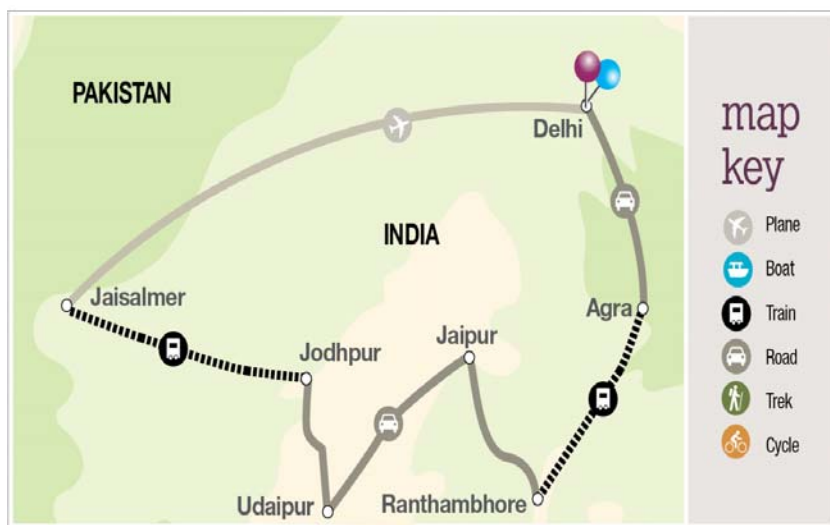




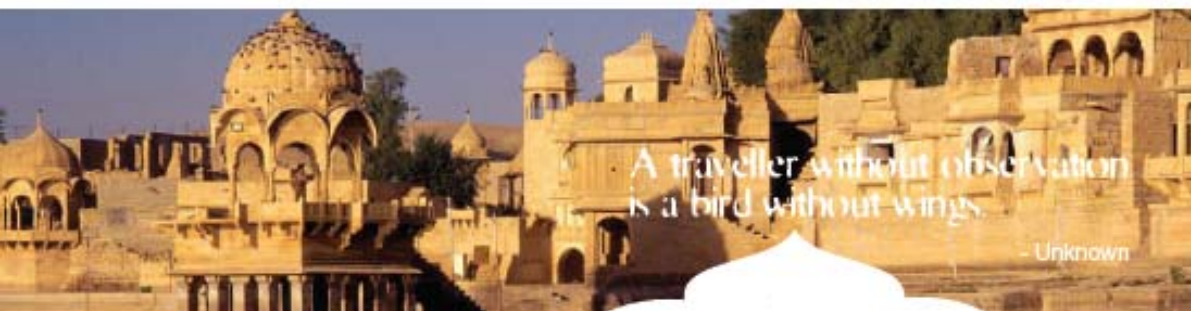
Heartland Rajasthan

Get a rewarding insight into India's 'Land of Palaces and Princes' on this **touring style** journey that highlights Rajasthan's opulent palaces and imposing forts, natural diversity and fascinating culture. Colourful bazaars, pink palaces, glistening marble mausoleums and the diverse wildlife at India's best known tiger reserve, Ranthambore National Park, are combined to make this short journey into Rajasthan's 'golden triangle' a memorable experience.

Visit Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Jhodpur, Udaipur, Jaisalmer.



Length of trip	15 days
Accommodation	Hotels.
Meals included	Yes
Travel Style	Tourist Coach, Train, 1 domestic flight.
Escort	SRA tour leader for more than 6 travellers. Local English speaking escort for 6 or less travellers.
Sightseeing and entry fees	Included
Maximum group	12
Commences	Delhi 15th October 2012
Concludes	Delhi 29th October 2012
COST	NZ\$6,900 based on twin share. Single Rm Sup NZ\$1245 (prices subject to change)



Itinerary at a Glance :

Monday 15 October 2012 Arrive Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to Hotel.

Tuesday, 16 October 2012 Delhi

Full day in Old Delhi—sightseeing to include the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, Humayun's, India Gate, Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Wednesday, 17 October 2012 to Agra

Transfer to the railway station to catch the 1st class Shatabdi express to Agra. Sightseeing to include the Tomb of the Great Mughal Emperor Akbar at Sikandra. Afternoon visit Agra Fort and Taj Mehtab garden across the Yamuna River, with great views of the Taj Mahal.

Thursday, 18 October 2012 to Ranthambore

Early morning start to watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal. Return to the hotel for breakfast and then transfer to Bharatpur railway station (2hrs drive) to catch the train to Ranthambore.

Friday, 19 October 2012 Ranthambore

Full day sightseeing today. This morning visit Ranthambore Tiger reserve and after lunch, take a jungle safari accompanied by a specialist naturalist guide.

Saturday, 20 October 2012 to Jaipur

This morning drive to Jaipur (4-5hrs), the Pink City and capital of Rajasthan. This afternoon sightseeing around Jaipur.

Sunday, 21 October 2012 Jaipur

Today we visit the ancient Rajput capital of Amber, and ascend to the 16th century hilltop fortress-palace and its richly decorated apartments. Also visit City Palace, and the adjacent Jantar Mantar. Afternoon free for shopping and relaxation.

Monday, 22 October 2012 to Udaipur

Depart for drive to Udaipur. Check into hotel and remainder of day at leisure.

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India's Wild South

Uncover the secrets of India's Kerala State with us on this *touring style* journey to explore the natural and cultural heritage of this fascinating region. We get out and about around the Western Ghats to experience the rich biodiversity, vibrant culture and serene landscapes of enchanting Kerala's less well known destinations.

Visit Bangalore, Mangalore, Thalassery, Calicut, Kochi, Kumarakom, Periyar National Park, Eravikulam National Park, Ootacamund, Nagarhole National Park, Mysore.

Commence 28th September

Tuesday, 23 October 2012 Udaipur

Today we'll visit the City Palace and the Chini ka Chitra Mahal's iridescent tile work followed by a boat ride around Lake Pichola with spectacular views of the city. The City Palace towers over the lake and you will also see the merchant's havelis, temples, the royal hunting lodge and exquisite Gul Mahal Pavilion on Jag Mandir Island. Leave the boat and continue to the ornamental gardens of the Maids of Honour or Sahelion ki Bari.

Wednesday, 24 October 2012 Udaipur

This morning conclude the sightseeing program. No itinerary after lunch—time to relax in historic Udaipur.

Thursday, 25 October 2012 to Jodhpur

Today set out by road for the drive to Jodhpur (266km, 6hrs) sightseeing en route.

Friday, 26 October 2012 Jodhpur

Today visit to the massive 15th century Mehrangarh Fort which, together with its satellite red sandstone palaces and museum forms one of the most impressive complexes in Rajasthan.

Saturday, 27 October 2012 to Jaisalmer

This morning transfer to the station to catch the train to Jaisalmer. Transfer to Hotel and rest of the day at leisure.

Sunday, 28 October 2012 Jaisalmer

Our sightseeing today is in the city centre and a visit to the Fort. Option to take a short camel safari late afternoon.

Monday, 29 October 2012 to Delhi and conclude

Free morning until time to transfer to the airport for late afternoon flight to Delhi. Connect with evening departure flight.

Bhutan West to East

Take an in-depth look at Bhutan's stunningly diverse natural and cultural heritage on this *touring style* journey. We visit the key provincial centres and make easy short and part day walks, excursions to wildlife sanctuaries, nature reserves and monasteries. At Thimpu we will experience 'Tsechu', the annual religious festival conducted in the ancient courtyard of the fortress. At the end of the trip our route takes us across the Assam border to Guwahati.

Visit Paro, Thimphu, Punakha, Phobjikha, Trongsa, Bumthang, Mongar, Trashigang, Samdrup Jongkhar, Guwahati.

Commence 22 September

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