# RARE - Experience Rajasthan - Culture & Wildlife

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### day 1

### Delhi - Bharatpur (190 Kms / 3.30 hrs)

In the morning pick from your place of stay & proceed to Bharatpur. It is best known as the home of Keoladeo National Park, an outstanding bird refuge that is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the winter it's a stopover point for migrating birds and hundreds of species have been spotted. Upon arrival check into Hotel and later in the afternoon get ready to explore the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary on rickshaw and look for birds such as storks, cranes, grey heron, and rosy pelicans. Return back to Hotel and rest of the time is free for own activities. Stay overnight at hotel.

Highlights: See a range of birds and other wildlife at the bird sanctuary in the national park

City: Bharatpur

**Hotel: Laxmi Vilas Palace** 

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

Time: 04 hours 30 mins

#### day 2

## Bharatpur – Sapotra (145 Kms / 03.30 hrs)

After breakfast check-out from Hotel and drive to Ramathra Fort (Sapotra) - This dreamy little hotel lies in a beautifully un-spoilt and pretty area of Eastern Rajasthan, south-east of Jaipur. The 350 year old Ramathra Fort was originally the 17th Century stronghold of the Jadoan Rajputs and today belongs to Ravi Raj Pal who is descendent of the founder. It sits on a hillock, surrounded by farmland, wilderness, lakes and other hillocks. The views are spectacular and even during the driest months, the area remains green and the lake retains its water. According to legend, Lord Ram is said to have halted here, enchanted by the beauty and peace, en route south during his exile. Ramathra Fort also lies between two of India's great wildlife reserves, Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur and Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve in Sawai Madhopur. This area of The Daang plateau, which stretches east and south, is filled with gorges and rivulets and is home to several varieties of deer, blue bulls, wolves, jackals, hyenas, wild boar, leopard etc. Whilst here, your hosts Ravi and Gitanjali Rajpal (should they be in residence) will be very much around to chat to and they will make your stay as wonderful as it possibly can be. Upon arrival check into hotel and rest of the time is free at leisure to enjoy the Hotels facilities (or) rejuvenate the body through Ayurvedic massage (on direct payment basis). Stay overnight at Hotel.

City: Sapotra

**Hotel: Ramathra Fort** 

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

Time: 04 hours

#### day 3

## Sapotra (Ramathra Fort)

Enjoy the different activities around the Fort which are included in your package i.e. Boating and Bird watching, Nature walk along the lake and adjoining hillside, Trekking to old fort ruins Farm fresh food, Wilderness drive - Tour the Countryside, and explore a cavernous gorge, Afternoon Tea, Bottled water and non alcoholic beverages, Rest of the time is free to relax (or) enjoy facilities at Hotel. Stay overnight at hotel.

Highlights: Different activities around the Fort

City: Sapotra

**Hotel: Ramathra Fort** 

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

#### day 4

## Sapotra - Ranthambore (60 Kms / 2 Hrs. approx.)

After Leisurely breakfast check-out from Hotel and drive to Ranthambore - Once a private game reserve of the royal House of Jaipur, Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Reserve is one of the world's best known wilderness areas. Ranthambore offers some of the finest opportunities for sighting the magnificent tiger in the wild. A mix of rolling hills and crags, and meadows, lakes and rivulets, this dry-deciduous forest system is home to an incredible variety of flora and fauna. Apart from the tiger, you can also spot sloth bear, leopard, caracal, jackal, fox, hyena and mongoose at Ranthambore. The elusive Indian wolf too, has been spotted here occasionally. The dainty chital, sambhar deer, the blue bull antelope or nilgai, rhesus macaque, langur and an incredible variety of birds amidst a setting of dhok, fig and banyan trees makes a visit to this park a delight – for tourists and naturalists alike. Upon arrival check into hotel and rest of the time is free at leisure to enjoy the Hotels facilities (or) rejuvenate the body through Ayurvedic massage (on direct payment basis). Stay overnight at Hotel.

## City: Ranthambore

**Hotel: Khem Vilas** 

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

Time: 02 hours 30 mins

## day 5

#### In Ranthambore

Early morning get ready the second round of Jeep Safari into the Tiger Reserve at a leisurely pace. Ranthambore is one of the few preserves where the nocturnal camera-shy tigers may be seen in daylight. Almost hunted to extinction by the local royalty and their British overlords, the population of the Bengal tiger is slowly increasing thanks to the efforts of "Project Tiger". Since the animals come around the lakes in the park to drink water in the morning, you can see a number of species drinking water at the same spot.Return back to Hotel for Breakfast and time for relax and in the afternoon get ready again to enjoy the second Jeep Safari to scour the jungle for wildlife. Rest of the time is free to relax (or) enjoy facilities at Hotel. Stay overnight at hotel.

Highlights: Morning & evening sharing Jeep Safaris at Ranthambore National

City: Ranthambore

**Hotel: Khem Vilas** 

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, No Drink

day 6

# Ranthambore – Jaipur (185 Kms / 03.30 Hrs. approx.)

After breakfast check-out from Hotel and proceed towards Jaipur, the capital city of Rajasthan, lies on the edge of the Thar Desert, surrounded by the Aravali hills. One of the earliest planned cities in India, Jaipur was founded in 1727 by Sawai Jai Singh II of the ruling Rajput dynasty as his new capital. It's remarkably well-preserved heritage; which includes hilltop forts, bustling old markets, and lovely palaces. The vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as 'The Pink City' for the color of the buildings in its wonderful old city. Upon arrival check into your hotel and after some rest, proceed for Jhalana Leopard Safari or we suggest for Evening Aarti at Birla Temple. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

Highlights: Jhalana Leopard Safari or Evening Aarti at Birla Temple.

City: Jaipur

**Hotel: Khas Bagh** 

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

Time: 03 hours 30 mins

#### day 7

### In Jaipur

After breakfast get ready for an exciting day wherein you will discover the royalty of the city. Your day begins with a trip to the Amber Fort & enjoy ride on a caparisoned elephant up to the Amber Fort established in the 16th century by Raja Man Singh of the Kachwaha dynasty & drive past the stunning artistry of the five-story façade of the Hawa Mahal. Afternoon visit the City Palace, the museum houses textiles, arms, carpets, paintings and manuscripts and other artistic paraphernalia & Astronomical observatory, built by Maharaja Jai Singh the founder of Jaipur. Spend rest of the time by relaxing at hotel or you can enjoy facilities out there like spa or swimming. Stay overnight at Hotel.

Highlights: - Elephant ride at Amer Fort- Guided City sightseeing

City: Jaipur

**Hotel: Khas Bagh** 

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

day 8

Jaipur - Delhi (265 Kms / 05.30 Hrs. approx.)

After breakfast check-out from Hotel and drive back to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be dropped at your location.

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

Time: 05 hours 30 mins