

# *Pushkar fair 2018*

## **Pushkar Fair Horse Safari 10 nights - 11days**



**The arrangements to be made by travel agency.  
Are printed in blue. Not included in our cost**

**Day 1 Fly to New Delhi arrival airport transfer to hotel .To be arranged and costed by travel agency.**

**Day 2 Jaipur Airport to Nawalgarh**

Fly to Jaipur If you arrive by a morning flight at Jaipur [now Etihad Airways connects from London And Paris arriving into Jaipur at 4 AM in the morning] then you could reach Jaipur on 1<sup>st</sup> November and drive on to Nawalgarh 3.5 hours . THUS saving a costly night at Delhi. You could visit Delhi on the way out. Now direct international flights to Jaipur via Abu Dhabi / Dubai.

## **Day 2 Delhi / Nawalgarh**

**morning drive to nawalgarh 6 - 7 hrs. from Delhi or 3.5 hrs from Jaipur to be arranged by travel agency.**

**If the riders arrive into Jaipur we shall arrange a pick up and transfer to Nawalgarh**

Nawalgarh in the Shekhawati region in Rajasthan's districts of Jhunjhunu & Sikar, known for the painting houses or " Havelis " of its wealthy merchant class, the Marwaris. This region could be called the open-air art gallery of Rajasthan. The drive to Shekhawati is through picturesque village and farms.

Founded in 1737 AD. by Thakur Nawal Singh, a warrior statesman, whose name is enshrined in history and folklore. The town exudes an old world charm and the colorful bazaar has the largest number of painted Havelis in Shekhawati.

Royal Welcome on arrival at the Roop Niwas Kothi with flower garlands, folk music, horses camels and a non alcoholic welcome drink. The Kothi lies just a kilometer from the town and is a fascinating blend of European and Rajput style of architecture. The Kothi has lovely, spacious lawns, a billiard room and a swimming pool.

### **Overnight Roop Niwas Kothi.**

## **Day 3 Nawalgarh**

Morning meet at the stables for tea, distribution of welcome gifts then ride around the palace grounds to choose your horse. Detail briefing of the tour and introduction talk on the arid region ecology followed by Lunch.

Ride out with picnic Tea to the country side.

Overnight at Roop Niwas Kothi, Nawalgarh.

## **Day 4 Nawalgarh**

Morning ride out with Picnic Breakfast followed by visit to various farms and meet village folk.

Afternoon sightseeing of Nawalgarh town visiting havelies with painting and fresco.

Overnight at Roop Niwas Kothi, Nawalgarh.

## **Day 5 Nawalgarh / Parasrampura / Lohargal ( 34Km.)**

**Today we start the cross country safari programme.**

Morning ride in southeast direction to Lohargal. You follow a dry riverbed with lots of Acacia bushes. The view of Aravali range in the distance makes the ride very scenic. Picnic lunch in Acacia cluster near Parasrampura. Where lunch has been transported by Jeep, which also carries folk musicians. After lunch you move towards the Aravali mountains range. At the foothills of Aravalli's is the Pilgrim town of Lohargal. It is said Bhima the strongest of the five pandav brothers, one of the heroes of the epic Mahabharat, had his mace cast here. Hence, the name 'Lohargal', meaning iron smelting. This is also a place of Hindu pilgrimage. Amidst the many old step wells and ruined old structures is the Birla Rest house facing a 2500ft Sheer rock face. In the grounds are many Banyan trees where our horses and kitchen tents are placed. Guests use the rooms, which are furnished by our camp equipment. Overnight Birla Rest House

**Day 6 Lohargal / Rewasa / Shyamgarh NON RIDING DAY . Sight seeing on way the rewasa temple and kochor village.**

Morning riders are taken by JEEP in the southwest direction in order to cross the new 6 lane free way(JAIPUR-BIKANER).We do not consider it safe for rider to cross this free way on horse/the newly fenced forest area. via a mountain pass at Roopgarh, Rides will go past village Ghatwa, Here a famous battle had taken place between Rao Shekha and Gour Rajputs where twenty five thousand men laid their lives. The area is still known "Godati" the area of "Gaur" the erstwhile rulers. Lunch is at a ancient water hole. Later drive to you camp, set on the backdrop of Shyamgarh fort surrounded by Ker bushes. Overnight at Camp. The horses have been moved by boxes .

**Day 7 Shyamgarh / Bhagwanpura / Nawa Salt Lake (42 Kms)**

Morning ride towards Nawa Salt Lake. This ride is the most picturesque part of this Safari. After lunch the ride takes you around the periphery of the 100 Sq. Kms Salt lake. You will be coming across many shepherds and sheep flocks around you during riding. Not to be missed are the beautiful sunrise and sunsets while at this camp site. Overnight at Camp.

**Day 8 Nawa Salt Lake / Salemabad ( 45 kms )**

Today we ride through the Salt Lake for 8 to 10 km then follow a stony track along mountain ranges to reach your lunch spot Paner. After lunch you ride into farming and Sheep County to reach your camp that has been set up in a dry

water catchments area with a backdrop of “Kuncha” grass and picturesque Aravali Mountain in the back ground. This was the territory of the erstwhile maharaja state of kishengarh. The remaining Ajmer AJMER region being governed directly by the British. The people of Ajmer region have colourful dresses and ornate noticeable bright colored turbans.

Overnight Camp.



### **Day 9 Salemabad / Babicha / Mayapur ( 35 kms )**

Most farmers are from Gujar community with colourful dresses. En route you will visit a Gujar Shepard’s home. After lunch ride into a valley to go through a mountain pass and ravines to reach your last campsite.

Overnight Camp.

### **Day 10 Mayapur / Charanwas / Pushkar**

Today we ride about 25 kms and arriving finally at Pushkar which is surrounded by Orchards and Rose farms. Pushkar is famous for typical Pink Indian roses that have a strong aroma. You arrive in Holy village of Pushkar by Late afternoon Pushkar has smooth spread of white-domed houses and temples reflected in a tranquil lake.

On arrival visit the Pushkar Camel and Cattle Fair grounds. The fair takes place each November when traders and pilgrims flock to Pushkar for livestock trading, camel display and other festivities, culminating with people gathering at dawn to take a dip in the holy waters on the night of the Full Moon (Kartik Poornima). Pushkar is a festival of sound and colour and provides excellent

opportunity for photography.

Overnight at Tourist Tented Camp, Pushkar

## Day 11 Pushkar

In Pushkar explore the incredible camel & cattle fair. Ride morning and evening with Safari leader Shri. Devendra Singh ji .

Overnight at Tourist Tented Camp, Pushkar

## Day 12

Morning visit the fair and then drive to onward destination OR Jaipur the pink city. Arrangements can be made at **additional cost** for travel and stay at Dera Mandawa , a heritage boutique hotel which offers 8 suites to guests . This is also my home !!

## TOUR COST

- 1. SERVICES AT DELHI AND TRANSPORT FROM DELHI TO NAWALGARH**  
Meeting and assistance on arrival at Delhi airport transfer to hotel. After breakfast on the following day drive 6 ½ hours to Roopniwas Kothi, Nawalgarh., to be arranged and costed by travel agency . As also the travel from Jaipur to Delhi on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 evening or overnight stay at Jaipur.
- 2. All arrangements starting from arrival in Nawalgarh - all meals for entire tour and our standard services are included in package cost.**  
Per rider 156000 Rs. net per person (no single supplement for Accommodation at Roop Niwas Kothi or in safari camps).
- 3. Tented Accommodation at Pushkar Fair for two nights inclusive of all meals at Rajasthan Tourism or equivalent Camp. ( we camp as horse riders, all tourists have to put up in camps set-up specially for them as per govt. rules )**  
Rs. 12000 x 02 nights = Rs. 24000 net on twin sharing basis.  
Rs. 20000 x 02 nights = Rs. 40000 net IF SINGLE TENT USED.

**Total Cost > 2+3= Rs. 1,80,000 net per person on Twin Sharing.**

**Single room supplement for accommodation at Pushkar. Rs. 16000**

net **Cost of arrival in Delhi, hotel and transfer to nawalgarh and Jaipur to Delhi airport to be costed and provided by travel agency.**

4. Non – rider spouses/ friends could join the safari traveling in 4 WD jeep with an English speaking escort. They occasionally cross the riding route and are with the riders at picnic lunch and again at the safari camp.

Cost is less for Safari portion.

**Non rider 2 + 3 = 1,64,400 Rs. net.**

**Single room supplement if non rider Rs. 16000 net.**

## **INCLUDED IN THIS COST**

1. All meals from day two lunch to Breakfast of day twelve .
2. Services of grooms to look after horses
3. Accompanying English speaking safari leader escort .
4. Accompanying 4 WD jeep to carry hand baggage , baggage , icebox with beverages etc
5. Campfire, folk music entertainment everyday at the camps
6. Guide and entrance tickets at Nawalgarh.
7. Unlimited actual consumption of mineral water and soft drink from the entire tour from arrival in Nawalgarh till departure from Pushkar.
8. The costing of pushkar stay is included in our quote .

P. S: Our deluxe camps on safari have fully furnished oriental tents which have regular camp cots with complete bed linen, floor covering, chairs, adjoining toilet and bath tents. Towels, soap hot water provided for bath morning and evening.

Regular dining tents with sit down arrangements. All meals have a choice of Indian and continental dishes. At Pushkar the riders stay at tourist camps approved by the government. We camp with our Horses has horse breeders in fair grounds. The tourist camps have attached toilet / showers with running water and electricity.

## **COST DOES NOT INCLUDE**

1. Beverages, mineral water at pushkar camp.
2. Insurance, medication or expenses of personal nature laundry etc.

## **Useful Items the riders should bring**

1. Soft water bottle for the saddle bag.
2. Riding cap or helmet.
3. Sheep skin for saddle.
4. Small torch or flash light.
5. Sun hat and sun cream

6. Bathe gown for ladies .( bath tent is adjoining accom tents)
7. Lightweight raincoat.
8. Leather chaps.
9. Camera battery charger with a cigarette lighter lead (our jeep has two sockets working by jeep battery).

### **WE PROVIDE**

1 saddle bags

2 All necessities like toilet paper, soaps, shampoo, linen towels.  
While at lunch sleeping station with rugs, pillows, flipflops, shoe jacks ...seating chairs.

Riders should give us their weight, Height, and riding capability. The Pushkar safari entails longer rides and should be taken by fit and proficient riders only. The riders are advised to ride regularly before coming for the safari.