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2019 BESPOKE RALLIES 2019

# ROYAL RAJASTHAN

HOME OF MAHARAJAS, MONUMENTS AND MAJESTY

NOVEMBER 4 TO 25, 2019

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This is not a marathon but a pleasurable drive through one of the world's most exotic landscapes. You don't even have to ship your car either as we provide a great 4x4 with insurance and back-up

The Royal Rajasthan Rally roars away from Delhi for a fantastic drive through the colourful and historic state of Rajasthan - home of Maharajas, monuments and majesty. The 22-day event includes the ultimate luxury combined with adventure and game park safaris on the tail of tigers and leopards.

The route has been carved out of our unrivalled experience of India where we have driven the byways for more than 20 years looking for the best places and hotels to visit - as well as getting to know Maharajas. We have put together a memorable route which explores this wonderful state where there is a photo opportunity on virtually every corner.



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From our start at the Trident in Delhi our first overnight is in Mandawa, dubbed India's Open Air Museum due to its wonderful Havelis. A tour of the town is organised on arrival. From Mandawa we head for Pushkar and the amazing Pushkar Camel Fair where 30,000 camels and their handlers home in on the town for a week of trading and celebrations. The camels are dressed up, paraded, shaved, entered into beauty contests, raced, made to dance, and traded. It's one big carnival accompanied by an array of musicians, magicians, dancers, acrobats, snake charmers and carousel rides to entertain the crowd.

After a day off to experience the Camel Fair our next stop is Nagaur, once a vital strategic crossing centre in Rajasthan and home to a magnificent fort inside the city walls.

From Nagaur we head into the desert to Jaisalmer - for centuries one of the most important trading towns on the east west spice route. Since the partition of India in 1947 it has been on the front line of India-Pakistan politics, but nowadays is peaceful and a popular tourist destination. On the way there we stop at Pokhran for a

wonderful lunch in the Fort. Amongst the great things to do in Jaisalmer we take a camel ride to watch the sunset over the dunes.

Our next stop is Jodhpur and the unforgettable Umaid Bhawan hotel which dominates the town. It was built from 1929 to 1943 by the Maharajah of Jodhpur to give work to his people in a period of famine. It has 347 rooms and includes a dome to rival St Paul's Cathedral in London. In Jodhpur we visit the Mehrangarh Fort with one of the finest displays of Rajasthani culture and artefacts. Not to be missed.

Then we head to Narlai where we have our first safari - this time looking for Leopards. Here also is one of the finest step wells in Rajasthan where we will have a romantic dinner under the stars.

The internationally renowned Lake Palace in Udaipur is where we lay our heads for the next two nights. Set in the middle of Lake Pichola it has been seen in a number of films - including James Bond - and is one of the world's top hotels. Udaipur is one of the finest towns in Rajasthan with museums, stunning

buildings and a scintillating lake. Next we head to Bundi and the area that Rudyard Kipling set the Jungle book. Here we stay at the magnificent Bhainsrorgarh Fort Hotel set high on the cliff overlooking the Chambal River.

Tigers are next on the agenda as we spend two nights in Ranthambore where, at the last count, there were more than 60 tigers waiting to be snapped - although they are pretty shy normally. A couple of drives, one in the evening and the other the next morning should give a sighting.

We take a break from cities next as we go to Samode Palace outside the Pink City of Jaipur. We do make a day trip into Jaipur to see the great Jantar Mantar, The Amber Fort on elephant, City Palace and the market.

Although our drive into Delhi is the last day on the road we still have one more experience to savour - an Indian train journey to Agra and the Taj Mahal on the latest express train line.

Finally, our last night is spent in Delhi before leaving this amazing country.



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## THE ITINERARY

DATE	FROM/TO	HOTELS	DATE	FROM/TO	HOTELS
4 Nov 19	Arrive Delhi	Trident	15 Nov 19	Narlai Rawla	Narlai
5 Nov 19	Delhi Tour/Cars	Trident	16 Nov 19	Narlai to Udaipur	Lake Palace
6 Nov 19	Delhi to Mandawa	Castle Mandawa	17 Nov 19	Udaipur	Lake Palace
7 Nov 19	Mandawa to Pushkar	Luxury Tents	18 Nov 19	Udaipur to	Bundi Bhainsrorgarh
8 Nov 19	Pushkar	Luxury Tents	19 Nov 19	Bundi to Ranthambore	Vivanta by Taj
9 Nov 19	Pushkar to Naguar	Ranvaas	20 Nov 19	Ranthambore	Vivanta by Taj
10 Nov 19	Naguar to Jaisalmer	Surya Garh	21 Nov 19	Ranthambore to Jaipur	Samode Palace
11 Nov 19	Jaisalmer	Surya Garh	22 Nov 19	Jaipur	Samode Palace
12 Nov 19	Jaisalmer to Jodhpur	Umaid Bhawan	23 Nov 19	Jaipur to Delhi	Taj Mansingh
13 Nov 19	Jodhpur	Umaid Bhawan	24 Nov 19	Delhi-Agra-Delhi	Taj Mansingh
14 Nov 19	Jodhpur to Narlai	Rawla Narlai	25 Nov 19	Depart Delhi	

### DRIVING IN INDIA

While negotiating the usual lorries and Ambassador taxis you need to keep a sharp eye out for camels, lorries, bullock carts, cyclists, Tuk Tuks, pedestrians, buses, motorcycles and general everyday life. It's street life, but not as you know it! You soon get used to the roads

### NEVER A DULL MOMENT

With the aim of providing time to enjoy the countryside, people and history, the rally has ample rest days to accommodate

a series of superb activities such as a tour of the historic sights of Delhi, a tour of the Open Air Museum that is Mandawa, a camel ride and dinner under the desert stars in Jaisalmer, a visit to the historic Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur and a visit to a Bishnoi Village where they are extremely protective of the flora and fauna of the area.

### UDAIPUR

From Udaipur, the City of Lakes, you can visit the 'Great Wall of India', take a boat

trip on Lake Pichola from your exotic Lake Palace Hotel, or visit the Crystal Gallery in the City Palace, or even inspect the classic car collection of the Maharana of Udaipur.

### THE ONLY 5-STAR RALLY IN INDIA

This is truly a 5 star rally staying in some of the best hotels in the world and following a world class route that explores the royal state using the expertise and experience of Bespoke Rallies.

### INCLUDED IN THE RALLY

- The ultimate Indian adventure
- A Toyota 4x4 vehicle with insurance
- Incredible 5-star Hotels, Forts and Palaces
- Breakfast
- Most evening meals
- Some lunches
- All tours and excursions

- Airport transfers
- The magnificent Taj Mahal
- Car collections
- Leopard Safari
- Tiger Safaris
- Tulip Roadbook and GPS
- Local guides
- The Bespoke Rallies Team

- The finest Indian cuisine
- Forts, Castles and Havelis
- Park entrance fees
- Welcome dinner
- Gala dinner
- Step Well dinner
- Photographer
- Car Blessing



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## MORE ABOUT BESPOKE RALLIES' EVENTS

### WHY GO WITH BESPOKE RALLIES?

We are a very experienced rally organisation with notable events past and present, including the Tiger Rally in South East Asia, the Himalaya Classic Rally, The Great Amazon Adventure, The Maya Classic Rally, The Cuba Classic Rally, The PanAm Classic, The Royal Rajasthan, The Trans Himalaya Rally, Slartibartfast, Magical Madagascar and the Grand Prix of South America. We have pioneered rallies into Vietnam and were the first to get permission to take a rally to Bhutan which we visited twice. We have a great team in the office and on the road which means you are in good hands from start to finish.

### WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS DO YOU RUN?

Our events are either a Tour or a Competition or an Endurance event. Our Tours are designed to give you time to enjoy the scenery as well as the journey. Our Competition events are based on regularity. Our Enduro events are tougher and generally include dirt and/or graded roads. All events have a Touring class.

### WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU GIVE?

On most events we provide mechanical assistance using one of our teams of experienced 'bush' mechanics who are used

to keeping cars on the road in all conditions.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE?

Apart from great driving, exceptional routes and our fantastic team, the entry fee always includes all your accommodation on rally days, breakfast and most evening meals including a welcome and final gala dinner. On Competitive events we include trophies and comprehensive results. On every event there is a rally bag containing a detailed roadbook, some clothing appropriate to the event, pens, clipboards etc. We also include car decals, rally plates and on Touring events we provide a GPS to make sure you get round with ease.

### WHAT ARE YOUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

For most events we like to have pre-1980 cars as around this time they started to become more complicated and include computers. However, if you have a later classic and are prepared to accept that we cannot repair the electronics, then give us a call and if we like the sound of it, you are welcome to join us.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO NAVIGATE ON A COMPETITION RALLY?

You need a trip meter from Brantz, TerraTrip, Monit or similar. We suggest you

have a couple of clocks in the car and read the rules and regulations carefully.

### HOW DO I ENTER?

Complete an entry form as far as you can at the time and send it with a deposit to Bespoke Rallies. We will write back and confirm you have been successful. The entry form should be accompanied by a deposit as specified. If you have any queries please feel free to call the rally office. Our T&Cs are on the website.

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