier Room- BB
Day 4	Early Morning visit Taj Mahal at sunrise. Later drive to Ranthambhore National Park (Approximately 5 hour drive) On arrival check-in at Hotel Experience scheduled afternoon safari drive in an exclusive jeep	
	Spend 3 nights at The Oberoi Vanyavilas	Luxury Tent - FB
Day 5 & 6	Experience scheduled morning and afternoon safari drives in an exclusive jeep	

Day 7	Morning scheduled safari drive in an exclusive jeep.	
	Leisurely drive to Jaipur (Approximately 3 hrs drive) You will be met on arrival and assisted to check-in at your hotel	
	Spend 2 nights at The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur	Premier Room- BB
Day 8	Morning visit City Palace, the Observatory and Hawa Mahal (Photo Stop).	
	In the afternoon visit Amer Fort followed by a visit to the Anokhi Textile Museum. Then drive to Dera Amer, interact with rescued elephants, followed by dinner	
Day 9	Morning at leisure.	
	Later transfer to Jaipur Airport to fly to Udaipur (6E 7748; Dep: 17h35; Arr: 18h50; IndiGo- Economy Class)	
	You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.	
	Spend 2 nights at The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur	Premier Room - BB
Day 10	Morning visit the nearby Eklingji and Nagda Temples. In the afternoon visit the City Palace. Sunset private boat cruise on Lake Pichola.	
Day 11	Morning drive to Chunda Shikar Oudi (Approximately one hour drive).	
	Late afternoon safari in the private forested area near Chunda Shikar Oudi in an exclusive Jeep	
	Spend 2 nights at Chunda Shikar Oudi.	
Day 12	Morning enjoy a boat ride on the lake. Late afternoon safari in the private forested area near Chunda Shikar Oudi in an exclusive Jeep	
Day 13	Morning at leisure	
	Later transfer to the airport for your flight to New Delhi (UK 628; Dep: 15h20; Arr: 16h45; Vistara Air - Economy Class)	
	You will be met and assisted to connect to your onward flight out. (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised)	

GLOSSARY

BB = Bed and Breakfast

FB = Bed and Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner

ENTRY/VISA REQUIREMENTS

- As for all international travel, the visitor to India is required to be in possession of a valid passport and visa. Travellers from all countries need a visa. Enquire about this from the Indian diplomatic Representatives abroad OR apply online at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>
- *Boarding or immigration can be denied if there is a mismatch of passport details mentioned on the visa letter issued by the Government of India and the passport presented at these checks.*
- **The Visa holder MUST carry a print out of the eTV confirmation. An electronic copy on a phone is NOT sufficient. Without a physical print out the traveller may be denied boarding on the inbound flight, and maybe denied entry**
- The passport has to be valid for a minimum of 6 months AFTER the departure date from India and at least 2 (two) clear pages available in the passport for immigration stamping.

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Expect the extraordinary

Day 1- New Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised) You will be welcomed by your andBeyond India host and chauffeured to your hotel 'The Oberoi, Delhi'.

Check in time at the hotel is 1400 hours.

The Oberoi New Delhi: The hotel reflects the city's spirit in a harmonious blend of tradition and contemporary sophistication. Located close to the city centre near business, commercial and shopping districts, the luxury hotel overlooks Delhi's prestigious Golf Club on one side and the 16th century tomb of Humayun on the other. Exquisite interiors, impeccable service and fine cuisine combine to make this the city's most graceful and elegant hotel. The award-winning hotel is the ideal base for exploring the cultural wonders of Delhi.

New Delhi, the capital of India is a modern buzzing metropolitan city with remnants of the past strewn amongst the modern buildings. Much of New Delhi was planned by Sir Edwin Lutyen's, who laid out a grandiose central administrative area as a testament to British imperial pretensions. Delhi was established between 900 BCE and 1930. Delhi's famous "seven cities" range from the 12th century Quila Rai Pithora, built by Prithviraj Chauhan, to the imperial Shahjahanabad, constructed by the Mughals in the 17th century. Of the many attractions in Delhi, the major sites are the Rashtrapati Bhawan designed by Sir Edwin Lutyen's as the British Viceroys Palace, Shahjahanabad (Old



Delhi) where the Red Fort is, or Jama Masjid is close to the famed Chandni Chowk in the heart of Old Delhi.

Spend two nights at The Oberoi. Accommodation is in a Premier Room with ensuite facilities. Your stay is on bed and breakfast basis.



Day 2 - New Delhi

This morning at a time of guest's convenience, will start the guided sightseeing of Old and New Delhi which includes:

Chandni Chowk: Take a rickshaw ride in Chandni Chowk which was once the grandest of markets in India. Even though today Chandni Chowk appears choked with congestion, it retains its historical character.

Spice Market: Khari Baoli is a street in the heart of old Delhi known as Asia's largest wholesale spice market selling all kinds of spices, dried fruits, nuts, herbs and other food products. The market has been operating since the 17th century.

From Chandni Chowk visit the Jama Masjid, the Friday congregational mosque, one of the largest mosques in India. It was the last architectural extravaganza of the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan and built in the year 1656 AD. It has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets standing 40m high and constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Broad flights of steps lead up to the imposing gateways.

After exploring old Delhi, you will break for lunch (To Be Paid Directly)

Later you will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of New Delhi.

Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, the temple of the Sikhs. Their turbans and beards make the men easily identifiable. Sikhism developed as an



antithesis to the caste ridden and ritualistic forms of Hinduism and developed as a simple religion whose foundation was “sewa” - socially responsibility irrespective of a person’s social standing. Thus, every Sikh Temple has the famous community kitchen, where it is considered a privilege to assist cooking the food and serving a simple meal to pilgrim and visitors.

Also, during your city tour, you will be driven past the important landmarks of Delhi such as:

The India Gate: This 42m high stone arch of triumph stands at the eastern end of the Rajpath. It bears the names of 85,000 Indian Army soldiers who died in the campaigns of WW1, the Northwest Frontier operations, and the 1919 Afghan fiasco.

Rajpath: The Kings Way is the central axis of Lutyens New Delhi. It is immensely broad and is flanked on either side of ornamental ponds. The Republic Day parade is held here every 26th January, and thousands of people gather to enjoy the spectacle.

Rashtrapati Bhawan: The official residence of the President of India stands at the opposite end of the Rajpath from India Gate. Completed in 1929, the palace like building is an interesting blend of Mughal, Indian, and western architectural styles, the most obvious Indian feature being the huge copper dome. To the west of the building is a Mughal garden, which occupies 130 ha. This garden is only open to the public in February. Prior to independence this was the viceroy’s residence.

Later visit Humayun’s Tomb: Humayun’s tomb was built for the second Mughal Emperor and commissioned by his widow Hamida Banu Begum in 1562. It was the first garden-tomb on the Indian subcontinent and is located near Nizamuddin. It was also the first structure to use red sandstone at such a scale. The complex was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.



Day 3 - New Delhi - Agra

This morning, you will be met and driven to Agra. (approximately 3 ½ hour drive)

Agra: The city of Agra flourished under the patronage of the emperors Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan and attracted artisans from Persia and central Asia. Agra is where Emperor Shah Jahan celebrated his love for his Empress in marble, the Taj Mahal. Agra is still famous for handicrafts products such as inlay work on marble, carpets, jewellery, zari and embroidery work.

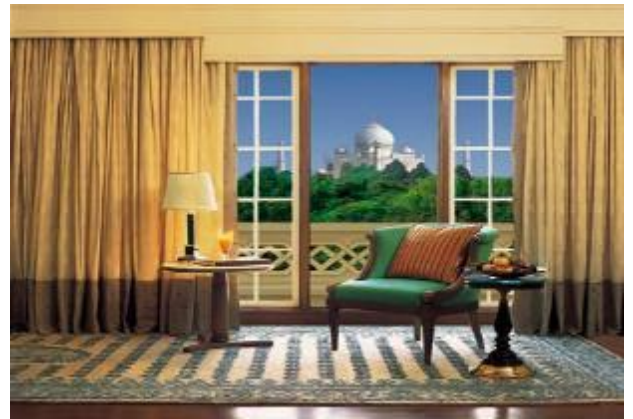
On arrival you will be met and assisted with your check in at The Oberoi Amarvilas. Considered as one of India's best hotels, The Oberoi Amarvilas stands unmatched in its grandeur and style. Being only 600 metres away from the Taj Mahal, every single room in this property looks towards the monument.

Once you have settled in, you will embark on a guided tour of the Agra fort and the Taj Mahal; to view it at sunset.

Agra Fort: For many years through the Mughal rule, especially during the period when Agra was the capital of the Empire, Agra Fort was renovated and reworked extensively with new buildings being added. Many with marble and pietra dura inlay. Notable buildings in the fort include the Pearl Mosque, the Diwan-e-Am and Diwan-e-Khas (halls of public and private audience), Jehangir's Palace, Khaas Mahal, Sheesh Mahal (mirrored palace), and Musamman Burj.

Taj Mahal: Said to be one of the most elegant and a harmonious building in the world, Taj Mahal is the manifestation of the wealth and luxury of Mughal rule as seen in its architecture, garden design, painting, and calligraphy.

Spend one night at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra. Accommodation will be in a Premier Room. Your stay will be on bed and breakfast basis.



Day 4 - Agra - Ranthambhore

Early morning visit Taj Mahal at sunrise.

Later after breakfast drive to Ranthambhore (approximately 5 hour drive).

Ranthambhore: Tucked between the rugged Aravalli and Vindhya hills, the Ranthambhore National Park boasts a spectacular landscape filled with boulder-strewn highland plateaus, lakes and rivers - dotted with old forts and abandoned mosques - creating a wonderful atmosphere for both bird and mammal viewing. Ranthambhore is perhaps most famous for being one of the original 'Project Tiger' reserves and it still affords one of the best opportunities anywhere in India of seeing a tiger. At the centre of the park lay the ruins of the 10th to 16th century Ranthambhore Fort which dominates the leafy forests from its perch atop a dramatic rocky outcrop.

Upon arrival in Ranthambhore, check-in hotel 'The Oberoi Vanyavilas'

The Oberoi Vanyavilas: - Nestled in the natural beauty of the wilds, The Oberoi Vanyavilas is situated on the edge of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. The resort setting is picture-perfect with a dramatic watercourse and sun-kissed private decks. The luxury tents with finely embroidered canopies, luxurious bathrooms and private walled gardens are in perfect contrast to the ruggedness of the jungle.

In the afternoon proceed for a safari inside the national park in an exclusive vehicle.

Spend three nights at The Oberoi Vanyavilas. Accommodation is in a Luxury Tent with ensuite facilities. Your stay is on All Meals basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner).



Day 5 & Day 6 - Ranthambhore

Experience scheduled morning and afternoon safaris in an exclusive vehicle.

Park drives in Ranthambhore are in open 4x4 jeeps. You will be accompanied by an experienced naturalist who will explain and point out interesting wildlife and the park's human history.

Ranthambhore is one of India's finest examples of dry deciduous forest interspersed with grassland.



You return to your accommodation for breakfast after the morning drive and discuss sightings with you guide before venturing back into the park in the afternoon.

Much of the park has scattered ruined fortifications, gardens, chhatris, and mosques from the 16th to 18th centuries when Ranthambhore was an important centre. Today tigers and their prey have reclaimed these buildings.



Day 7 - Ranthambhore - Jaipur

Experience scheduled morning game safari in an exclusive vehicle.

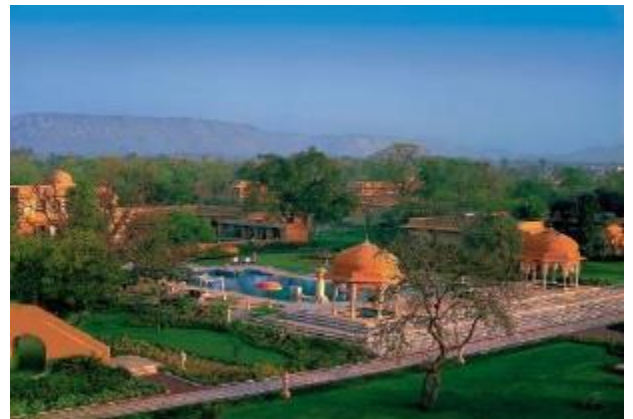
Later check-out and drive for approximately 3 hours to Jaipur.

Jaipur: Founded in 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, Jaipur is where modernity and tradition exist side by side. The walled city, vibrant with colours, houses the City Palace, an astronomical observatory and a bustling bazaar where artisans fashion puppets, silver jewellery, lac bangles and other handicrafts in their workshops. At a short distance is the Amer Fort Palace at Amer.

Upon arrival, you will drive straight to your hotel.

The Oberoi Rajvilas: The hotel is set in 13 ha (32 acres) of landscaped gardens with pavilions and reflection pools that create the romance and grandeur of Rajasthan. All rooms have large four poster beds and sunken marble baths overlooking private walled gardens. Air-conditioned luxury tents have embroidered interior canopies, old style baths and outdoor decks.

Spend two nights at The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur. Accommodation will be in a Premier Room. Your stay will be on bed and breakfast basis.



Day 8 - Jaipur

Morning visit City Palace, Hawa Mahal and the Observatory Tower.

The City Palace is a wonderful combination of Mughal and Rajput forms of architecture, is now partly a museum housing miniature paintings, manuscripts, Mughal carpets, musical instruments, royal costumes and weapons, giving invaluable insight into Jaipur's royal past.

Hawa Mahal (Photo Stop): The focal point of the city of Jaipur is the Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, a five-storey high structure built to enable the veiled ladies of the harem to observe the street scenes below and remain unnoticed.

The Observatory: Also known as the Jantar Mantar, which was built between 1728 and 1734 and houses precise instruments for measuring "the harmony of heavens" each instrument serves a particular function and gives an accurate reading. Some of the instruments at the astronomical observatory are still used today to forecast the weather and the turns of nature

Later in the afternoon visit the stunning Amer Fort built all in white marble and red sandstone. Amer Fort is located 11 km from Jaipur. It was the ancient citadel of the ruling Kachhawa clan, before the capital was shifted to present day Jaipur. Amer Fort is known for its unique artistic style, blending both Hindu and Muslim (Mughal) elements, and its ornate and breath-taking artistic mastery. Followed by a visit to the Anokhi Textile Museum.

Later drive to Dera Amer situated behind the hills of the famous Amber Fort is the ideal location for outdoor recreational and adventure activities in very close proximity to the city of Jaipur. The Camp is located at the foothills of the Aravalli Range and surrounded by the wilderness of a reserved forest with no urban civilization in the vicinity, just a few hamlets housing the local villagers occupied by farming on their fields bordering a pretty lake.

Enjoy an alfresco dinner in the spectacular setting of the Aravalli Hills.



Day 9 - Jaipur - Udaipur

Morning at Leisure.

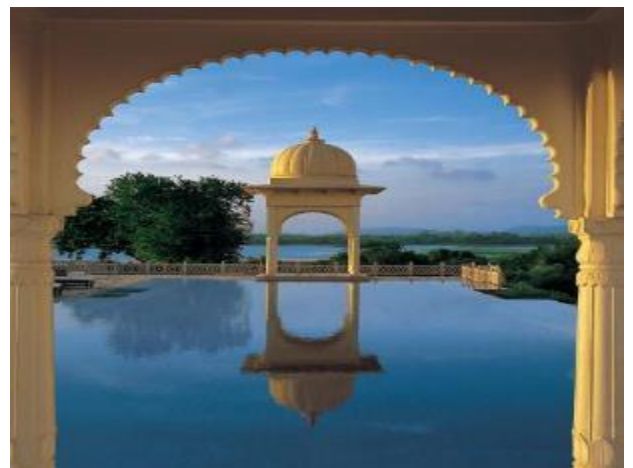
Later departure transfer from your hotel to the Jaipur Airport for flight to Udaipur (6E 7748 / Dep 17h35: Arr 18h50 / IndiGo - Economy Class)

On arrival you will be met and transferred to The Oberoi Udaivilas

The Oberoi Udaivilas: Adorning the banks of Lake Pichola and standing witness to the historic City Palace, The Oberoi Udaivilas captures all the romance and splendour of a royal era. Rooms with terraces that open on to semi-private swimming pools present exquisite views and are a unique feature of Udaivilas. The property has magnificently decorated suites with private swimming pools and outdoor dining pavilions.

Udaipur: Delicate, feminine and elegant, Udaipur is known by many names - City of Sunrise, Jewel of Mewar and City of Lakes. Undoubtedly one of India's most romantic cities, it nestles between the glassy waters of its famous lakes and the ancient Aravalli Hills. Although it is one of Rajasthan's largest cities, modern Udaipur manages to retain a charming small-town vibe.

Spend two nights at The Oberoi Udaivilas. Accommodation is in a Premier Room. Your stay is on bed and breakfast basis.



Day 10 - Udaipur

At a convenient time, this morning you will embark on a guided tour of the Eklingji and Nagda Temples.

Eklingji, a small village dotted with temples, is 45 minutes' drive to the North of Udaipur. It is a complex of 108 ancient temples, incised out of sandstone and marble. The temple was originally built in 734 CE, to propagate the blessings of Lord Shiva. Eklingji and Nagda temples are an architectural marvel.

The deserted temples at Nagda, which lies 2 km north, are in contrast to vibrant Eklingji. All that survives of the site of the ancient capital of Mewar, which dates back to 626 CE, are the ruins of the Saas Bahu, a 10th century Vaishnavite twin temple (Saas meaning 'mother-in-law' & Bahu 'daughter-in-law') and the remains of the Jain Temple of Abhudji

Drive back to Udaipur and, in the afternoon, embark on a walking tour of Udaipur.

The walking tour starts from the famous 17th century Jagdish temple and goes through the old town past the clock tower, along the way you will have the opportunity to visit the various workshops and the jewellery store and watch the goldsmiths at work. Walk through the lanes of a bygone era, lined with quaint shops selling shoes, scarves, leather items, books etc. You can also witness the art of painting on water known as 'Jal sanjhi' as you walk towards the Gangaur ghat. Visit to the bamboo basket weaving artists at work and the Vegetables and spices market. You will also get to witness the rituals at different temples as you walk past various temples dotted in the city.

Round off the walking tour with a visit the City Palace and the crystal gallery

City Palace: The City Palace in Udaipur was built by the Maharana Udai Singh. It is located on the east bank of the Lake Pichola and has several palaces built within its complex. The Palace was built in a flamboyant style and is considered the largest of its type in Rajasthan, a fusion of the Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles.

Crystal Gallery: Located in Fateh Prakash Palace, these unique museum houses a collection of crystal items like ornaments fountains, vases, crockery, furniture and beds.

Evening proceed on a private motor launch cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola. From the boat you will be able to view the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Aravali Hills.



Day 11- Udaipur - Chunda Shikar Oudi

Morning after a relaxed breakfast drive to Chunda Shikar Oudi (Approximately 1 hour drive) .

Check into the Chunda Shikar Oudi.

This is a small boutique hotel about 1 hour from Udaipur. Chunda Shikar Oudi is set amidst 150 hectares of scenic woodland overlooking a lake and offers 10 beautifully appointed luxurious rooms with serene lake view, delicious dining experiences and flora framed trails to explore our staggeringly beautiful setting, all delivered with the generous hospitality for which Chunda has become synonymous with.

A former hunting outpost of the nobles, Chunda Shikar Oudi now serves as a private reserve for guests who prefer a blend of luxurious stay matched with exhilarating adventures.

Evening enjoy a Safari in an exclusive jeep.

Spend two nights at Chunda Shikar Oudi. Accommodation is in a Suite. Your stay is on Full board basis with activities.



Day 12 - Chunda Shikar Oudi

Early morning visit the nearby Menar Lake for bird watching.

Nestled in the charming town of Menar, about 45 kilometres from Udaipur, Menar Lake is a hidden gem for nature enthusiasts and birdwatchers. This serene lake offers a tranquil escape and a unique opportunity to witness a diverse array of bird species in their natural habitat. Let's dive into what makes Menar Lake a must-visit destination, especially for birdwatching aficionados.

One of the notable aspects of Menar Lake is the presence of migratory bird species, which visit the lake during specific times of the year. Witness the greater flamingo, a majestic visitor known for its elegant walk, or catch a glimpse of the white-tailed lapwing, a master of aerial acrobatics. The marsh harrier, a skilled predator with a wingspan that can rival a small aeroplane, might also grace you with its presence. You can also spot the migratory Siberian Duck if you're lucky.

Evening enjoy a Boat ride on the lake at Chunda Shikar Oudi.



Day 13 - Chunda - Udaipur - Delhi - Depart

Morning is at leisure for independent activities.

Later in the afternoon you will be transferred to Udaipur Airport for your flight for Delhi (UK 628; Dep: 15h20; Arr: 16h25; Vistara Air - Economy Class).

On arrival at New Delhi airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your andBeyond host and assisted to the International Terminal to connect your flight for Onward destination. (Flights to be booked and issued at your end - details to be advised)

Note: You need to be at New Delhi international airport at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure of your flight).



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Journey overview

Accommodation

DATE	DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Day 1	New Delhi	The Oberoi	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 2	New Delhi	The Oberoi	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 3	Agra	The Oberoi Amarvilas	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 4	Ranthambhore	The Oberoi Vanyavilas	Luxury Tent (Double or Twin) Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner
Day 5	Ranthambhore	The Oberoi Vanyavilas	Luxury Tent (Double or Twin) Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner
Day 6	Ranthambhore	The Oberoi Vanyavilas	Luxury Tent (Double or Twin) Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner
Day 7	Jaipur	The Oberoi Rajvilas	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 8	Jaipur	The Oberoi Rajvilas	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 9	Udaipur	The Oberoi Udaivilas	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 10	Udaipur	The Oberoi Udaivilas	Premier Room (Double or Twin) Breakfast
Day 11	Chunda	Chunda Shikar Oudi	Suite Double or Twin) Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner
Day 12	Chunda	Chunda Shikar Oudi	Suite Double or Twin) Breakfast and Lunch and Dinner