

Day 1 - Wednesday 26th February

MUMBAI is a dizzy, dazzling metropolis, a city that never tires and never sleeps. On arrival at the hotel, check in, take a shower but do not fall asleep. Save it for the night. We set out for a quick lunch and then relish what is to follow. Meandering through the busy roads, you will visit **The Gateway of India, Taj Mahal Hotel, Nariman Point, Marine Drive and The Queen's Necklace.** En route you will sip your first **Chai**



(tea) infused with flavors of ginger



and cardamom and enjoy some light street food.



Street Foods of Mumbai like **Vada Pav, Bhelpuri, Veg Grilled Bombay sandwich** etc. are not to be missed. If you are in Mumbai a visit to the **Colaba Causeway** is an



absolute must. Colaba Causeway has a charm that anyone can rarely resist. From cheap, street clothes to fashionable boutiques, this lane, which houses old buildings from the British Rule, has it all. The street vendors sell the latest fashion and antiques at throwaway prices, which can be bargained for to a great extent.



Day 2 - Thursday 27th February

After breakfast we set off for the **Dharavi Slum Tour**. Dharavi shows us how even the poorest or the less fortunate can make a considerable contribution to society and live in harmony. You will be surprised to see the number of commercial activities undertaken in this small area. At the end of the tour we

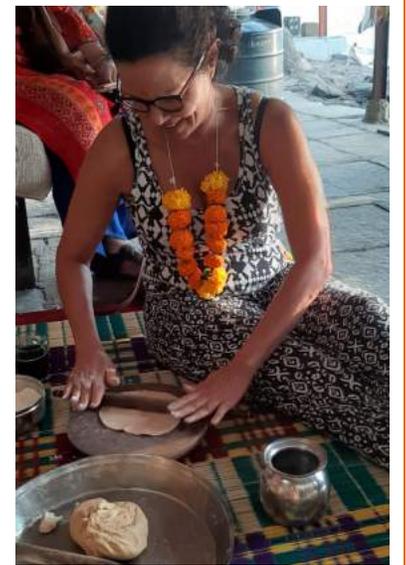


will visit a **Dharavi Leather shop** where you can buy a beautiful leather goods. You will experience the true essence of Mumbai by **A Walk through a Local Living Alley**. You will also enter one of their homes and get a chance to interact with the simply and warm Mumbaikars.



Chapati, also known as roti, is an unleavened flatbread

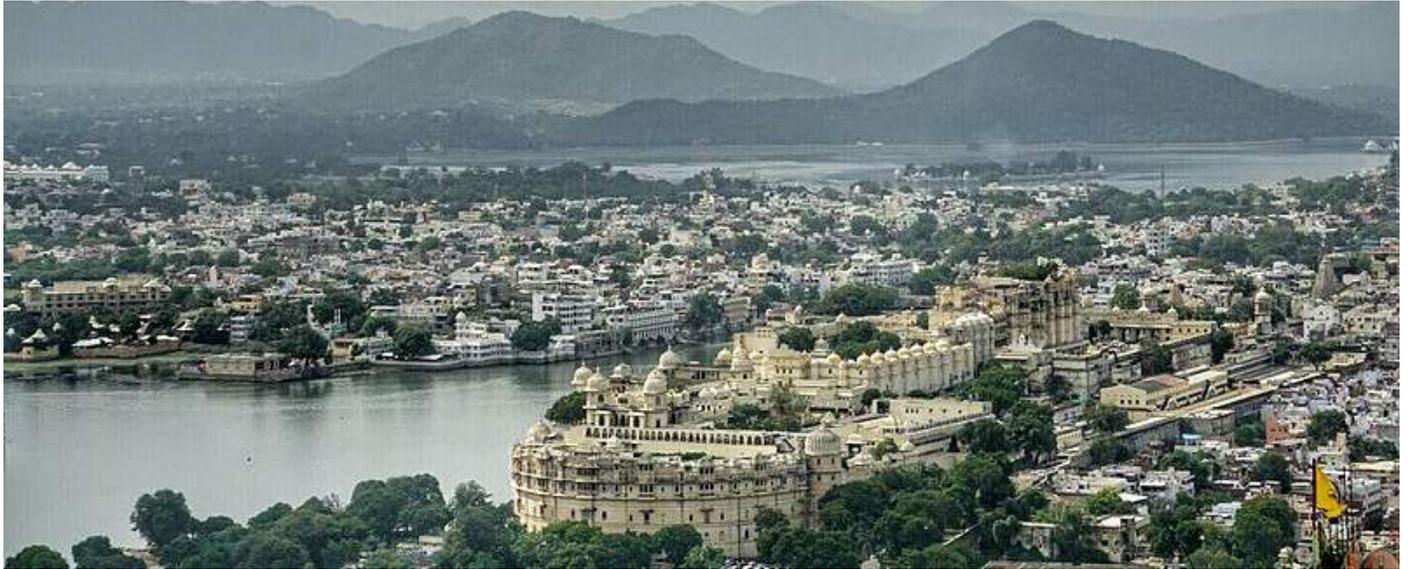
originating from the Indian subcontinent and staple in India. We will take you to another local home by the beautiful sea shore wherein you will be taught to make a chapati hands on.



Are you exhausted? not yet!!! Great!!! We are on our way to our very own Home Chef and tour guide **Jenny D'Souza's apartment** where she will entice our taste buds and explain about the exotic spices as she takes us on a brief journey of an authentic Indian cuisine and enjoy a sumptuous dinner. This is an interactive cooking class called "**Hands on Curry**".

Day 3 - Friday 28th February

We bid adieu to the bustling city of Mumbai and take a flight in the morning to the heritage city of Udaipur. **UDAIPUR**, also known as the **City of Lakes** or the **White City**, is the crown jewel of the state of Rajasthan. It is surrounded by the beautiful Aravalli Hills in all directions, making this city as lovely as it



is. This 'Venice of the East' has an abundance of natural beauty, mesmerizing temples and breathtaking architecture which makes it a must-visit destination in India. We check into a heritage hotel – **Mahendra Prakash** and take in the royal feeling.

Udaipur has a romantic old-world charm, shimmering lakes and splendid architecture, you can get under the skin of this unique destination by exploring Udaipur's bustling old city on foot.

Later we spend an evening discovering the traditional

music and dance forms of the state of Rajasthan. This popular show takes place at the 18th century **Bagore Ki Haveli**, a beautiful mansion on the banks of **Lake Pichola**. The **folk dances** are performed by **Tribes of**



Rajasthan and showcase the traditional celebrations for the changing of seasons, weddings, birth of a child and the festivals of Rajasthan. Besides the dances, this cultural event also features a magic show and a puppet dance.



Day 4 - Saturday 29th February

Step into the Maharaja's lifestyle at **Udaipur City Palace** (Rajasthan's largest palace). Some of these buildings date back 400 years. **City Palace Museum** has opulently decorated rooms, filled with artefacts and miniatures.

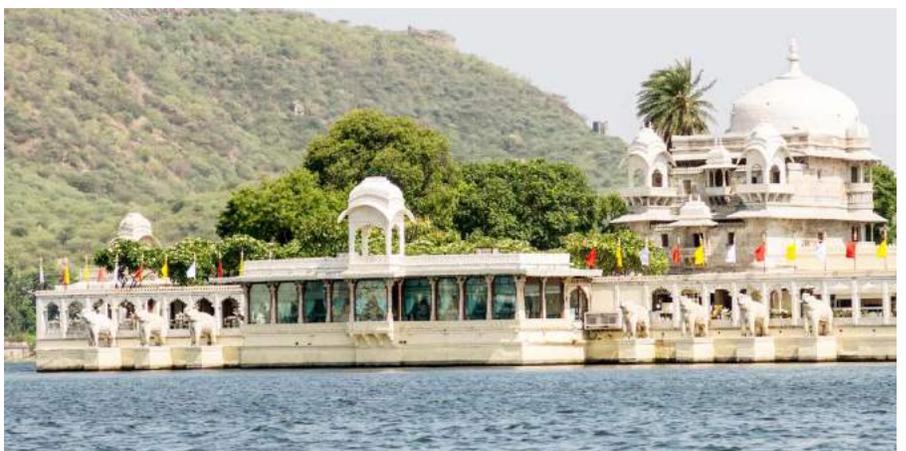


Spend approximately two hours here, before heading to the **Jagdish temple**. Built in 1651, this serene marble temple with stone carvings is dedicated to an avatar of Lord Vishnu.

A visit to the **Lake Pichola** is incomplete without a boat ride to **Jag Mandir**.



The picturesque lake is surrounded by huge hills, magnificent palaces, temples and bathing ghats.



After all the sightseeing our next stop is **Garden Hotel** where we dive into a traditional **Rajasthani Thali**.

A paradise for all motor enthusiasts, The **Royal Vintage Car Museum** is a must visit for any visitor. The museum houses many famous cars like the 1934 Rolls-Royce Phantom used in the Bond film Octopussy.



Udaipur is a hub of culture and there is no better way to capture this beautiful culture than by shopping for locally made products at markets like **Hathi Pol Bazaar** and **Bada Bazaar**.



Day 5 - Sunday 1st March

After a fun-filled and hectic previous day we now relax and enjoy a nice long drive post breakfast to the magnificent royal city of **JODHPUR**. The journey is around 5 hours and we will halt for lunch on the way. Jodhpur, the second largest city in Rajasthan is popularly known as the **Blue City**. The name is



clearly befitting as most of the architecture – forts, palaces, temples, havelis and even houses are built in vivid shades of blue. The strapping forts that tower this magnificent city sum up to a spectacle you would not want to miss. We visit the mammoth, imposing **Fortress of Mehrangarh** which has a landscape dominating a rocky ridge. The **Jaswant Thada** was built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh and is close to Mehrangarh Fort. **Umaid Bhawan Palace** is one of the world's largest private residences. A part of the palace is managed by Taj Hotels. Named after Maharaja Umaid Singh, the palace has 347 rooms and is the principal residence of the former Jodhpur royal family. A part of the palace is a museum.



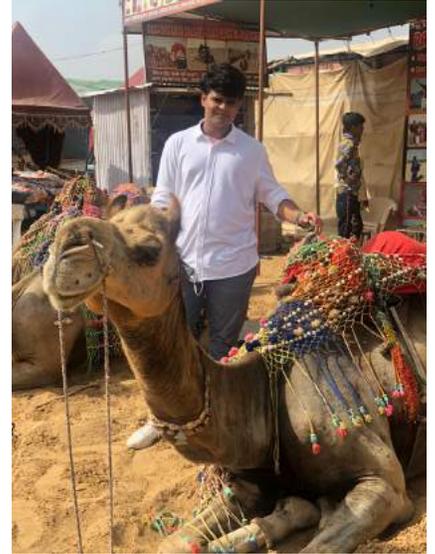
Day 6 – Monday 2nd March

Sleep in a little longer and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Today we head out to Pushkar. It is a 4-hour drive from Jodhpur. **PUSHKAR** is one of the oldest cities in India and is known as “**The Land of Fairs and Festivities**” and ‘**The Rose Garden of Rajasthan**’. The essence of the famous Pushkar rose is exported all over the world. Along with an interesting mythological history, a legacy of timeless architectural heritage makes Pushkar a fascinating city.

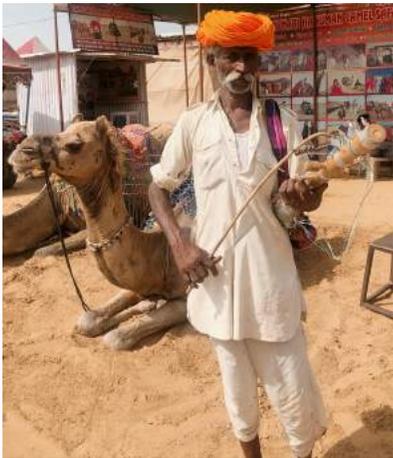


Pushkar Camel Desert Safari - is one of the best safaris in Rajasthan or any other desert

of the world. The overnight camel safari starts around 3.30pm. We take you through the villages where you see farmers working in their fields and picking roses from the gardens, women in their traditional clothing and children excited to see you past by their village. We then reach the semi dunes which is famous among tourists for its spectacular sunset. Here you enjoy lots of activities like camel



and camel cart riding, desert bikes, traditional music called 'rawan hatha'. You can also hire traditional Rajasthani attire and click fun pictures.



We proceed to the Pushkar adventure desert camp for an evening of entertainment. There is a dinner by the bonfire and folk-dance performances. You then stay in the tents with attached bathrooms.



Day 7 – Tuesday 3rd March



Next morning, as you wake up to see the mesmerizing sunrise over the desert, you will be served with traditional breakfast. Finally, you bid adieu to this mesmerizing desert experience and head back on camels to the city of Pushkar. We then leave to the capital CITY of Rajasthan - **JAIPUR**.

Enroute we halt in **AJMER** and visit the very famous place of pilgrimage – **Ajmer Sharif Dargah**. The final resting place of the Sufi Saint, Khwaja Moinuddin Hasan Chisti, is visited by Muslims from all



over the world and the Dargah is revered equally by both Hindus and Muslims. Ajmer can be a perfect representation of the diversity of the Indian culture and ethics, and displays a perfect blend of religion, community & culture coexisting and flourishing in harmony. Once in Jaipur we go to **Amer Fort** for the delightful **Sound and Light Show** and Jaipur by night!



Day 8 – Wednesday 4th March

JAIPUR, the capital of the state of Rajasthan is popularly known as the “**Pink City**”. It is famous for its unique Architecture, Astrology, Forts, Monuments, Palaces, Art and Crafts, Culture and last but not least for its unique food. Renowned globally for its colored gems, the capital city of Rajasthan combines the allure of its ancient history with all the advantages of a metropolis. You have a free day till 3.00pm to shop in Jaipur.



We will now set off to **Sanganer** to view the making of the beautiful **Blue Pottery**. It is going to be a fun evening at the breathtaking **Heritage village of Choki Dhani** where we will enjoy a host of activities and celebrate with a **Traditional dinner**

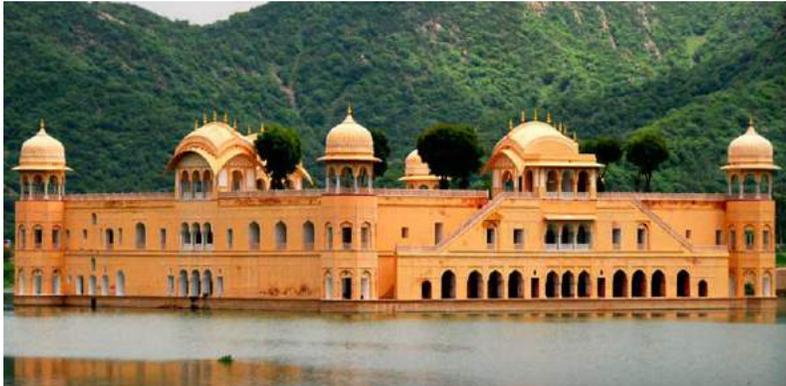


theme. Choki Dhani is miniature model version of an ethnic Rajasthani village equipped with all modern- day amenities to provide its guests with the best of worlds. The village offers myriad entertainment options- **folk dances, singing, camel rides, puppet shows, fortune-tellers, acrobatics, magic shows etc.** Everything from décor to food and hospitality gives you the feel of being in a village.



Day 9 – Thursday 5th March

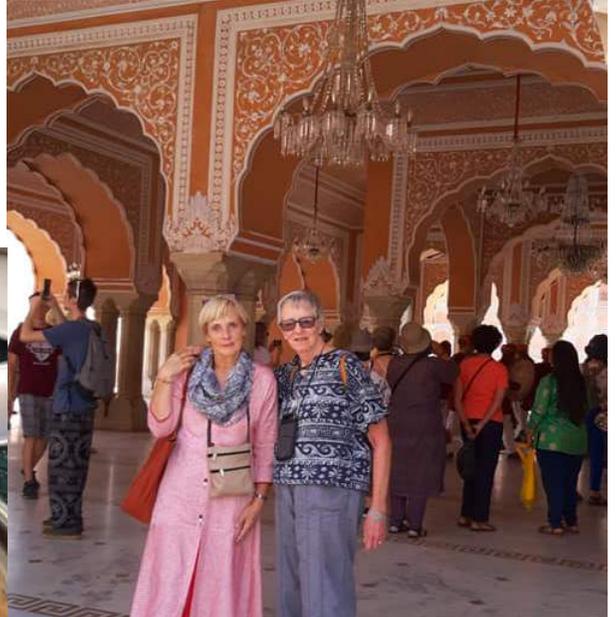
After an early breakfast we will set out on a historical journey to **Amer Fort, Jal Mahal, Hawa Mahal and City Palace.**



Lunch will be at the **SPICE COURT** which serves authentic Rajasthani food. Enjoy a bowl of **Lal Maas (Lamb)**, which is typical Rajasthani dish full of flavour that melts in your mouth, and **Keema Baati** (tough exterior bread dough, stuffed with mince). Digest your food by indulging in shopping at **Cottons** which is right there just a hop, skip and a jump!!!!



Enjoy a Jaipuri cooking class along with dinner at famous Chef Lokesh's studio in the evening.

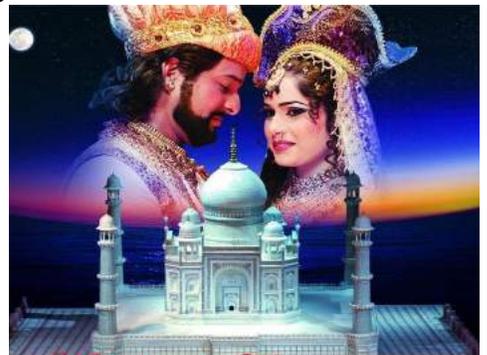


Day 10 – Friday 6th March

In true Indian style we set off to **Agra** by an air-conditioned superfast train that will reach us in 4 hours. Check in to your homestay at **Agra...the city of love!!!!** Freshen up in time to spend an afternoon visiting the **Agra Fort**, which is a



UNESCO world heritage site built by Akbar in Red Sandstone. We will attend a special show at **Kalakriti** called “**Mohabbat the Taj**” – This show is a visual feast for the eyes with its ace enactment of the grandeur and splendid lifestyles of the Mughal period. The 90 minutes show can be heard in 8 different languages.



Mohabbat the Taj Saga of Love

The most overwhelming part of this extravaganza is the climax. The world’s biggest replica of the Taj Mahal emerges slowly on a lotus-shaped platform lifted by a hydraulic lift. It is truly a majestic delight. Besides the mind-boggling illustration of **Shah Jahan’s love for his wife**, the show also demonstrates the dedication, patience and hard work of the artisans involved in making of this epitome of love. After a hectic day we’ll enjoy an authentic **Moghlay Dinner**.



Day 11 – Saturday 7th March

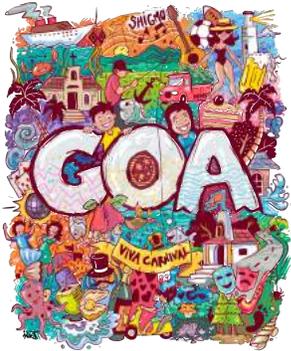
We need to wake up early to see the **Taj Mahal** at sunrise!!!! It is a tomb in Agra, built by the Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. The Taj Mahal is one of the **Seven Wonders of the World** and is said to be one of the finest exhibitions of Mughal art and architecture.

We then return to our hotel for breakfast and you have some free time to walk around and shop if you wish!!! Pack your bags and before noon we drive directly in to **Delhi airport** where we board our flight to **GOA**.



Arrive in **GOA**.....drop of your bags and enjoy the relaxed and easy-going GOA VIBE

We will go to the “**Saturday Night Bazaar**” – and spend the evening enjoying some quality shopping, music dancing, drinks, food..... shop till you drop!!!!



Day 12 – Sunday 8th March

GOA – is the land of **Sun, Sand and Spices!!!!** A kaleidoscopic blend of Indian and Portuguese cultures, sweetened with sun, sea, sand, seafood and spirituality, there's nowhere in India quite like it.

Goa has the **Susegado Culture** which means to take life easy, laze around and be happy.

In the spirit of it being a Sunday and after the hectic time in the north of India, you have a free day in Goa to chill on the beach or go for a swim, have a chilled beer, just walk around or do some shopping.



Day 13 – Monday 9th March

We will leave early for our **Fontainhas Heritage Walk** through the remains of Goa's former capital city, **Panjim** after which we will visit the famous **St. Francis Xavier Church at Old Goa**.



India is well known for its spices all over the world. With suitable climates for growing spices, Goa too has few spice farms. **Spice Farm Tour in Goa** is a unique trip designed for you to learn about the different spices of India, their uses and medicinal values. Enjoy a mouthwatering buffet lunch served on Banana leaves. The Tropical Spice plantations in Goa are untouched by city pollution and blessed with refreshing ambiance that will make you forget all your worries.



The evening is totally free for you to chill at a shack on the beach or just shop around in the area for souvenirs to take back home.....

Day 14 - Tuesday 10th March

Holi is known as the **festival of colors**. The colors overcome the barriers of language and convey true feelings.

In some places in Goa, the night before the full moon, people gather to light bonfires to burn the dried leaves and twigs. The fire signifies the destruction of evil - the burning of the 'Holika' - a mythological character.



On the next day, people of all ages come outside and playfully drench each other with colored water. Brightly colored powders are applied on faces, and there is plenty of music, dance and sweets.



Day 15 – Wednesday 11th March

We depart back to Mumbai this morning by an Air-conditioned sleeper train...enroute you will witness some wonderful scenic sights of the Konkan belt!!!! When you are tired you could just lie down and rest.



India's cultural diversity, mesmerizing beauty, clubbed together with a visitor-friendly attitude, makes it a perfect global destination for travel and gives one an intoxicating experience!!!!

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