

## Pushkar Camel Fair with Rural Rajasthan Tour

Join us on a photographic journey through Rajasthan's less travelled paths, where ancient forts crown hilltops and traditional life continue unchanged in rural villages.

Throughout the journey, we'll focus not just on the grand architecture and festivals, but on intimate moments of daily life that make Rajasthan uniquely photogenic: local artisans at work in ancient marketplaces, villagers tending their fields, and the timeless rhythms of life in rural India. This is a rare opportunity to discover the lesser-known parts and build a portfolio of images that captures both the grandeur and intimate details of India's most colourful state.



Your hosts Susan and Atik

Tour cost: AU\$ 9,100 Twin Share per person AU\$ 9,6000 Single

Singapore Airlines flight from Perth will arrive at 6am and in good time for the start of the tour. Should you wish to arrive a day earlier to relax, as Susan will be doing, please contact us, for Atik to arrange a night's accommodation at the hotel approx AU\$270 at your cost.

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – New Delhi to Agra ( Hotel Grand Mercure or Similar ) (D)**



On arrival your host Atik will be at the airport to welcome you. Once on our coach we will drive to Agra, with a stop enroute for tea and coffee. On your arrival in Agra, we will go direct to the hotel. This evening we visit the Agra Fort and the beautiful Taj Mahal from other side of Yamuna river at sunset time.

Agra is a historical city in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The city boasts several historical monuments including the Taj Mahal (the epitome of love), and the Agra Fort.

The Agra Fort ... The Agra Fort (Qila Agra) is a historical Mughal fort in the city of Agra, also known as Agra's Red Fort. Mughal emperor Humayun was crowned at this fort in 1530. It was later renovated by the Mughal emperor Akbar from 1565 and the present-day structure was completed in 1573.

Tonight dinner will be at the hotel and we will speak more about this beautiful tour.

### November 16<sup>th</sup> – Agra to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri

**Hotel Traditional Haveli or Similar**

**2 nights**

**(B L D)**



Early morning we will go to visit the Taj Mahal. We will try to get in first to avoid the rush of other travelers and achieve beautiful photos. After visiting Taj Mahal we will come back to our hotel for breakfast.

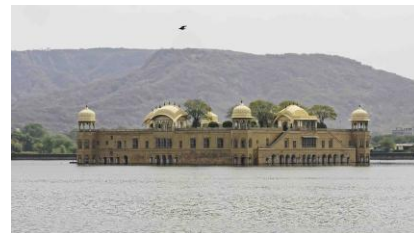
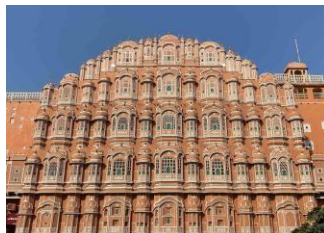
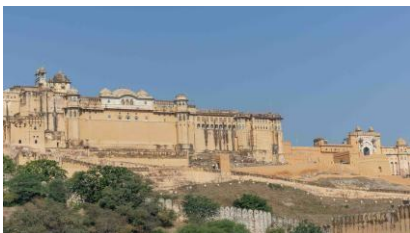
After breakfast we will leave to visit the Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Fatehpur Sikri was built by Mughal Emperor Akbar as his capital. The emperor shortly abandoned this city as his capital due to the scarcity of drinking water. At Fatehpur Sikri, you will see several historical monuments such as, Buland Darwaza (a 54 meters tall marble gateway built to commemorate Akbar's victory over Gujarat), Jama Masjid, Anoop Talao, Tomb of Salim Chishti, Ibadat Khana, Jodha Bai Palace (Mariam-uz-Zamani's Palace), Naubat Khana, Panch Mahal, Birbal's House, Diwan-i-Aam, and Diwan-i-Khas.\

After exploring Fatehpur Sikri, continue your Journey to Jaipur.

On arrival to Jaipur we will check into our hotel. Later in evening we will go to the main city visiting the famous Jal Mahal and street walk. Dinner in the city.

### November 17<sup>th</sup> – Jaipur

**(B L D)**



After breakfast, we will embark on an exciting start with visiting the Amer Fort, a grand hill fort that was built by Raja Man Singh in 1552. Enjoy an elephant ride as an option to reach the

entrance of the Amer Fort, situated atop a hill in the outskirts of the city. You will be amazed by the beauty of the fort complex. It is a pristine example of Rajput and Mughal architectural styles and is made from sandstone and marble. The fort overlooks the entire Pink City and is declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The City Palace Complex is located in the heart of the city. The palace complex includes several courtyards, buildings, pavilions, gardens, and temples. The famous Govind Dev Ji Temple is located within the palace complex. The City Palace was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II.

The Hawa Mahal is one of the main attractions of Jaipur city tour. Built from red and pink sandstone, the palace sits at the edge of the City Palace. The Hawa Mahal was built in 1799 by the Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh, the grandson of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh, who founded the city of Jaipur. This 5-storeyed-structure contains 953 small Windows known as Jharokhas decorated with intricate latticework.

Later in evening we will go for the sunset to the Jal Mahal. Dinner in city.

**November 18th - Jaipur to Dudu**

**(B L D)**

**Hotel Torigarh or Pachewar Garh 1 night**



After breakfast we will start our journey to Dudu. It doesn't take long to drive out of the big city to start experiencing the rural life of Rajasthan. It only takes 2 hours to drive to our destination but we will almost certainly find it hard not to stop for intriguing roadside villages. Ladies with bright sarees and driving large water buffalo down narrow lanes. On arrival in Dudu it's obvious the star of the show here is the beautiful village life.

A late afternoon visit to the village provides us the opportunities to see ancient Temples, Royal Cenotaphs situated on the banks of lake, different artisans at work like blacksmiths, goldsmiths & potters, and the extraction of oil from seeds by traditional methods with the help of an ox.

**November 19th – Dudu to Pushkar**

**Hotel Pushkar Fort or Similar**

**2 nights**

**(B L D)**



Today we will travel to Pushkar a temple town near Ajmer City and headquarters of Pushkar tehsil in the Ajmer district in the Indian state of Rajasthan. It is situated about 10 km northwest of Ajmer and about 150 kilometres southwest of Jaipur. It is a pilgrimage site for Hindus and Sikhs. Pushkar has many temples.

A beautiful town on the edge of the Thar desert and a centre for camel trading. After Lunch we take our bus into town for the Camel Fair. It is the most colorful fairs of India and it is one of the world's largest camel fairs. Apart from the buying and selling of livestock, it has become an important tourist attraction. Competitions such as the 'matka phod', 'longest moustache' and 'bridal competition. This traditional festival of India displays 30,000 camels shaved, dressed and adorned with vibrant jewelry. These camels participate in the beauty contests, parade and race organized for them during the fair.

The centre of town is home to a highly regarded Brahmin temple and a large lake which is surrounded by ghats where the faithful bathe in the holy waters. Unfortunately, you cannot take photos of the bathers however we are friends with holy men who will bless us and musicians who will play for us on the water's edge giving plenty of opportunity for photography.

**November 20th - Pushkar Camel Fair**

**(B L D)**



After breakfast we will go to the Camel Fair (Mela Ground) Pushkar is one of the most sacred pilgrimages for Hindus and it's considered to be one of the oldest cities in India, this Holiest city was said to be created by Lord Brahma for the Hindus. Day is free for photography. In the evening we will go to a Gypsy people village to see how they are living in tent with families.

**November 21st - Pushkar to Bijainagar Hotel Bijainiwas Palace 2 nights  
(B L D)**



After breakfast we will drive to Bijay Nagar, (it will take 2 hours). Bijainagar is a city and headquarters of Bijainagar tehsil in the Beawar district of the Indian state of Rajasthan. It was founded by Shri Rao Saheb Vijay Singh ji Of Masuda in 1919 CE. This city is situated along the Khari River close to the southern border of Ajmer District.

This afternoon we will go to visit the village and its beautiful life. This evening we will have a cooking class session with the royal family of the Palace. Dinner at the Palace.

**November 22nd – Bijaynagar**

**(B L D)**



After breakfast we will drive to Devmali which is a village in Beawar district, Rajasthan, India. It is popular for its belief that all houses in the village are made of medieval style. People of this village predominantly worship Hindu deity Devnarayan. It's a beautiful village. This evening we will go to another beautiful village which is only 10 km with a beautiful lifestyle. Dinner at the Palace.

**November 23rd - Bijaynagar to Kumbhalgarh Hotel Aodhi Palace  
(B L D)**

**1 night**



After breakfast we will drive to Kumbhalgarh which is a 3.30 hour drive. On the way we will see beautiful village life and water wheels (Persian water wheels supply). Once we arrive at the hotel we will have lunch. This afternoon we will go to visit a beautiful Jain Temple at Ranakpur. Jain Temples built in the 15th century are situated in the lovely valley of the Aravali. Its surrounding is quiet and picturesque. Ranakpur has grand structures and beautiful sculptures. There are 1444 pillars in the temple and none of them are similar. The magic of light & shade is really awe inspiring. Surya Temple and other Jain Temples are side attractions. Jain temple at Ranakpur is dedicated to Tirthankara Adinatha.

Later in evening we will go to a local market where you will see lots of people wearing red turbans. This market is beautiful place for photography.

**November 24th - Kumbhalgarh to Udaipur Lake Pichola Hotel or similar  
(B L D)**

**2 nights**



After breakfast traveling from Ranakpur to Udaipur along the country roads it's a pretty drive and we have many opportunities to make some stops at water-wheels and small villages.

Udaipur, formerly the capital of the Mewar Kingdom, is a city in the western Indian state of Rajasthan. Founded by Maharana Udai Singh II in 1559, it's set around a series of artificial lakes and is known for its lavish royal residences. City Palace, overlooking Lake Pichola, is a monumental complex of 11 palaces, courtyards and gardens, famed for its intricate peacock mosaics.

After checking into our lakeside hotel, we meet up for a quick street stroll and catch the sunset on Lake Pichola as it casts its reflections on the Taj Lake Hotel and the City Palace. Udaipur, the "City of Lakes," offers wonderful opportunities to showcase its regal heritage and natural beauty.

The ghats and old city streets present endless possibilities for street photography, capturing the daily life of locals against a backdrop of colorful buildings and ancient temples. Early morning ceremonies at lakeside temples provide a spiritually rich atmosphere for authentic moments.

The iconic City Palace and Lake Palace provide stunning sunset shots with its white marble façade reflecting in the shimmering waters. We provide the most privileged vantage point for both. In the evening we enjoy dinner in a restaurant with stunning views of the lake.

### November 25th – Udaipur

(B L D)



After breakfast we will go to visit City Palace. Udaipur was founded in 1553, by Maharana Uday Singh II in the fertile circular Girwa Valley to the southwest of Nagda, on the Banas River. The city was established as the new capital of the Mewar kingdom. Udaipur is known by many names, including “the City of Lakes”. Undoubtedly one of India's most romantic cities, it nestles between the glassy waters of its famous lakes and the ancient Aravelli Hills.

This Afternoon we will go for Saheliyon Ki Bari. Which was laid for a group of forty-eight maidens. This garden is located on the banks of the Fateh Sagar Lake, presenting a green retreat in the dry lands of Rajasthan. It was built from 1710 to 1734 by Maharana Sangram Singh for the royal ladies.

Later in evening we will go to visit very famous Eklingji & Nagda temple.

EKLINGJI.....It's dedicated to Lord Shiva, the presiding deity of Mewar Princely State. The temple, dating back to 734 A.D., is a significant religious destination, attracting devotees from all over the country. Its grandeur, architectural brilliance, and spiritual significance.

NAGDA.....The Sahasra Bahu temples or Sasbahu Temples, at Nagda, Rajasthan, are a pair of late 10th-century Hindu temples dedicated to Virabhadra. They share a platform, facing the temple tank, and are similar in style, but one is rather larger than the other.

**November 26th - Udaipur to New Delhi Hotel Roseate House or Similar**

**(B L D)**



Early in the morning we will go to see wholesale vegetable market where you will find lots of opportunities for photography. After visiting the market we will come back for breakfast to our hotel.

After breakfast we will leave for airport to catch flight to New Delhi. Dinner will be at the hotel.

**November 27th - New Delhi to Home.....**

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After breakfast we will check out of the hotel then drive to Jama Masjid, Local Market, Bangla Saheb Gurudwara, India Gate, President House and Lodhi Garden. Later in afternoon drive to the airport for flight to home.....

## **Terms and Conditions...**

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Services, accommodation and meals, as described
- Heritage/Fort/Palaces/Havelies for stay
- Luxury passenger vehicle with driver
- English speaking guide
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Water, soft drinks and cookies on bus
- Gratuities

### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

- International airfares
- Meals where not stated

- All alcoholic and soft beverages with meals
- Laundry or personal items
- Indian visa
- Comprehensive travel insurance / trip cancellation insurance (required), please let us know if we can offer you a competitive quote.

Please note that circumstances could mean the itinerary may change slightly, but every day will be full, enriching and rewarding.

## **PRICING**

### **Option 1 – Single**

AUD 9,600 per person

Deposit required to secure place: AUD 800 per person

### **Option 2 – Twin Share**

AUD 9,100 person

Deposit required to secure place: AUD 800 per person

### **Final Balance**

Final balance due: Friday, 20 August 2026

## **HOW TO BOOK**

If you would like to join the **Pushkar Camel Fair with rural Rajasthan Tour** with Susan Moss in March 2027, please email [reservations@mcnallytravel.com](mailto:reservations@mcnallytravel.com) for next steps to reserve your place.