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### 10 - 24 Dec 2020 (15-days) India Rajasthan Experience

Cost Rm4530 (per pax for 10 pax group), Rm4480 (14 pax) Rm4380 (16 pax and above) (EXCLUDED AIR FLIGHT KL-Delhi-KL)

(Note : Based on USD1 = RM4.10. We will make final adjustment on the cost based on the USD exchange rate in Sep-Oct 2020)

Please inform if you wish to fly via Malindo or MH.

(Note: Please check if trip is full or not before purchasing flight tickets)

#### MH

#### Depart

10 Dec 2020 Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Delhi (DEL) MH190 Depart 1850PM Arrive 2150PM

#### Return

23 Dec 2020 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) MH191 Depart 2310 Arrive 0700 (+1 day) (NOTE : Arrive KLIA on next day early morning 24 Dec) OR

#### Malindo

#### Depart

10 Dec 2020 Kuala Lumpur (KUL) to Delhi (DEL) OD205 Depart 1755 Arrive 2105PM (Another flight is OD207 Depart 1615PM Arrive 1925PM)

#### Return

23 Dec 2020 Delhi(DEL) to Kuala Lumpur (KUL) OD206 Depart 2205 Arrive 0610 (+1 day) (NOTE : Arrive KLIA on next day early morning 24 Dec)

**Update 10 Jan 2020** - Winter is the best time of the year to visit the Deserts of Rajasthan. This trip also suit for family with kids. We coupled that with the Golden Triangle cities of Agar/TajMahal, Delhi and Jaipur. We do a day of camel riding in Jaiselmer. December is peak season to India, so please register your interest early possible to secure the flight seat. We received good response for past few years. We will confirm the trip once we have the min nos of interested pax. Kindly contact Rachel 012-352 0868 or email at rachelheng123@gmail.com. We wil decide use MH or Malindo airlines whichever flight fare or connection is better once confirmed run (Note - Malindo flight schedule for Dec 2020 yet out. Hence, flight schedule below is based on 2019)

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!



City Palace, Udaipur

**Rajasthan** is the land of Rajput Kings, a group of worrier clans, who have controlled this part of India for 1000 years. It is a colorful state with stunning and elegant Palaces dot the desert landscape and battle-scarred fortresses appear on every hill like sentinels of the past. It is full of Lakes, Sand dunes, Wild Life Sanctuaries and Beautiful Temples. Rajasthan still retains an elusive fairy-tale character. It is a land where tales of valour of its medieval Rajput warriors

are still sung by its traveling bards. It is also known for tradition of craftsmanship with a highly developed aesthetic sense.

The state is diagonally divided as the hilly and rugged south-east region and dry and barren north-east Thar Desert. Here, folk culture still retains all its colour and vivacity with exuberant celebrations of fairs and festivals. A music that echoes across the desert emptiness. Some of the popular fairs are Pushkar Camel and Cattle fair held annually in November, Camel Festival Bikaner held annually in January, Desert Festival Jaisalmer held annually between end January to mid February etc. The exact dates of the fairs is determined by the Indian Lunar Calendar.



**Mehrangarh fort, Jodhpur/ Jain Temple, Ranakpura**

**Day 1 Fly to Delhi:** Fly to Delhi by Malaysia airlines (MH) at 1850pm via MH190, arriving 2150PM (OR Malindo airlines OD205 depart at 1755 arrived 2105pm OR OD207 at 1615pm from KLIA, reached 2105PM). Transfer to hotel. Overnight (ON) Delhi.

**Day 2 Delhi Mandawa (260km, 5hr+):** Early morning after breakfast drive to Mandawa. After lunch drive to Mandawa, bringing back to life the grandeur of the old days and is a memorable regal Rajasthani experience for the guests. Today, the world comes to this storybook town to see its colorful frescoes on every subject under the sun, that is, ranging from the religious to the erotic; from copies of popular English prints to witty social satire, rendered in the inimitable style of the local artist. ON Mandawa

**Day 3 Mandawa-Bikaner (200km, 5hr+):** Early Morning drive to Bikaner. Bikaner, was founded in 1488 by Rao Bikaji. Bikaner was once on the ancient trading route of caravans. It has many forts, paMandawa - Bikanerlances and temples all created with unusual delicacy in red sandstone and a bustling bazaar where you can even buy a pair of 'racing' camels. We will visit Camel feeding farm if on time reach Bikaner. ON Bikaner

**Day 4 Bikaner -Jaisalmer:** Early morning drive 30km to visit Karni Mata Temple or Famous "RAT" temple, which is known for Rates being fed milk by devotees, It is not allowed to kill a rat in the premises of this temple. After that back to hotel for breakfast, drive to visit Junagarh Fort, Built in 1593 by Raja Rai Singh, a general in the army of Emperor Akbar. This fort has many palaces and gateway. After that we will drive to Jaisalmer.

Jaisalmer also known as golden city. Centuries ago, Jaisalmer was on the camel trading route between India and Central Asia. It is a city that rises from the desert like a golden mirage. Dominating the view is the awesome citadel on the hill-a fort built with the golden yellow stone of the area. Jaisalmer is a visual delight. Wander through its lanes and discover the 'havelis' with delicately carved stone facades. ON Jaisalmer.



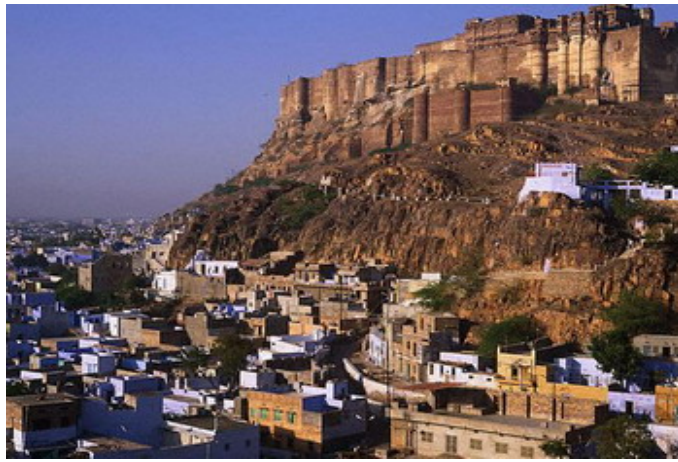
Masturd season/Rajasthani ladies

**Day 5 Jaisalmer:** After breakfast, walk around Jaisalmer Fort, the monolith of stone, built in 1156 atop the 80 m high Trikuta hill, is the only raised feature in a flat desolate area. We will meander through alley ways lined with havelis sporting great intricate hand - carved sand stone latticed balconies and archways. After lunch around 1300 hour drive to the start point of our camel safari through the villages to sand dunes. ON Khuri.

**Day 6 Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (330km, 6hr+):** After breakfast drive to Jodhpur. Jodhpur – the erstwhile Marwar capital with its impressive Mehrangarh fort overlooking the Blue city of Rajasthan and the Jaswant Thada Cenotaphs. Among Rajasthan's many princely settlements, Jodhpur is one of the most distinctive. This five hundred year old settlement was the headquarters of the Rathore Rajputs celebrated for their tales of daring. This princely state is also referred as "The Blue city". On Jodhpur.

**Day 7 Jodhpur-Udaipur (325km, 6hr+):** Early morning drive to Udaipur en route visiting Jain temples of Ranakpura, known for their intricate friezes and sculptures, dating back to the 15th century. This temple's 29 halls are supported by 1444 pillars.

Udaipur is also known as the city of lakes. The marble palaces, beautifully laid out gardens and the lakes make Udaipur seem almost like a mirage in the desert. The founder of Udaipur, Maharana Udai Singh needed to overcome the misfortunes that his old capital of Chittaurgarh had to face due to repeated attacks by the Mughal armies. On the advice of a holy man, Udai Singh shifted his capital to the banks of Lake Pichola. The city was named Udaipur on his name. ON Udaipur.



Jodhpur Mahrangarh fort & Blue City/ Group 2014 have fun at Khuri Sand Dunes

**Day 8 Udaipur:** Spend the rest of the day exploring this charming lake city by car. Wander through the opulent City Palace grounds and the museum, which are a testament to the valour and chivalry of the Mewar rulers. Visit the Jagdish temple on the shores of Lake Pichola. The breathtaking beauty of the lakes- Pichola & Fateh Sagar truly make Udaipur an oasis in the desert. Return to hotel after city drive. Dinner & overnight stay at the hotel. ON Udaipur.

**Day 9 Udaipur - Pushkar (300km, 6hr+):** Early morning after breakfast drive to Pushkar. There are evidence which points out that Pushkar was existing in the fourth century B.C. Pushkar lake in the inhospitable surroundings of a desert is not less than a miracle. The legend about the Creator God, Bramha describes the creation of this lake. When the demon Vajra Nabha killed Brahma's children, he in turn struck him with his weapon, a lotus flower. Vajra Nabha died with the impact, and the petals of the lotus fell at three places. One of them is Pushkar, where a lake sprung into being. Brahma is supposed to have performed sacrifice at this lake on Kartik Purnima (the full moon day of the Kartik month), hallowing the place. Sacred to Brahma, Pushkar boasts of its temple dedicated to him, which is the only one of its kind in the world. A dip in the waters of Pushkar and worship at his temple ensure salvation. So thousands flock to Pushkar to observe the ritual on kartik Purnima, or on any of the four days preceding it. ON Pushkar.



Elephant ride at Amber Fort/ Rajasthani Boy

**Day 10 Pushkar-Jaipur (140km, 4hr+):** In the morning visit the Brahma temple and the holy lake. On completion drive to Jaipur. Jaipur is the capital city of Rajasthan. Also known as Pink City. One of the oldest planned city. ON Jaipur

**Day 11 Jaipur:** After breakfast, half-day excursion to the hilltop fortress at Amber. Ascend the imposing fort on a painted elephant. In the afternoon, tour the old walled city of Jaipur. Founded by Maharaja Jai Singh II, this 'pink city' is meticulously constructed on the lines of the *Shilpa-Shastra*, an ancient Hindu treatise on architecture. Visit the unique Jantar Mantar Observatory situated in the heart of the city. Built in the 1700's, it still looks futuristic. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (the palace of winds). The old City Palace & its museum display a rare fusion of Mughal and Hindu architecture, and house a rare collection of paintings, Rajput armoury and costumes. ON Jaipur.

**Day 12 Jaipur-Agra (235km, 5hr+):** After breakfast drive to Agra. En route visiting the world heritage monument of Fatehpur Sikri. On completion continue with your drive to Agra. Arrive in Agra. On arrival check in your hotel. Rest of the evening at leisure. ON Agra.



Hawa Mahal/Taj Mahal

**Day 13 Back to Delhi:** Early morning, visit Taj Mahal and Red Fort. Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful masterpieces of architecture in the world. Built entirely by white marble, Taj Mahal is regarded as one of the eight wonders of the world. Some Western historians have noted that its architectural beauty has never been surpassed. After lunch drive to Delhi ON Delhi.

**Day 14 Delhi-Home:** Today we will wonder around Delhi after breakfast. We will visit Lotus Temple, Indian Gate, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial. After lunch, we visit National Mahatma Gandhi museum and do some final shopping at local market. After dinner, transfer to airport. We will catch night flight MH191 at 2310pm back to Malaysia OR Malindo air OD206 at 2205pm.

**Day 15 Home:** Arrive Home at 0700AM (MH) or 0610 (Malindo) (NOTE : Arrive KL on next day early morning 24 Dec)

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Cost cover budgeted accommodation, guide, ground arrangement and transport.
2. Not covered are Air fare & airport taxes, Indian E-visa fees Rm175, entrances appx Rm400, activities and meals. Allocate about Rm500 for 14 days meals.
3. Tipping - Cost cover tips to (restaurant staff, porters, bellboys, other hotel staff e.g kitchen, room cleaning staff, toilet, shoe storage). This amount not included for local guide, local area guide and driver for entire journey. Guides accompanying group do expect tips. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
4. A deposit of **Rm1100** is payable to confirm your place.
5. Cost is subject to change if there's a significant changes in foreign exchange rates and/or airfares.

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