

EAT,
PRAY &
LOVE IN

PUSHKAR
FAIR 2017

What is so special about **Pushkar?**

● **PUSHKAR** ●

The Town of Fairs and Festivals

Pushkar is one of the oldest cities in India. Pushkar in Sanskrit means blue lotus flower. Located to the northwest of Ajmer, the tranquil city of Pushkar is a favoured destination for thousands of tourists and devotees flocking to Rajasthan.

Situated at a height of 510 meters, Pushkar is surrounded by hillocks on three sides. The 'Nag Pahar', literally meaning Snake Mountain forms a natural border between Ajmer and Pushkar. Known as '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.

According to legends, Lord Brahma, believed to be the creator of the Universe dropped a lotus to the ground leading to the immediate creation of a lake. He then decided to name the place after the flower, and thus the name, Pushkar. Pushkar lake enjoys the company serenity of 52 ghats.

The sacred Pushkar Lake resounds with the chants and hymns from the 400 blue colored temples located on its banks. The city of Pushkar is home to the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma in the whole world.

Hindus consider a journey to Pushkar to be the ultimate pilgrimage that must be undertaken to attain salvation.

KOLHAPURI TRAVELERS' WITH AUMTARA

PUSHKAR FAIR is one of India's most highly-rated travel experiences, a spectacle on an epic scale since 100 years, attracting thousands of camels, horses and cattle and visited by over 400,000 people over a period of around fourteen days.

It is celebrated for five days from the Kartik ekadashi to Kartik Poornima, the full moon day of Kartik (October–November) in Hindu calendar. Today the Pushkar Mela creates a stir among travellers with its awe-inspiring celebrations at this grand event cherished with life oozing activities, cultural and musical events, thrilling camel safari tours and a stay in the traditional yet modern camps.

Images of silver bells making heart pleasing jingles, animals walking over sparkling sand dunes and beautifully decked up camels with their owners sitting on their backs has become the most fascinating norm at this stunning cultural retreat.

A huge carnival is held, with an array of musicians, magicians, dancers, acrobats, snake charmers and carousel rides to entertain the crowd. The grand occasion of the Pushkar Mela is definitely a priceless treat for those who wish to eye the vibrant culture and traditions of Rajasthan.



Your detailed Itinerary for PUSHKAR FAIR 2017

Delhi- Pushkar- Delhi

Dates: October 26, 2017- October 29, 2017

Duration of the adventure: 4 Days/ 3 Nights

Distance: 402 kilometers one way

Day 1: October 26, 2017 (Thursday)

We meet up at Aumtara Spiritual Hub at South Extension, New Delhi around 06:00 Hours (06:00 A.M.). After quick get together and morning tea/ coffee we board our transport at 06:30 Hours (06:30 A.M.) for the PUSHKAR FAIR adventure.

In the bus, we have a healthy breakfast of fruit salad, fruit juices, bread, butter, omelette, tea/ coffee. We brief you a little about the PUSHKAR FAIR adventure and engage in other travel stories and talks. We make our journey informative & relaxing.

We make a halt on our way at around 12:00 Hours for wholesome Lunch.

After lunch we resume our journey and reach Pushkar around 15:00 hours (03:00 P.M.).

Welcome & check in our Swiss camp with all amenities. Tent features twin-beds, attached bathrooms, hot and cold water, beautiful lights at night.

We freshen up and relax for an hour and half & then leave for the fairground to witness the first glimpse of the PUSHKAR FAIR.

Roaming around, clicking pictures and immersing yourself in this epic gathering of Colors & Culture, Humans & Animals alike.

We reach our camp around 20:00 hours (08:00 P.M.), relax and enjoy the puppet show organized for you.

Light snacks along with the puppet show.

Dinner after the puppet show around the bonfire.

Relax for the night.

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Day 2: OCT 27, 2017 (Friday)

Early morning tea is served at 05:00 Hours (05:00 A.M.) and by 05:30 Hours (05.30 A.M.) leave for the fair to capture the beauty of it in first light of dawn.

We reach back to the camp for some breakfast and relaxation.

Leave for the fair ground. Witness and experience the numerous rural camel and cattle owners flock Pushkar for horse dealing, pilgrimage, livestock trading and a distinctive spiritual experience. The whole town transforms itself into a colorfully and culturally rich land with musicians, folk dancers, herders, nomads, farmers, comedians, devotees, saints, acrobats and tourists. You can explore apart from shopping of Rajasthan specialties, acrobatics, horse races and Marwari folk dance, for rest of the day.

For lunch, you're free to enjoy the local cuisine or we walk in the town for some good restaurants.

We meet up together at 16:00 (P.M.) hours for Camel Safari. **The dunes around Pushkar can be best explored on a camel. It's a bumpy but a rhythmic ride through the quiet desert, the loudest sound being the swish of camel feet on the sand. These slow moving camels will take you through dunes to a point from where you can watch the beautiful golden ball dipping beyond the horizon and the sky changing color from evening red to violet and then darkness slowly engulfing the whole expanse.**

We reach the camp after Safari and freshen up as the Kalbeliya Dancers await our presence.

Light snacks are served as the performance goes on.

Post-performance we enjoy dinner around the bonfire, Relax for the night.

About Kalbeliya dance: Kalbelia dance is a folk dance of Rajasthan state of India. It is well known by other names like 'Sapera Dance' or 'Snake Charmer Dance'. Kalbelia dance is particularly performed by a Rajasthani tribe called 'Kalbelia'. The popularity of this dance is so much worldwide that Rajasthan's Kalbelia dance and songs are now in UNESCO's representative list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity from the year 2010. In Kalbelia dance, males play various traditional instruments and females perform the dance. Kalbelia dance is one of the most sensuous dances among all Rajasthani dances.



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Day 3: 28th October 2017 (Saturday)

Early morning tea is served at 06:00 Hours (06:00 A.M.).

Freshen up and breakfast.

We leave for the fair at 8:00 hours (08:00 A.M.).

Morning walk inside this intensely captivating and colorful fair and witness the exciting events and experience the vibrancy of the fair ultimate photography experience.

Lunch on the ground or at a café in Pushkar!

After lunch we reach back to the camp, relax and rejuvenate for a while.

At 16:00 hours (04:00 P.M.) we leave for today's special event:

EVENING AT VILLAGE

Away from the hustle and bustle of city life enter into a Rajasthani village in Pushkar. Visit the bazaar, bangle maker, potter, blacksmith, sword maker, puppeteer, painter displaying and selling their products. Then step into the dining area where original Rajasthani village delicacies are served while the folk dancers entertain & enjoy and celebrate. Guests sit down for dinner on mattresses. It is a very elaborate plan which includes cooking local delicacies (things that even you can recommend) by local villagers, traditional way to eat in their houses, introduction to their dishes, culture. Sweets and songs always ready for you. To entertain through the dinner in a novel way, you have the Hindi film music being played at the Paan shop, as it happens in the streets.

At the end of evening the guests are accorded a see off.

Reach camp at Night and Relax.

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Day:4 29th October 2017 (Sunday)

Today you wake up a little late.
Morning tea/ coffee and breakfast is served.
We pack our stuff.
Leave around 12:00 for Delhi.
Reaching Delhi by 21:00 hours.

Price: RS. 25000/- Per Person (customized prices available upon request)

Includes:

Star camping adventure accommodations on Twin sharing Basis.
Travel in Luxury bus/ Cab (Depending upon the number of people).
APPETIZING AND AUTHENTIC-Breakfast and Dinner.
Comfortable transportation where needed.
All the programs and events mentioned.
Water.
Wellness and hygiene kit

Doesn't include:

Lunch.
Health and travel insurance.
Beverages alcoholic or non-alcoholic.
Extra costs due to unanticipated changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control.
*Prices & Itinerary are approximate (Prices, flow/sequence of itinerary or daily events are approximate) and subject to change.

“Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind.”

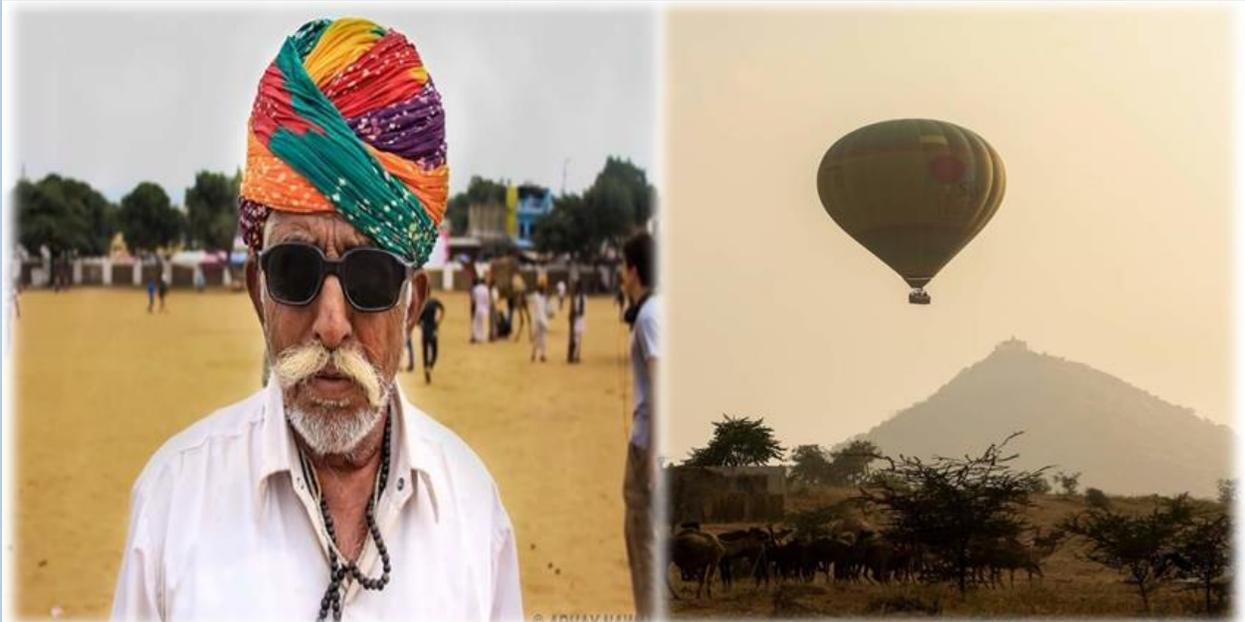
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CAMEL SAFARI IN DESERT



COLORFUL LIFE



ADVENTURE CAMPING



“Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.”

– Ibn Battuta