SPICE ROADS
CYCLING

TOURING

# RIDING REGAL RAJASTHAN

Tour Code
**IND-DRJ**

**12** DAYS
**11** NIGHTS

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| Destinations | India |
| Tour Meets<br>Tour Ends | Jaipur<br>Udaipur |
| Fly in to<br>Fly out of | Jaipur International Airport (JAI)<br>Udaipur Maharana Partap Dabok Airport (UDR) |
| Group Size<br>Minimum Age | 2-16 riders<br>18 (on scheduled departures) |

## ACTIVITY PROFILE

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| **8**<br>Cycling days | **570** km<br>Total cycling distance |
| **75** km<br>Avg distance / day | m<br>Avg climbing / day |

## PRICING

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| Price | US$ 4,335 |
| Bike Hire (Mountain Bike) | US$ 300 |
| Single Supplement | US$ 725 |

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ SpiceRoads jersey
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Airport drop off
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Snacks and drinks
- ✓ Entrance fees

### WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Airport pick up
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

## DEPARTURES

02 Nov - 13 Nov 2026
30 Nov - 11 Dec 2026
11 Jan - 22 Jan 2027
01 Feb - 12 Feb 2027
01 Mar - 12 Mar 2027
04 Oct - 15 Oct 2027
01 Nov - 12 Nov 2027
29 Nov - 10 Dec 2027

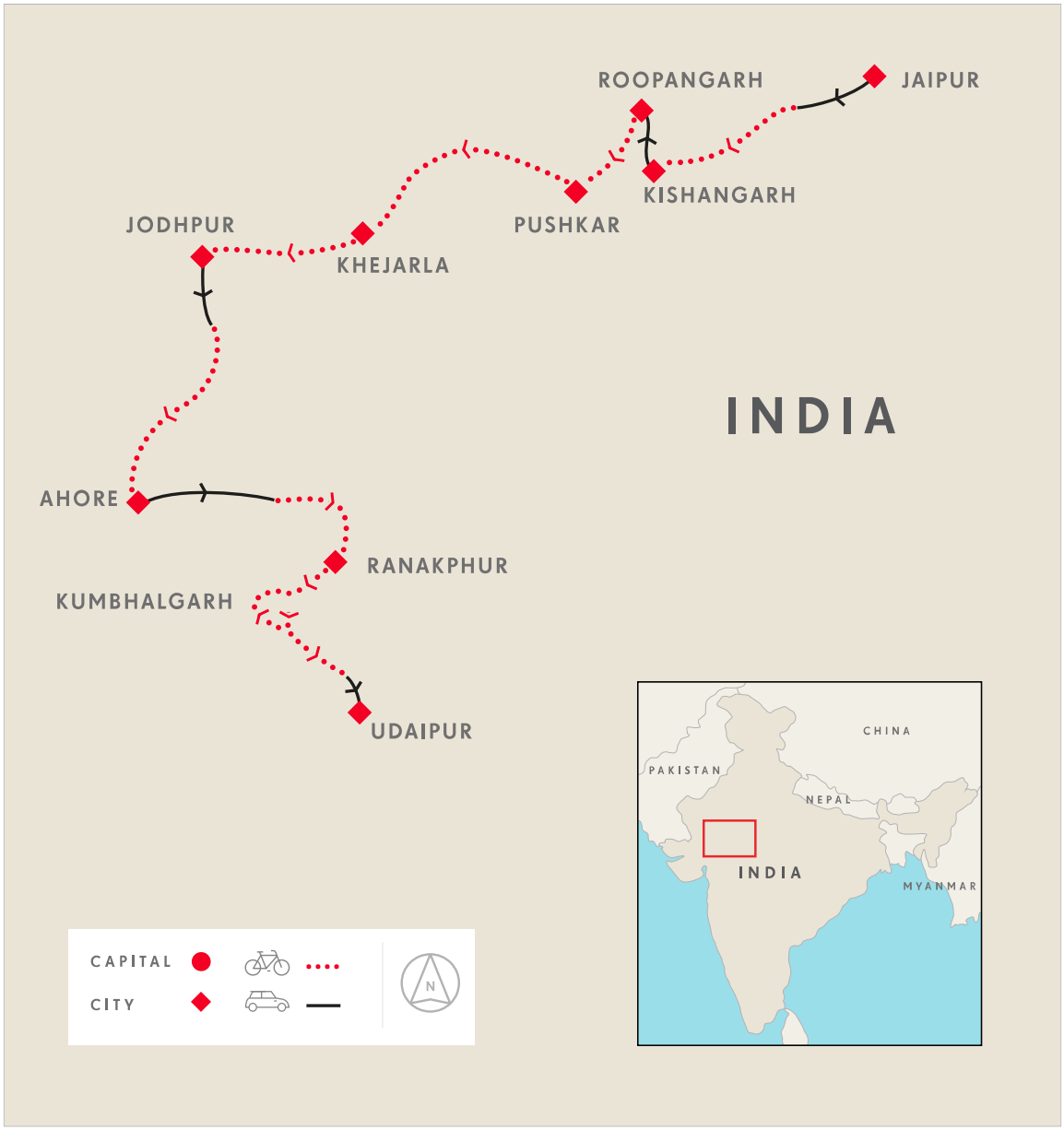
## TRIP PROFILE

We ride 570 km in 8 days of cycling. Most of the tour is on relatively flat terrain and on paved roads, so the distances are not too strenuous. Most days are between 70 - 80 km of riding, with a shorter 20 km ride on day 9 when we visit Kumbhalgarh Fort. Day 8 is the only day with significant climbing as we head into the Aravalli hills. This is complemented with a refreshing descent to towards Udaipur on Day 10. In Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur we have non-cycling days as we explore the cities sites via car and foot. We designed the route to take in the best of Rajasthan's culture all while enjoying an active holiday.

The trip is fully supported, and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of water and refreshments along the way.

**Suitability:** This is a moderately difficult trip that anyone with a reasonable level of fitness will enjoy. Most of the riding is relatively flat with only one day of more serious climbing. Navigating gravely and cratered country roads requires some handling skills but does not require technical maneuvering. While we avoid the hottest times of the year, this is an arid region so day time temperatures still feel warm and dry when cycling. The support vehicle is always nearby to offer refuge to any weary cyclists!

**Biking Conditions:** This trip is on a mix of asphalt and gravel roads. The conditions of these surfaces vary widely depending on the specific location, but be prepared for potholes and dust! While much of the route is on quiet, countryside roads with minimal traffic, we will be regularly sharing the roads with other vehicles, including cars, motorbikes, and buses. Oh, and cows and camels - lots of them!



## Day 1: Meet in Jaipur

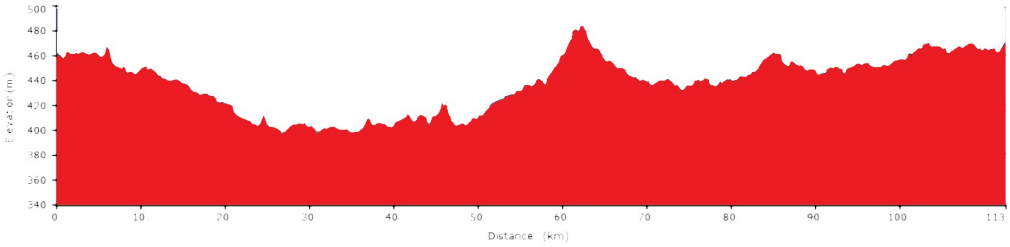
We meet in Jaipur, the "Pink City" of Rajasthan! Please arrive a day ahead of the trip and we'll pick you up from your pre-tour hotel in the morning. After a tour briefing and bike fitting we'll dive right in with a historical exploration of Jaipur by foot and car. We'll visit Amer Fort to delve into the grandeur of Rajput architecture and soak in views from its majestic ramparts before heading to Jantar Mantar, a pre-modern astronomical observatory commissioned by Jaipur's founding ruler. Along the way we'll enjoy lunch and, in the evening, treat ourselves to a delectable welcome dinner.

Pearl Palace Heritage  Lunch, Dinner

## Day 2: Jaipur - Kishangarh

Let the riding begin! After a short vehicle transfer out of Jaipur, we saddle up and get our first taste of the Rajsthani countryside. We enjoy a mostly flat ride along the roads and small paths that cut across the earthy terrain, passing by mud brick villages, corn fields, Hindu temples and ancient monuments scattered across the landscape. Watch out for village traffic – a mix of auto rickshaws, bicycles, and livestock! Our destination is the historic city of Kishangarh, once the capital of the princely state of Jodphur during British rule. Nowadays Kishangarh is known as the "Marble City", producing some of India's finest stone constructions. We will be spending the night at the lake-facing Phool Mahal Palace, the former residence of the Kishangarh Maharaja which has been beautifully refurbished as a boutique heritage hotel.

Phool Mahal Palace  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

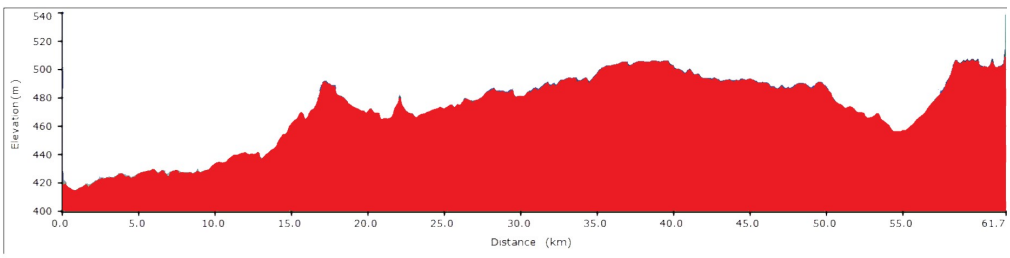



Ride 70km  +366m  -329m

## Day 3: Kishangarh - Pushkar

We begin with a one hour transfer to Roopangarh. With the town's mighty 17-century fort in the background, we begin cycling through a colorful local market before we find ourselves back in the countryside. Though the landscape is arid, it is teeming with local life and we'll enjoy endless scenes of rural communities going about their day to day, occasionally stopped in their tracks by the curious sight of a bunch of sweaty cyclists whizzing by! We'll ride past shrub forests, home to Rajasthan's elusive wildlife inhabitants, until the low-lying Aravalli hills and the town of Pushkar come into view. Pushkar is located by of one of India's most sacred lakes, believed to have been made by Lord Brahma - the creator of the universe in Hindu mythology. Lake Pushkar is highly revered and its shores are adorned with ghats (steps leading to the water for ritual use). We will visit the nearby Brahma Temple and in the afternoon you can explore some of Pushkar's vibrant bazaars.

Jagat Palace  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

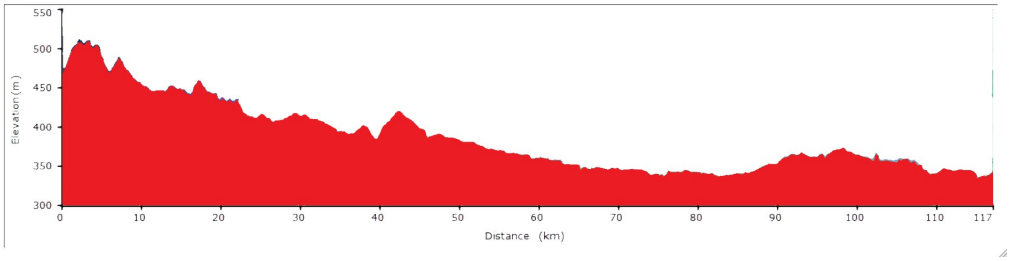



Ride 70km  +287m  -329m

## Day 4: Pushkar - Khejarla

After a quick transfer out of Pushkar we'll begin our day of riding which will be more undulating as we traverse the foothills of the Aravalli mountain range. Spanning across the eastern edge of the Thar desert, the mountainous landscape in the background offers a striking contrast of deeply weathered ridges, arid expanses and pockets of greenery. We will conclude our ride at Fort Khejarla, a majestic 17th century stronghold perched atop a hilltop, offering panoramic views of the surrounding area and a glimpse into the region's regal Rajput legacy. The fort is now a heritage hotel and staying here tonight will be a real treat. To complement our stay, we will partake in a camel cart ride to the nearby village and a 600 year old Durga temple.

Fort Khejarla  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

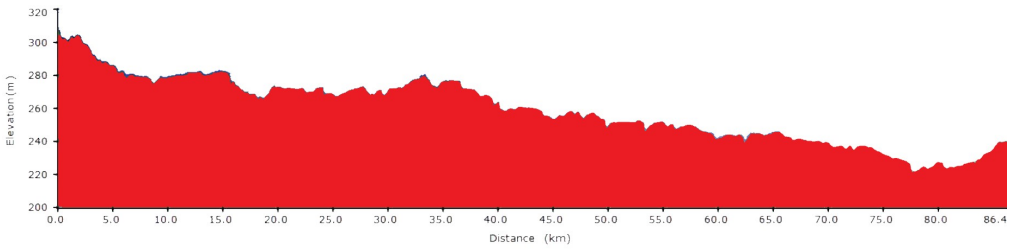



Ride 80km  +331m  -482m

## Day 5: Khejarla - Jodhpur

In the morning, we'll make our way from the quiet surroundings of Khejarla towards bustling Jodhpur, Rajasthan's second largest city. Though our route traverses more of the Thar desert's seemingly barren landscape, it is home to a surprising diversity of wildlife. Keep an eye out for colorful birds in the vegetation, spotted deer, and even wild camels! After crossing more desert terrain, we arrive in Jodhpur, lovingly referred to as the "Blue City ' due to the striking visual of its azure labyrinth of houses pinned against the desert background. We'll be based here for two nights, staying in yet another storied Rajasthani heritage hotel.

Devi Bhawan  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner




Ride 80km  +130m  -196m

## Day 6: Jodhpur Exploration

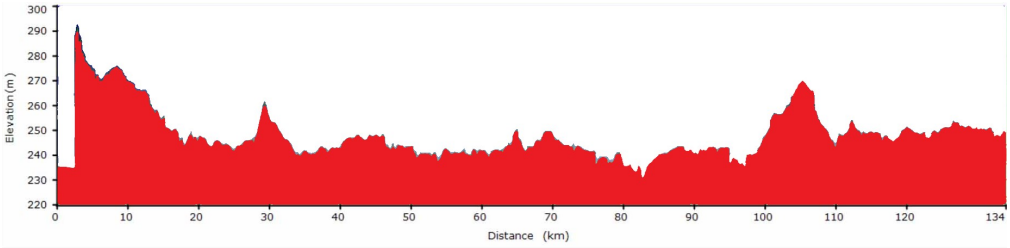
Today we'll give the bikes a rest and explore Jodhpur by car and foot. The fascinating blue city presents photo-ops from nearly every angle, but just wait until we get to the 500 year old Mehrangarh Fort, with sweeping views of the city and landscape beyond. We'll also discover opulence at Umaid Bhawan Palace – a splendid blend of Rajput and Art Deco architecture – before stopping off at Jaswant Thada, a serene marble memorial adorned with intricate carvings. We'll enjoy lunch and the afternoon is yours to relax at the hotel or do some more exploration.

Devi Bhawan  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 7: Jodhpur - Ahore

We transfer 40 km by support vehicle to the village of Rohat where we'll start cycling south. We'll be riding along the main road flanked on both sides by vast fields of millet and bright yellow mustard and we may be passed by the occasional camel carts which are still widely used for transportation. Our route takes us well off the tourist trail and deeper into authentic Rajasthan, giving us a chance to witness the daily life of the rural population who masterfully cultivate crops under harsh, semi-arid conditions. After 80 km of riding, we arrive in the small city of Ahore from where it is only a short distance to our beautiful heritage hotel located in a small village near the seasonal Jawai River.

Ravla Bhenswara  Breakfast

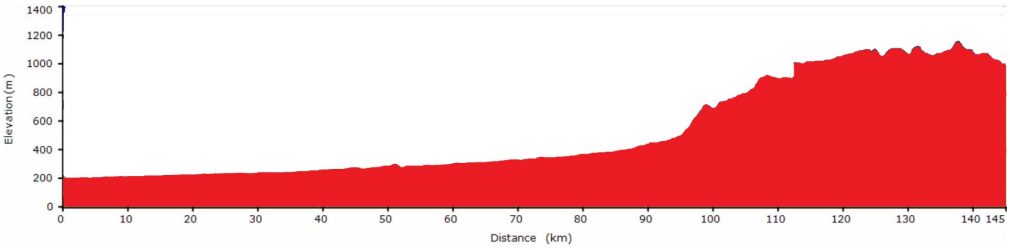



Ride 80km  +224m  -226m

## Day 8: Ahore – Ranakpur Jain Temple – Kumbhalgarh

After breakfast, we'll transfer by vehicle around 90 km east and enjoy a change of scenery. We get on our bikes and notice how the arid plain gradually fills in with forest, as we edge the foothills of the Aravalli mountain range. There are some climbs in our path, but after mostly flat riding so far we're ready for it! After some initial climbing we reach Ranakpur Jain Temple, an impossibly intricate masterpiece carved from marble more than 600 years ago. We'll spend some time here and learn all about Jainism, another fascinating and ancient Indian religion. In the afternoon we'll continue climbing deeper into the Aravalli mountains where the Kumbhalgarh Fort looms majestically over the landscape. We'll be based here for the next two nights, staying at a hotel overlooking the shores of Lake Kelwara and the surrounding hills.

Kumbhalgarh Forest Retreat  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner




Ride 80km  +1460m  -638m

## Day 9: Kumbhalgarh Fort Loop

Based from our hotel, this morning we'll ride a short 20 km loop to Kumbhalgarh Fort. Built in the 15th century, this historic stronghold stands atop the Aravalli hills and is enveloped by a nearly 36-kilometer-long defensive wall. As we approach the fort, its impressive architecture and strategic positioning become evident, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. We'll delve into the rich history of the fort, explore its temples and palaces, and marvel at the engineering prowess that created this UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll also be riding through the nearby village and market. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore more.

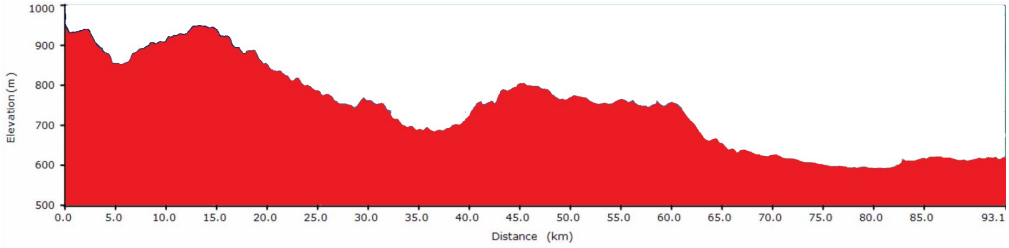
Kumbhalgarh Forest Retreat  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Ride 20km  +137m  -40m

## Day 10: Kumbhalgarh - Udaipur

Time for our last ride of the tour! We will start by cycling along the ridges of the Aravalli hills, taking in the views of the rugged landscape up close, before descending down into the valleys that lead to the city of Udaipur. We'll be enjoying some refreshing downhill sections as well as undulating sections through the countryside. We stop riding at Iswal, the location of an ancient Jain temple. From here we hop in the support vehicle for the final stretch to Udaipur. Known as the "City of Lakes," Udaipur is blessed with beautiful natural scenery and historical architecture that rivals almost anything we have seen on our journey through Rajasthan. We'll save an exploration of the city for the following day as this evening we will be visiting a lakeside haveli (mansion) to attend a regal folk dance performance.

Jaiwana Haveli  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner




Ride 90km  +500m  -776m

## Day 11: Udaipur Exploration

After a long journey through the state of Rajasthan, it's not easy to be awestruck by another historic fort or haveli. However, Udaipur's scenery and architecture are some of the best in all of Rajasthan, and the best has certainly been saved for last! Departing from our hotel, we will walk through the heart of the historic district to visit the ornate City Palace. This architectural masterpiece, overlooking the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola, invites you to explore its intricate courtyards, elegant palaces, and ornate balconies. Immerse yourself in the opulent history of the Mewar dynasty as you wander through opulent rooms adorned with intricate mirror work, vibrant murals, and rich artifacts. The fusion of Rajput and Mughal architecture captures the essence of Udaipur's royal heritage, offering a glimpse into the lives of the erstwhile maharajas and maharanis. In the afternoon you can stroll around the city and visit some markets to pick up any final souvenirs. In the evening we regroup for a final Rajasthani farewell feast!

Jaiwana Haveli  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 12: Udaipur Departure

For those leaving today we'll organize a shared transfer to the airport. Feel free to extend your stay in Udaipur or travel onwards to discover more of incredible India.

Breakfast

Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

## NUTS & BOLTS

### Bikes

Because some people can't imagine going on a trip without their own beloved bicycle, we do not provide them as part of this tour. However, you can hire bikes locally for the price listed in the tour pricing section.

If you bring your own bike, please make sure it is a mountain bike, preferably with front suspension, in good mechanical order.

### Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

### Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

### Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

## THE NITTY GRITTY

### Passports and Visas

Please make sure that your passport is still valid for at least six months at the end of the tour. An electronic visa (e-visa) is available for passport holders of 150 countries including Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA and citizens of EU countries, with the application and the fee submitted at least 4 days before date of arrival. Fees vary depending on nationality. The visa is valid up to 60 days from the date of arrival. Visit here to apply and for the full list of eligible countries. For citizens of countries not specified a visa must be acquired *before* arriving in India. Please contact your local Indian embassy to receive a standard tourist visa. Locations on embassies worldwide are available here.

### Health

There are no compulsory vaccinations although it is strongly recommended that you are vaccinated against Typhoid, and Hepatitis A and B. Tetanus and polio vaccinations should also be up to date at the time of travel. Please speak to your doctor/physician for the most recent information.

### Weather

As India is such a large country, the climate and weather conditions vary across the vast region. However, the country is divided into six main climatic zones ranging from arid desert in the west, alpine tundra and glaciers in the north, and humid tropical in the southwest and the island territories.

We have tours in the following regions

Rajasthan: weather can be divided into four seasons - summer, monsoon, post-monsoon, and winter. Summer from April to June is the hottest season with temperatures ranging from 32C to 45C. Monsoon extends from July to September with a slight drop in temperature but plenty of rain. The post-monsoon period is from October to November where the lowest temperatures can reach as low as 18C. From December to March is the cold season and the best time to visit Rajasthan. Temperatures range from 15C-18C with little or no humidity.

Kerala: mostly has a tropical wet climate, which can be divided into three seasons. Summer is from February to May and is generally hot and humid. Monsoon season begins in June till around October or November. December to January holds the best weather for travel as it is cooler and the rains have subsided.

Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu has a tropical climate with hot weather year-round and an average annual temperature of 24 to 32 degrees Celsius. Summers from April to June are very hot, often above 40 degrees inland. The months from October to March usually have daytime temperatures between 20 and 28 degrees, making this the most pleasant season to visit.

Leh/Ladakh has a cold desert like climate with somewhat extreme conditions. summers bring in harsh direct sunlight at such high altitudes while winters can get as cold as below freezing point. Lowest ever recorded was -23C. May to August is the best time for tourists to enjoy the weather and everything it has to offer.

Sikkim: has a very temperate climate with enjoyable 5 seasons. Depending on the location and altitude, the weather can vary. In Summer, the lowest temperatures reach 13C up to 28°C while in winter Temperature between 0C to 13C. The monsoon season hits around June to September.

### Food

Meals are included in the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, and D = dinner. Any special dietary requirements can also be catered for as well. Please let us know at the time of booking.

### Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Cold water and energy-restoring drinks are included in the tour price while riding. Soft drinks and other beverages during meals are not included. Beer and alcohol are available, but NOT included in the price.

### Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

### Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra dollars a day for incidentals. Included entrance fees are those for the listed sites and national parks that are part of the itinerary. Any other site fees are not included.

### Money

The currency is the Indian rupee (Rs) and there are ATMs in major cities and most towns that take international cards. However, we suggest that you withdraw money at the airport at the start of your tour. During the tour, our guide will inform you of the ATM locations in different cities.

## GENERAL BOOKING INFO

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place:

### FLEXIBLE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking a SpiceRoads cycling adventure is easy and we try to do everything possible to make sure you have full flexibility and peace of mind. We do not require a deposit to hold your place on a tour and once full payment has been made your money is protected in our client account and you have the flexibility to cancel or change your booking if needed.

### CONFIRMING YOUR BOOKING

Just complete our online booking form or send your booking details offline (email or post), and we will confirm your participation. No deposit is needed to confirm your place on a SpiceRoads tour.

You are advised to read our Booking Conditions in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please email us or call our office.

### TRIP STATUS

There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If the trip status is 'Limited' will mean we have only a small number of spaces available for booking. If you are unsure about the trip status, please email us or call our office.

## BOOKING ONLINE

From the tour page, click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. For the next steps, you'll need to know the names of the people travelling. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height (for bike hire), or you can add that later by logging into Manage My Trip (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). Our system will contact you from time to time to fill in the missing information, as it will be required before departure. However, if the trip that you are booking offers a child discount, you will have to fill out the date of birth of each rider (so we can calculate the appropriate discount).

If you are having any problems please send us an email, or give us a call (+66 026 3295) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

## BOOKING OFFLINE

Just call us or send an email indicating which trip you want to join and we will happily send you a list of questions and process your booking for you.

## DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

We do not require a deposit or full payment to book a place for you on a tour.

The balance of the tour's cost (final invoice) will need to be paid 60 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights.

In the case where a booking is made when there are less than 60 days until the tour departure date, the tour's cost should be paid in full within 72 hours of receiving an invoice from SpiceRoads. Payment can be made by credit card using our online payment gateway or by bank transfer. When making payment online you will need to confirm that you have read these booking conditions during the "checkout" process, which equates to agreeing to the terms of services and stipulations as indicated in this document.

In all cases, tour fees need to be paid "in full" before participation in a tour. No person(s) will be allowed to join a tour without fully settling their invoice and receiving a confirmation number from SpiceRoads.

The exception can be made for last-minute miscellaneous fees that can be paid locally (visas, additional local hotel bookings, etc.) can be settled on the day of arrival.

## FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR TOUR CANCELATIONS

If the tour is cancelled or postponed by SpiceRoads because we didn't make the trip numbers and the tour can't run, we will make a full cash refund (by bank transfer or on your credit card).

If the tour is cancelled for any other reason, including due to Covid related travel restrictions, we will give you a full credit (with no deductions for admin or any other small-print item) to use on any SpiceRoads tour with no time limit. (Exceptions being flights, special permits and other non-refundable items and these will be advised when booking the trip).

Before paying for your tour, you can cancel your booking with no charge and up until 40 days before departure, you can change your booking to another travel date or move your booking onto another SpiceRoads tour with no charges.

If you need to cancel after you have made full payment, please see our cancellation policy.

### Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us, we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for a loyalty discount.

### International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your travel insurance that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

### Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from SpiceRoads, be sure to subscribe.

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