

# Photo Tours India's "Desert Dreams"

10 days trip to Rajasthan

January 26 - February 4, 2010



## **Objectives**

The main objective is to bring out the essence of Rajasthan in every frame. From heartwarming sand dunes to the majestic forts & palaces, you've everything at your disposal. 'Photo Tours India' will provide you with maximum possible stunning locations at the right time; so that you can concentrate on photography. Workshops at the end of most of the day's shoot will help you to capture the moments better every next day.

## **Dates**

January 26 – February 4, 2009

## **Pre-requisites**

Nothing much, all you need to have a camera (preferably a digital one) and passion for photography. Be prepared for waking up at the wee hours of the day or sleeping on the sand dunes under the sky; but certainly your images will be worth taking the pain. Well, it would be fun too!

## **Recommended gear & accessories**

It will be cold, especially at night. Therefore, don't forget to pack your woolens, cap and a pair of gloves. A pair of snicker would be helpful to walk on the sand dunes.

For your camera & lenses, make sure you have the body cover & lens cover to save your gear from dust. You can use any lens, from an ultra wide to shoot the landscape to the medium telephoto to shoot people on street.

## **Itinerary**

### **January 26, 2010 – Day 1**

05:30 AM – Meet at MCA ground, Bandra. We will start at 06:00 AM sharp in a *Toyota Innova* which will with us for the entire tour.

Breakfast & lunch will be on the way and we will stay overnight at Ahmedabad.

### **January 27, 2010 – Day 2**

06:00 AM – Start from Ahmedabad, breakfast on the way.

10:00 AM – Reach Mount Abu & rest of the day spend at Mount Abu shooting different locations.

Lunch & Dinner at hotel at Mount Abu.

### **January 28, 2010 – Day 3**

06:00 AM – Start from Mount Abu, breakfast on the way.

10:00 AM – Reach Jodhpur – rest of the day spend at Jodhpur shooting different locations.

Lunch & dinner at hotel at Jodhpur.

### **January 29, 2010 – Day 4**

06:00 AM – Start from Jodhpur, breakfast on the way.

10:00 AM – Reach Jaisalmer. We will check into a hotel in city and after lunch we will shoot at Jaisalmer festival.

### **January 30, 2010 – Day 5**

06:00 AM – We will go out to shoot the Godi Sagar Lake & Patwon-ji ki haveli in the morning light.  
Breakfast on the way.

01:00 PM – We will leave hotel & check-in to a desert camp 38 KMs from Jaisalmer city.

03:00 PM – We will shoot the closing ceremony (camel race is the main attraction) on the desert – which is near to the camp we will stay.

08:30 PM – Enjoy the folk music & dance at the camp followed by dinner.

### **January 31, 2010 – Day 6**

06:00 AM – We will shoot the great Jaisalmer Fort in the morning light. Breakfast on the way & lunch at the camp.

03:00 PM – We will start for our desert safari on camelback to a secluded sand dunes area. Extensive photography session with the sunset on the sand dunes with the camels.

Dinner will be served on the sand dunes on camp fire; we will spend the night under the sky on bedrolls.

### **February 1, 2010 – Day 7**

Early morning photography with sunrise on the desert & the camels. We will come back to the camp to freshen-up ourselves.

08:30 AM – After breakfast at the camp, leave Jaisalmer and start for Udaipur. Lunch on the way and will reach Udaipur by evening or late evening. Overnight stay at Udaipur.

### **February 2, 2010 – Day 8**

08:00 AM – After breakfast, leave for Chittaurgarh – whole day photography at Chittaurgarh and come back to Udaipur for overnight stay. Lunch at Chittaurgarh & dinner at Udaipur.

### **February 3, 2010, Day 9**

Breakfast at hotel and we will spend shooting different places at Udaipur, the lake city. We will cover the important lakes and the palace. Dinner & overnight stay at Udaipur.

### **February 4, 2010, Day 10**

06:00 AM – We will start for Mumbai. Breakfast, lunch & dinner (if need be) will be served on the way at best available places and at suitable time.

We will reach Mumbai by late evening/night.

Tour ends.

## General notes

- We will try our best to maintain the given itinerary, but if the roads are not accessible for any reason, then we need to take different routes to different places. But surely, there will be productive days of photography even if we can't reach any of the mentioned places.
- The cost of mineral water is included when we are on the roads for more than 4 hours.
- Rajasthan is a mostly conservative, please respect values of the local people. Please avoid wearing revealing outfits, avoid taking photographs of the local people without permission.
- Please inform your tour manager if you are facing any problem within the tour. We would be more than happy to help you.
- This trip is only for 6 photographers. Seats will be booked on first-come first-served basis.

## Price

The price for this trip is Rs. 33,000/- (Thirty Three Thousand INR) only. You can book your seat by paying Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand INR) by December 20, 2010 and the balance by January 10, 2010.

This price includes the followings:

- All transfers from Mumbai by AC coach.
- Accommodation at Hotels in Ahmedabad, Mount Abu, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer & Udaipur. One night at Camp at Jaisalmer and one night on the sand dunes.
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner for all these days; starting breakfast on January 26 to the lunch of February 4, 2010. If need be, the dinner for February 4 will also be served at no extra cost.
- All permits & passes.
- All monument (forts, palaces, etc.) charges (including still camera charges, not video camera).

**Entry form**

**Photography tour to Rajasthan**

**January 26, 2010 – February 4, 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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PIN Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Blood group: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-existing illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

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Allergic to (food, vegetable, medicine, etc, if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Next to kin (name & relationship): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Food preference:  Vegetarian       Non-Vegetarian

Payment mode:  Direct Bank Deposit (HDFC Bank)  Cash  Credit Card

I do hereby agree to all the terms & conditions mentioned here and the information provided here by myself are from best of my knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

### Instructions to fill up the entry form

- Please print the last 2 pages of this file (page 6 & 7), i.e., the entry form and this page, fill all the points in as detail as possible, paste a passport size photograph at the top-right corner of the form, then courier it to:  
**Anirban Biswas**  
**301, Shiv Darshan,**  
**Sector – 19, Plot # 90,**  
**Kharghar, Navi Mumbai – 410210,**  
**Maharashtra, India.**
- Please write a mail to [tours@phototours.in](mailto:tours@phototours.in) after sending the filled up form and let us know your chosen payment mode. We will send you the Bank A/C number or the link to pay by Credit Card accordingly.
- Please don't forget to sign on both the pages where it's marked as 'Signature'.

### Terms & Conditions

1. The mentioned cost does not include any expense of personal nature, laundry or any beverages.
2. The tour will be originated from Mumbai and will end at Mumbai. Cost of travelling to Mumbai & back to the hometown from Mumbai (if the participant is not from Mumbai) of the participants is not included in the cost.
3. Charges for video camera (if any) will be borne by the participants.
4. We (Photo Tours India) assume no responsibility for accidents or injury to individuals participating in the "Desert Dreams" photography tour.
5. We cannot assume any liability whatsoever for injury, sickness, damage, death, loss, theft, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence of or default of any travel agent, hotel, carrier, restaurant, company, airline, or person rendering any of the services included in the "Desert Dreams" photography tour, or by act of God, act of war or terrorism. Further, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage, changes or delays due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or other causes beyond our personal control.
6. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions and schedule changes, forced stopovers, rerouting or acts of any governments or authority.
7. We reserve the right to decline or accept any person as a member of any tour or to cancel or alter the tour without notice.
8. This tour is open for only 6 participants. We cannot accommodate more than 6 and seats will be booked on first come first serve basis. The tour will be cancelled if there are less than 5 confirmed bookings.
9. Place in this tour can be booked by paying Rs. 10,000 (Ten Thousand INR) by December 20, 2010. The balance amount must be paid by January 10, 2010 to get a confirmed seat.
10. All cancellation requests will be entertained till January 10, 2010 with a deduction of 20% of the booking amount. No cancellation request will be entertained after January 10, 2010 and no refund request will be entertained thereafter.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature