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**Join me as we explore
the sights, sounds and
tastes of India**
- Tour Escort, Sue Verrall

Royal Rajasthan. with Sue Verrall



This luxury escorted tour of Rajasthan combines amazing highlights, from desert outposts to bustling cities, with the grandeur of old India as we stay in exquisite Palace accommodation giving you a glimpse of times past. Unique experiences throughout the tour will allow you a view of how the 21st Century is impacting on traditional life in Rajasthan.

22 day tour
08–29 November, 2015

Your tour highlights:

- Gorgeous 5* Palace Accommodation
- Morning viewing of the Taj Mahal
- Tiger safari and game drives
- Attend the Annual Pushkar Camel Fair
- Jaipur - Palace of the Winds
- The Fascinating Jantar Mantar Observatory
- Elephant Ride to the Amber Fort
- Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Boat Ride on Lake Pichola, Udaiper
- Desert Safari
- Forts, Temples & Palaces

Exceptional Experiences:

- Devi Garh Village Tour
- Crystal Gallery Tour
- Dhurrie Weaver (Living Treasure)
- Barefoot College Visit
- Jeep ride to Dungarpur Fort
- Agriculture University Visit

Sue has loved her experiences in India and is excited to be taking this tour in October 2014 and again in November 2015. The passion, colour and culture remind her strongly of East Africa where she lived for 16 years. As a landscape and rural development specialist Sue has an interest in agriculture and traditional life as well as textiles and fabrics and it is these interests that have formed the basis for this itinerary and the exclusive experiences included. With many of the distinctive Royal Palaces reinvented as unique and exquisite accommodation we are providing the opportunity for you to experience the privileged lifestyle the Royals from the Raj era enjoyed - without doubt a highlight of this tour.

Sue is an experienced and very popular tour leader who has a passion for getting behind the scenes - so come along and join her on this stunning journey.

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Your Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Sun - 8 Nov, CHCH - Singapore

Depart CHCH today arriving in Singapore around 6pm. We will have a transit hotel for the night in Singapore and will depart for India at 0730.

Hotel – Singapore Transit



Day 2: Mon 9 Nov, Devi Garh

Depart Singapore for Mumbai and then fly on to Udaipur arriving mid-afternoon. On arrival we are met and transferred to Devi Garh where we stay in the magnificent Devi Garh Palace which was built in the 1760's and sits atop a hill with wondrous views. This beautiful old building has been restored in a modern style and is quite simply, fabulous! Time to settle in and then we enjoy a beautiful Welcome Dinner.

Hotel – Devi Garh Palace

Day 3: Tues 10 Nov, Devi Garh

This morning we enjoy a magnificent Palace tour from the dungeons to the Belfry. The rest of the day is free, perhaps a game of croquet or enjoy the Spa services or perhaps get tempted by the bar with its rare wine and whiskey collection. This would also be the place to indulge your romantic side. Let us know if you would like to book a private romantic dinner on one of the tiny high balconies. Stargazing is a great option this evening after dinner.

Hotel – Devi Garh Palace

Day 4: Wed 11 Nov, Dungapur

This morning we drive to Dungapur where you can simply feast your eyes on your accommodation! Mirrored floors and Art Deco furnishings and architecture abound. The home of the Maharwal borders a lake and a game park renowned for great bird and wildlife. This afternoon we visit the Dungapur Mews, a unique museum of Cars, Cannons and Carriages.

Hotel – Udai Bilas Palace

Day 5: Thurs 12 Nov, Dungapur

This morning we are invited by HRM to the Old Palace and enjoy a viewing of some miniature paintings from the Karma Sutra. We also do a jeep tour of the Fort. In the afternoon enjoy the outdoor activities of rowing, biking or walking. Or simply relax in these gorgeous surroundings.

Hotel – Udai Bilas Palace

Day 6: Fri 13 Nov, Udaipur

This morning we make our way to the walled 'Blue City' of Udaipur. Make sure you visit the Crystal Gallery, one of the most lustrous attractions of the rare and precious crystal from the royal treasure. This evening we take a boat tour on Lake Pichola and go past the famous 'James Bond - Octopussy' hotel in the midst of the lake. Enjoy the sunset in the most romantic city of Rajasthan.

Hotel – Fateh Prakash Palace

Day 7: Sat 14 Nov, Udaipur

This morning we have a private visit to the Agricultural University where research is done on crops and dairy farming. This afternoon we have a guided tour of the City Palace (actually 11 Palaces) including the Museum which houses an exceptional Photographic Gallery. The Vintage Car display is worth a look as well as the spectacular garden for the Royal ladies. We also visit the Jagdish Temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Rest of day free – do explore the narrow



lanes and bright stalls.

Hotel – Fateh Prakash Palace

Day 8: Sun 15 Nov, Rohet

Today we drive to Rohet and enroute visit the unusual and beautifully carved Ranakpur Jain Temple. Our accommodation is unique! Our host for the evening (and tomorrow) is a celebrated horse breeder who will invite you to enjoy his unique property. His 350-year-old palace has been renovated into a delightful heritage hotel.

Hotel – Rohet Garh

Day 9: Mon 16 Nov, Rohet

This morning we enjoy a desert safari in 4X4 vehicles and witness local artisans and craftsman at work – the potter, the weaver, the wood engraver, etc. Rest of the day is free.





Make sure you view the miniature paintings and take a peep in each other's rooms – they are truly magnificent!

Hotel – Rohet Garh

Day 10: Tues 17 Nov, Jodhpur

Today we drive to medieval Jodhpur and enroute we visit a 'National Living Treasure' – the Dhurrie Weaver Roopraj Prajapati at Salawas and his village. All the people of the village weave the traditional rugs of the region and Roopraj has revolutionised their way of life by taking their work to the rest of the world. Jodhpur is often called the blue city, so named for the indigo washed houses. This afternoon we visit the Mehrangarh Fort which dates back to 1459 and dominates the city skyline and provides exceptional views. This evening Pink Gins on the Terrace at sundown are highly recommended.

Hotel – Umaid Bhawan Palace

Day 11 & 12: Wed 18 & Thurs 19 Nov, Pushkar

This morning we drive to Pushkar and our tour is timed so that you will have 2 days to enjoy the annual Pushkar Camel Fair. This camel and livestock fair is one of the worlds' largest. Unlike our A&P shows there are also many entertaining competitions to watch including the "longest moustache" and the "bridal competition". A complete sensory overload and fabulous photographic opportunity.

Hotel - Anantara Resort

Day 13: Fri 20 Nov, Jaipur

Today we drive to the vibrant 'Pink City' of Jaipur via the Barefoot College and join them for morning tea. This afternoon we visit the famous Jantar Mantar – the observatory. This complex of ancient stone astronomical instruments is a true wonder. We also see the elaborate façade of the Palace of Winds. Later we explore the fascinating City Palace with its collections of rare manuscripts, paintings, old carpets, armoury and embroidered clothes.

Hotel – Jai Mahal

Day 14: Sat 21 Nov, Jaipur

This morning we take traditional and very colourful transport, an elephant ride, to the Amber Fort. Enjoy a guided tour of this Fort that is an engineering marvel – it is huge! Afternoon at leisure where you can enjoy some fabulous shopping and wander the labyrinth of narrow lanes.

Hotel - Jai Mahal



Day 15: Sun 22 Nov, Drive to Ranthambore

This afternoon we drive to Ranthambore National Park and check into our luxurious tented camp.

Hotel – Sher Bagh

Day 16: Mon 23 Nov, Ranthambore

Today we enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive looking for the elusive Tiger and a plethora of other wildlife including Leopard, Hyena, Jungle Cat, Bears, Jackals, Monkeys, birds and much more.

Hotel – Sher Bagh

Day 17: Tues 24 Nov, Agra

Drive to Agra and check into our divine hotel with exquisite views of the Taj Mahal from your balcony. This afternoon our tour highlight is a visit to the Taj Mahal. We will also have time to visit the jewellers who have supplied Royalty for centuries. Tonight enjoy a beautiful dinner.

Hotel – Oberoi Amar Vilas





Tour price from \$15,895 per person twin share*

Price includes

- Return economy class* airfares from ChCh flying Singapore Airlines
- 19 nights 5 Star Luxury and Palace accommodation
- Internal flight Mumbai to Udaipur
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner daily – including 'speciality dining experiences'
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Elephant ride to Amber Fort
- Tonga ride in Agra
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola
- Jeep ride
- Desert Safari
- Game Drives in Ranthambore National Park
- English speaking guide
- Arrival and departure assistance and transfers
- Private coach transport throughout
- Indian Visa (for NZ Passport holders)
- Tour Escort from NZ**

Single traveller? For those travellers wanting their own room, the tour price is NZD\$21,595pp. We would be happy to arrange a room share option for single travellers if possible. Please register your interest with us so that we can see if there is a suitable companion available.

To secure your place: To confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 per person is required. Final payment is due no later than 17 July 2015. Call Discover Travel to be sent a booking form.

Your Tour Itinerary (continued)



Day 18: Wed 25 Nov, Delhi

Rise early for a dawn visit to see the Taj Mahal at Sunrise. Then back to the hotel for a delicious breakfast. We then visit the Red Fort and experience the traditional craftsmanship at a marble inlay factory. Later this afternoon we drive through to Delhi.

Hotel – The Imperial

Day 19: Thurs 26 Nov, Delhi

This morning we will start with a guided sightseeing tour of Old Delhi, visiting Bastripathi Bhawan, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Qutab

Minar, Bahai temple. We will also enjoy a rickshaw ride – a photographers dream! The afternoon is free for you to do more sightseeing or simply relax in our gorgeous hotel, perhaps enjoy High Tea.

Day 20: Fri 27 Nov, Delhi

This morning we visit the Khan market. A great opportunity for some last minute shopping – if the bags aren't already full! Afternoon free to enjoy at leisure. This evening we enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

Day 21: Sat 28 Nov, Fly to Singapore

This morning we say an early goodbye to India as we depart Delhi for our flight home at 9am via Singapore.

Day 22: Sun 29 Nov, Home

We arrive into Christchurch at 10.35am. Welcome home!

Tour Itinerary Changes

As we are also running this tour in October 2014 with Sue we may tweak the itinerary based on our experiences and guest feedback. We reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of any airline flight rescheduling.

CONDITIONS:** The price from \$15,895 per person is based on twin share. Single traveller price for own room is \$21,595 per person. Business Class Supplement – available on request. Stopover options in Singapore – available on request. **PAYMENTS** - The price quoted is for payment by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer. **Cheques:** Should be made payable to 'Discover Travel'. Postal address is PO Box 2477, Christchurch. **Bank Transfer:** 06 0801 0495605 02 – Discover Travel Worldwide Ltd, using 'India and your surname' as the reference. **VISA** or **Mastercard** payments will incur a 2% convenience fee and American Express a 3% fee. *TOUR ESCORT** – price is based on a group size of 12 for the tour to be escorted, should the group size be less than 12, a group surcharge will be applied. Pricing is based on an exchange rate with the Indian Rupee and we reserve the right to apply a currency surcharge should the NZ Dollar weaken significantly against the Indian Rupee before final payment is due. **Not included:** Travel Insurance (compulsory), drinks and items of a personal nature.



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