

# **Thar Desert Malani Experience 2**

5 Nights / 6 Days Tour Code: HSRJ-37-JO-5N

Jodhpur (1N)  $\rightarrow$  Jaisalmer (2N)  $\rightarrow$  Barmer (1N)  $\rightarrow$  Balotra (1N)

The Desert Circuit is a popular tourist route in the Indian state of Rajasthan, which includes the towns of Jodhpur, Barmer, and Jaisalmer.

Visit one of the most preserved and largest fort of India, Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur and take pictures of the vibrant blue city from the top

Visit the World's Largest Desert Living Fort - Jaisalmer Fort, and listen to the folk-tales by the locals residing in the fort

Barmer is a culturally rich city in Rajasthan known for its folk music and art, while Jaisalmer is renowned for its magnificent sandstone fort and desert landscapes. Get ready to explore the vibrant culture and mesmerizing architecture of these fascinating destinations.

# **Itineary**

## **DAY 1: ARRIVE AT JODHPUR**

On arrival at Jodhpur airport/railway station, you will be received and transferred to your hotel. Jodhpur is the second-largest city in Rajasthan and is additionally referred to as the **BLUE CITY** as most of the homes of the old city are painted blue. The old city is surrounded by a ten km long wall, which has 101 bastions and 7 gates. Check in at the hotel and spend some time relaxing and prepare for an exciting evening on this day of your Jodhpur tour.

In the evening, visit great highlight in the city: **UMAID BHAWAN PALACE.** It is one of the largest private residences in the world. The palace boasts of a combination of Indian and European style of architecture. A part of the palace still serves as a residence to the former royal family, while other two parts of the palace are converted into Taj Palace Hotel and museum.

Later visit **CLOCK TOWER** and local market of Jodhpur. Clock Tower is a famous landmark in the Old City. The clock tower offers a good view of the fort. **SARDAR MAKET** is adjacent to Clock Tower with around 7000 shops; where you can have a great shopping experience. Overnight stay at hotel

Breakfast X | Lunch X | Dinner X

# DAY 2: JODHPUR TO JAISALMER (265 KMS / 5 HRS)

Today after early morning breakfast, check out from the hotel and visit the iconic **MEHRANGARH FORT** – one of the largest forts in the country. Build around 1460 by Rao Jodha, the fort is

situated 125m above the city and is enclosed by thick walls. It is now run by the royal family of Jodhpur. It hosts a museum of historical artefacts that are an echo of the time-honored Rajputana.

Next, capture the vibrant views of **JASWANT THADA**, a royal cenotaph, also known as the Taj Mahal of Marwar, which is bedecked in white marble.

Later, drive to **JAISALMER**. On arrival, check in at the hotel and spend some time relaxing and prepare for an exciting evening on this day of your Jaisalmer tour. In evening we visit **GADISAR LAKE**, **VYAS CHHATRI** and **BADA BAGH**. You can enjoy the **PUPPET SHOW** (on direct Payment Basis) at Desert Cultural Centre in the evening with English commentary. It is a delightful program that both children, as well as adults, can enjoy equally.

Breakfast ✓ | Lunch X | Dinner X

#### DAY 3: JAISALMER FORT & DESERT TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will start a tour of the majestic mud fort, **JAISALMER FORT**. The city's most adored landmark is also known as **SONAR QILA (GOLDEN FORT)**.

Looking at the yellow sandstone fort during the sunset, you'd know why it's called so! **A UNESCO World Heritage Site**, the fort is one of the last remaining living forts in the world. The fort houses over one-fourth of the city's population within its walls.

It's, in fact, a hodgepodge of homes, temples, bazaars, shops, hotels, restaurants, and cafes. Exploring Jaisalmer Fort is one of the most culturally immersive experiences in India. At the Fort, you will visit **GOLDEN FORT MUSEUM**, **OLD CANNON VIEWPOINT** & **JAIN TEMPLES**.

Visit mansions like **PATWON KI HAVELI, SALAM SING KI HAVELI, NATHMAL JI KI HAVELI** & **MANDIR PALACE**.

At around 3 pm, we will leave for **SAM SAND DUNES** (desert area in Jaisalmer) which is a 45-60 minute drive; you will reach the booked campsite where you will be received with a traditional welcome. Then go for a **CAMEL** OR **JEEP SAFARI** tour (on direct Payment Basis), visit the Sam's sunset point, enjoy the Rajasthani musical dance program with tea, snacks and buffet dinner. Your night stay will be in the desert camp.

Breakfast ✓ | Lunch X | Dinner X

# DAY 4: JAISALMER TO BARMER (157 KMS / 2.5 HRS)

Arise to a hearty breakfast and checkout from the camp as you will be proceeding to **BARMER**, a city located in the western part of Rajasthan, known for its vibrant culture and beautiful landscapes. The city is famous for its handcrafted products, including carpets, textiles, and leather goods. It is also known for its unique folk music and dance, which are an integral part of the local culture. Barmer is surrounded by the **THAR DESERT**, and visitors can enjoy camel safaris and sand dunes here.

On arrival, checking into your hotel and relax. Later Visit **JOGMAYA DEVI (GARH MANDIR)** situated at height of 1383 ontop of the hill from where you have a bird eye view of the Barmer city, also visit **PILPAD DEVI TEMPLE**, small temple dedicated to Goddess Piplad situated at city centre amidst the Aravali hills, near small seasonal pond locally called Son Nadi.

Next visit **KIRADU TEMPLES**: Located around 35 kms from Barmer, somewhere in the Thar Desert is Kiradu Temples, the unexplored Khajuraho of Rajasthan. Dating back to 11th-12th century AD, it was a complex of about 108 temples of which ruins of only five survive. Muslim invaders raided, defaced the statues of Gods, mutilated the female figurines and destroyed the temple complex & became the victim of strong dusty winds, neglect and rumours of being haunted. Each nock and corner is intricately carved and depicts scenes from the epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata and the incarnations of Lord Vishnu.

Later you can explore LOCAL MARKET where you can find traditional and ethnic products, such as embroidered items, hand knitted woollen carpets, wood carvings, traditionally dyed fabrics, paintings and tie-dye beautiful products.

Stay overnight in Barmer hotel

Breakfast ✓ | Lunch X | Dinner X

# DAY 5: BARMER TO BALOTRA (101 KMS / 2 HRS)/NAKODA (13 KMS FROM BALOTRA)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and leave for Balotra. On arrival, checking into your hotel and relax. Later visit **KHED TEMPLE of Lord Ranchhod Ray Bhagwan** (Shri Vishnu JI) which is situated close to the town of Balotra. Khed Temple is a marvel of architecture and famous all over the world. The temple is a historical sight.

**SHRI NAKODAJI JAIN TEMPLE** (13 KM/22 MIN): It is one of the most important Jain pilgrimage destinations in the world, and one of the most important places to visit in Balotra, situated beautifully on a hill, approximately 1500 feet above the sea level.

There are a number of amazing religious statues within the temple complex, amongst which the black statue of Jain saint Parshvanath, is the major point of attraction. There are several small and big temples situated around the main temple complex and this beautiful site is visited by thousands of devotees and travellers from across the country on a regular basis.

Next you can explore the below mentioned landmarks of the town as per your choice and time constrain:

**RANI BHATIYANI TEMPLE:** Situated in the village of **JASOL**, at a distance of about 5 kms from Balotra, this temple is dedicated to a goddess who was a Rajput princess, named Swarup. The architecture of this temple is highly beautiful and attracts a lot of visitors.

**TILWARA:** Tilwara, historically known as Khedgarh, is a village which is situated about 20 kms from Balotra. The village is well-known for **MALLINATH FAIR** (Cattle Fair) which takes place annually in the month of March/April. Tilwara is also an archaeological site from where evidence for the Mesolithic culture has been excavated.

At Tilwara, visit the grand temple of **MATA RANI RUPADE** situated on the bank of River Luni. Rani Rupade and her husband Rawal Mallinath are revered as FOLK SAINTS in Western Rajasthan.

Later after sightseeing, return back and stay overnight at your resort

Breakfast ✓ | Lunch X | Dinner X

# DAY 6: BALOTRA - JODHPUR | DEPARTURE

Today after breakfast, check out from the resort/hotel and transfer to Jodhpur Airport/Railway Station for your onward journey.

Breakfast X | Lunch X | Dinner X

## **Hotel Info**

## **Price**

No Records Found.

## **Inclusions**

- Pickup and drop from nearest Airport/Railway Station by car/coach
- 1 Night stay in Jodhpur hotel as per chosen category or similar on breakfast basis
- 2 Nights stay in Jaisalmer hotel/camp as per chosen category or similar on breakfast basis
- 1 Night stay in Barmer hotel as per chosen category or similar on breakfast basis
- 1 Night stay in Balotra/Nakoda hotel/resort as per chosen category or similar on breakfast basis
- All Transfer by Selected Vehicle (AC cab or coach) as per itinerary
- All Sight Seeing as mentioned in the itinerary
- Toll tax, parking, fuel and driver allowances.

# **Exclusions**

- GST as per applicable rates
- Airfare/Train fare
- Entry Fees to the Monuments, Parks and Attractions,
- Any meals and fee or Tax other than the mentioned in inclusion itinerary
- Optional add on and adventure Activities during sightseeing like bike rental, Jeep safari, Boating, Art and cultural shows etc
- Expenses of personal nature laundry, telephone, alcoholic/non- alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, etc
- Tips & Portages
- Travel Insurance
- Early check in & late check-out at hotel
- Anything not mentioned on Inclusions

# **Tour Terms**

Terms and condition of the bookings

#### Scope of service

We are travel and tour organizers only. We do not control or operate any third part services such as airline, Transporter for PVT Transportation, coach or coach company, hotel, transport,

restaurant, railways, driver, guide cruise or any other facility or service mentioned in the tour programme. Though we take care in selecting all the ingredients in your tour, we can only select and inspect them. As we have no control in running them, we cannot be responsible / liable for any deficiency in service, delays, improper services provided by any agency, airline, transport, hotel, cruise or any provider of services, for any injury, death, loss or damage which is caused by the act or default of the management or employees of any hotel, airlines, shipping companies, cruise, coach owners / coach operators / tour operators who are the independent contractors. We are also not responsible / liable for the delay or deficiency in services provided by agency, airline, transport, hotel, cruise or any provider of services, and / or any act or actions of co-travelers, co passengers which may result in injury, damage to the life / limb or property of the Clients or interfere with enjoying or availing the following and / or the other services to be provided on the tour.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PASSAGE:**

In the event of a Client booking through us a Tour or Tour Arrangement of any other Tour Operators like Hotels, Airlines, Cruise coaches Pvt Cars etc., the 'Terms and Conditions' specified by such Tour Operator, including their payment schedule, cancellation, refund, rules and regulations etc. shall be applicable, in addition to our 'Terms and Conditions' while determining the contractual relation between the Client, the Tour Operator and us.

#### YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DOCUMENTS AND POSSESSIONS

You will have to take the risk and responsibility of all your baggage, belongings, currency, valuables, documents and personal effects (collectively 'baggage') at all times during the tour, whether during travel on the airline or during your stay in hotel or during your travel in coaches, while on excursions or otherwise.

If you forget to carry or if you lose essential travel documents such as passport, visa, tickets etc., you may be compelled to curtail the tour and you may have to incur extra expenses, for which you alone shall be liable / responsible. In view of what is stated above, please carefully note that:

- 1. We shall not be responsible or liable for any loss or damage in respect of your baggage etc. or their contents whether due to theft, accident, negligence or otherwise;
- 2. We shall not be responsible / liable for any cancellation, curtailment or extension of your tour compelled by any such loss of baggage etc. and we shall pay no compensation or refund to you;
- 3. Some coverage in respect of baggage loss or damage may be provided by insurance. It is advisable that you do not carry valuables on the tour. However, if you carry any valuables, we recommend that you use all available facilities to keep them secure during your tour. In this regard, some hotels provide Safe Deposit Lockers (which may be charged separately). In case of airlines, we recommend that you declare your valuables to the airline at the time of check-in and pay an additional charge, as may be stipulated by the airline, to make the airlines responsible for valuables. Without such declaration, airlines can invoke limitation of liability protections provided in international conventions and laws.

#### **Hotels**

In general Modern facilities such as attached toilets with showers / bathtubs are provided. We cannot guarantee the availability of adjoining rooms / interconnecting rooms / non-smoking room / rooms on the same floor etc. Hotels may / may not have room service facilities. Tea & Coffee making facility may or may not be available in the room. If you seek a change in rooming while on a tour, the same will be subject to availability and you will need to pay any additional charges as may be applicable.

Early check-in and late check-out is subject to availability if requested but cannot be guaranteed

unless pre-paid and confirmed in advance.

- Connecting OR adjoining rooms requested cannot be guaranteed.
- Triple Rooms are usually no larger than twin rooms in size; a third bed is often a roll away bed in a twin room.
- Generally hotels require your Credit / Debit Card / Cash Guarantee for incidental charges, which are adjusted at the time of check-out.
- Few hotels do offer free WIFI facility whereas certain hotels charge a nominal fee. We recommend you study the hotel policy at the time of check-in.
- Any damage caused to the hotel property by you will have to be paid by you directly to the hotel and we would not be responsible and / or liable for the same.

For all transfers and tours please wait at the Bell Captain or Concierge Counter at least 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. DO NOT WAIT IN YOUR ROOM OR IN HOTEL'S COFFEE SHOPS. Please be punctual as most of the hotels do not allow waiting in the driveway area for security reasons and the driver may leave you as it would impact the tour schedule if you are on a group tour.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CHILD BELOW 12 YEARS OF AGE: It is expressed and given to understand that a child below 12 years of age who is booked on the tour paying the special rate without a bed will not be provided with a bed in the hotel while on the tour under any circumstances unless a supplement cost is paid. In case the Client decides to make any change in the rooming while on the tour then they shall be bound to pay additional amount charged to them by the concerned Hotel directly to the Hotel

#### **TRANSFERS:**

Transfers are provided depending on the tour booked and this will be clearly mentioned in your itinerary.

#### Private Transportation:

This service offers you to have your own privacy and convenience to travel at a pre-decided time. Depending upon your budget we may offer an air-conditioned vehicle. The class of the vehicle offered may vary depending on your needs and budget. • In certain destinations, the driver acts like guide whereas in other destinations, we have a separate licensed English speaking guide for sightseeing services. • Until stated clearly it cannot be assumed that the vehicle is at disposal throughout the day and may only cover transfers.

#### Seat in Coach Transfers

This service is based on air conditioned (SIC) Seat in Coach / Van / Hotel Shuttle. The size of the coach may vary depending upon the number of tourists travelling.

- SIC transfer is economical, offers great value for money and ideal for budget travellers. Based on a shared vehicle transfer, you share your coach / van seat with other tourists.
- SIC Transfers / tour operates at a pre-decided time and designated point.
- The SIC tour may operate from hotel or from a city centre location; cost of transportation to the city centre location is not included. In some destinations the pickup and drop off service from the hotel may cause a time delay and service is slower than private services.
- SIC Sightseeing tours are conducted by English speaking guide.

#### **AIRLINES:**

You are advised to report at the airport counter 3 to 4 hrs prior to departure time, seat allocation is matter of airline discretion and availability of seats which is not in control of us, hence we shell not be held responsible/liable if you do not get your preferred seat Though you may receive a confirmed tickets for a particular sector, airline often overbook seats due to which the airline may offload even confirmed passenger and may accommodate them on subsequent flight, we will not be responsible /liable for such offloading nor any consequence of such offloading including delay, inconvenience or loss of tour services

We shall in no circumstances whatsoever be liable / responsible to you or any person travelling with you, for loss of baggage by the airline, failure to provide meal of your choice by the airline, denied boarding or down-gradation due to overbooking or any other reason, Failure to provide meal of your choice ,quality or quantity of meals offered by the airlines, flight delays or rescheduling, flight cancellation, changes of flight schedule or routing, change of airline mentioned at the time of booking etc. In these circumstances, we will not be liable / responsible for the injury, loss, cost or inconvenience suffered by you but you will be free to pursue your remedies against the concerned airline, we would be there is support and guide you

The Company is not liable / responsible for any additional expenses or loss that ma any causes that are beyond the Company's control but which may affect concerned airline's ability to operate flights on schedule. The Company will not reimburse any additional expenses incurred by you as a result of such events or delays.

#### YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLY WITH TOUR CONDITIONS:

You will have to strictly follow the tour program and comply with the Terms and Conditions of the various contractors / service providers such as hotels, cruises etc.

You are responsible / liable to register with our representative at the appointed date, place and time for departure and you would be treated as a no-show if you fail to do so and the consequences shall be yours entirely.

You are required to be punctual and adhere to the time-lines of the tour and of the contractors / service providers. If you are not punctual, you could miss your flight, your transport / sightseeing / meals etc. We will not be responsible / liable in any way in such situations.

You shall not behave in a manner which may cause distress or annoyance to other tour participants or to any other person or which may create the risk of danger or damage to property belonging to us or other tour participants, service providers or any other persons.

You shall not carry any item or object, the possession of which is forbidden by any law, rules or regulations. Nor shall you violate any other law, rules or regulations.

Should any tour participant misbehave or violate any laws, rules or regulations, we shall have the right to discontinue his / her participation and exclude him / her from the tour at his / her risk, cost and expense. Should we suffer any damage or liability on account of a tour participant's misbehavior, we shall be free to separately charge and recover our losses and expenses from him / her.

For any visit which has religious significance (example: cat/ temples / mosques etc) you will need to follow the rules and regulations set by them. Examples could be:

- i) Clothes not meeting with the required standards. Wherever required, you should cover your head with scarf; sleeveless clothes / shorts should not be worn. You must respect the place of worship.
- ii) Photography which may be forbidden.
- iii) Prohibition on eating or consumption of beverages.

iv) Maintaining silence during religious ceremony etc. v) Obscene CDs, DVDs, books or such other media that may not be permitted in keeping with the spirit of the place

#### LIABILITY:

In the event of the Company exercising its rights to amend or alter any Tour or tour advertised in their / Itinerary after such Tour or Tour has been booked, you shall have the right to continue with the Tour or Tour as amended or altered. or to accept any alternative Tour or Tour, which the Company may offer. In either of these above cases you shall not be entitled to or the Company shall not be liable/ responsible to you for any damage, additional expenses, consequential loss etc suffered by you or to pay any amount as refund. In the event that the Company is unable to conduct a particular Tour, the Company may at its own discretion, refund the amount of the cost of the said Tour to you (after deducting the applicable taxes and the actual expenses incurred by us on the booking like visa, insurance charges, ticket voiding charges, and other overheads as applicable etc on a case to case basis) without any interest on the same. You will not be entitled to make any grievance thereafter in respect of the same. Refund, if any would be paid to you as per the prevalent rate of exchange in INR as per the RBI regulations at the time of making the refund. The Company shall, in no circumstances whatsoever be liable to you or any person travelling with you for:

- Any death, personal injury, sickness, accident, loss, delay, discomfort, increased expenses, consequential loss and / or damage or any kind of theft howsoever caused
- Any act, omission, default of any independent contractor or other person or by any servant or agent employed by them who may be engaged or concerned in the provision of accommodation, refreshment, meals, carriage facility or service for you or for any person travelling with you howsoever caused.
- The temporary or permanent loss of or damage to baggage or personal effects howsoever caused including wilful negligence on the part of any person.
- Loss of / delay of baggage by the airlines / coach / cruise / train.
- Overbooking of seats / rooms by the airline / hotel.
- Failure on the part of airline to accommodate passengers despite having confirmed tickets or change of route, delay of flights etc. If in the event that you are booked on a particular airline and the said flight is over booked / cancelled for whatever reason and you are not allowed / able to board the flight, you shall not hold the Company responsible / liable for the same and no claim whatsoever can be made by you against the Company for refund or compensation.
- Any overstay expenses due to delay or changes in bus / flights / ships / trains or cancellation of special bogie or other services due to sickness, weather conditions, war or any other cause whatsoever.
- Rudeness or unprofessional behavior of staff of airline / hotel etc. and / or facilities given etc.
- Any kind of service denial or deficiency by any contractor / supplier. The Company shall not be responsible and / or liable for any damages caused to you due to reasons beyond the control of the Company (Force Majeure / Vis Majeure). In any case, no liability on the part of the Company arising in any way out of this contract in respect of any tour, excursion facility shall exceed the total amount paid for the tour, and shall in no case include any consequential loss or additional expense whatsoever.

The immunities provided under this contract to the Company shall be available to the company's managers, including tour managers, employees, servants and agents but not to the contractors / suppliers selected by the Company.

#### GRIEVANCE:

If the Client has any grievance in respect of any services provided by any of the independent contractors, the Client shall immediately inform the Company and the independent contractor, so that the Company can take up the matter with the independent contractor and the Company has the chance to rectify the problems then and there, if the grievance is genuine. If you fail to do this, any right to compensation or refund which you may have, will be extinguished or reduced.

In case of Client/s grievance concerning services of any independent contractor the same should be communicated on the emergency telephone number given to you immediately, followed by written communication mailed to **VOYAGE MULTIVERRSE**, H-4/58, Azad Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur or email us at <a href="mailto:expeditionrajasthan@gmail.com">expeditionrajasthan@gmail.com</a> as soon as possible and a copy thereof should be marked to the independent contractor, whereby the Company has the chance to rectify any problems, if the grievance is genuine. Failure to do so will result in the Client losing any right as to compensation or refund.

#### **CANCELLATION:**

As the services to be provided to the tour participants are booked several months in advance, cancellation of such services earmarked for a particular departure results in the Company losing money depending upon the time of cancellation to the supplier. Therefore any cancellation of tour / services booked by a tour participant will attract cancellation charges plus any additional taxes if any, as specified by the Company. If the Tour participant books a third party product or service, the Terms and Conditions and Cancellation Policy of such third party would be applicable in addition to the Company's Terms and Conditions. Any cancellation of tour / services has to be in writing clearly stating the reasons for cancellation you expressly agree to the foregoing terms.

#### NO REFUND FOR UNUTILIZED SERVICES:

It is clearly understood that there shall be no refund or compensation whatsoever for unutilized services. This general rule applies to all kinds of non-utilization or under-utilization of tour services, whether of the whole or part of the tour and whether as a matter of your choice, or caused by your fault or compelled by circumstances such as ill-health, weather, external factors etc. As a consequence of the above rule, please note that no refund will be admissible in the following circumstances (amongst others).

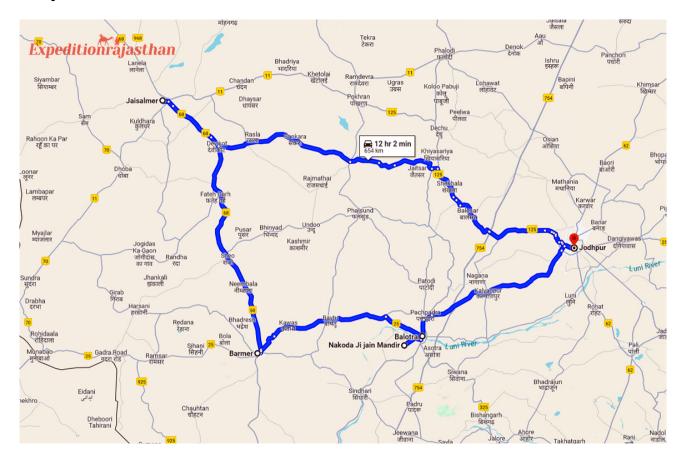
- (ii) If you fail to or are unable to utilize any of the services on the tour like airline travel, hotels, sightseeing, rides, cruises, meals, entrance fees, optional tours etc. due to any reason whatsoever such as late reporting, ill-health etc.
- (iii) If you terminate your participation in the tour due to your own fault, negligence or breach of these Terms,

**LAW & JURISDICTION:** In the event of a dispute arising out of or relating to this contract, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, the parties shall first seek settlement of that dispute by mediation in accordance with the applicable rules. The Mediator shall be appointed by the Company.

This contract will be governed by Indian laws. You agree that in the event of a dispute or difference between the parties the exclusive jurisdiction shall vest in the competent court / forum / tribunal in JAIPUR

As to the interpretation of the aforesaid terms and conditions, the decision of the Company shall be final and binding upon you. We reserve the right to change the Terms & Conditions any time without any prior notice.

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