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*CASTLES-PALACES AND
MUD WALL VILLAGES OF RAJASTAN
FEATURING: PUSHKAR CAMEL FAIR*

NOVEMBER 12 TO 27TH, 2012



OFFERINGS FOR THE TAJ

Dear Photo Traveler:

Join me on a photographic journey through timeless Rajasthan. Located in the western region of India, Rajasthan is India at her colorful best.

Rajasthan has been the land of the maharajas and their nobles. They gave their best attention to their residence by building palaces and forts, which have been converted into luxury hotels. One highlight of this photo tour is experiencing royal life by staying in several of these magnificent palaces and forts.

Tribal women wear beautiful and simply crafted jewelry and

seem to shimmer in the sunlight with their colorful saris. Men too wear their share of ornaments in the form of chokers and earrings.

Much has been written about Jaisalmer, however, nothing can prepare the visitor for the sheer magic and brilliance of this desert city. Here is a city that seems to rise out of the desert haze, its yellow sandstone walls and bastions taking on a golden hue in the afternoon sun.

This photo tour features the spectacular Pushkar Camel Fair. The sand-dunes of Pushkar are covered with hundreds of thousands of colorful dressed Rajastani people. They bring with them thousands of camels, cattle and horses for the 5 days of the fair.

Special care has been taken in designing this itinerary. It offers a variety of interests, to both the traveler and photographer. It is suggested that you give this photo tour your consideration as soon as possible as it will be limited to 6 participants.

Thank you.

Marty Malgieri

DAY 1 AND 2

Depart USA with arrival in Delhi in the evening of Day #2. I will meet the group at the arrival building at the Delhi Airport, private transfer is provided to our hotel.

DELHI: SUNSTAR GRAND

DAY 3, DELHI-MANDAWA

After a leisurely breakfast we have a group discussion of the



itinerary. Later we depart for the Shekhavati region of Rajasthan (approx 6 hour drive). Situated along the old camel caravan trade routes are the ancestral homes of some of India's leading industrial families. Our accommodations are in the fantastic Royal Castle of Mandawa.

**MANDAWA: MANDAWA ROYAL CASTLE
(B L D)**

DAY 4, MANDAWA

We spend the morning in Mandawa for sightseeing and photographing the sandstone desert palaces. Afternoon at leisure.

MANDAWA: MANDAWA ROYAL CASTLE (B L D)

DAY 5, MANDAWA-KHIMSAR

This morning we drive into rural India towards Khimsar. The royal castle of Khimsar which has been converted into a luxury hotel, will serve as our luxury accommodations. Colorful dressed attendants and snake charmers wait for us to photograph them.

KHIMSAR: ROYAL CASTLE OF KHIMSAR (B L D)

DAY 6, KHIMSAR-JAISALMER

An early morning departure takes us to the walled citadel of Jaisalmer. Set in a sea of golden tinged sand, Jaisalmer is a vision of another world. The entire living area lies within the gigantic walls of the fort. Along our way, stops are made to visit and photograph small desert villages. Our accommodations in Jaisalmer are in a magnificent sand stone palace.

**JAISALMER: MANDIR PALACE
(B L D)**



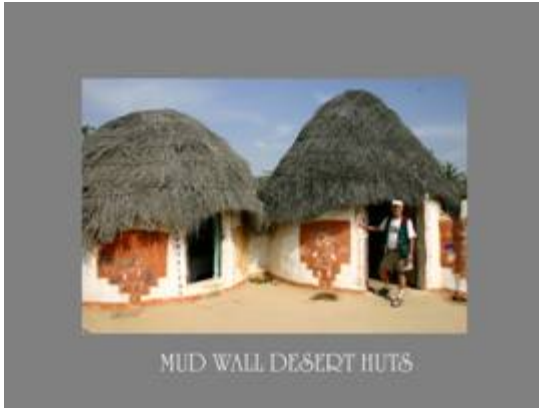
DAY 7, JAISALMER

This morning takes us to Gadi Sagar Lake where our models are waiting to be photographed along temples and pavilions as they gently reflect in the clear water of the lake. Later we visit the citadel of the desert, Jaisalmer. Walk along narrow winding streets and view a unique way of life. Later we visit the magnificent sand-stone palaces. With intricate carved windows and balconies these are truly breathtaking to photograph.

JAISALMER: MANDIR PALACE (B L D)

DAY 8, JAISALMER-KHURI

The morning is at leisure to pursue personal interests. After lunch we enjoy an excursion to the desert village of Khuri. The outer walls of the mud-wall houses are



embellished with colorful designs. The highlight of our visit is a short camel safari unto the giant sand dunes.

Our colorfully dressed camel drivers, along with their camels, are our models as we photograph the sunset over the giant sand dunes. We return to Khuri and enjoy a wonderful dinner while being entertained by local musicians.



Desert Journey

JAISALMER: MANDIR PALACE (B L D)

DAY 9, JAISALMER-ROHET

This morning we depart for the desert region of Rohet. Photo stops will be made along our drive. Our accommodations are in the beautiful desert palace of Rohet-Garh. This beautiful palace has intricate carved pavilions, a beautiful landscaped garden and a magnificent swimming pool.

ROHET: ROHET-GARH LODGE (B L D)

DAY 10, ROHET

This morning we enjoy an excursion to Jodhpur. Known as the

blue city, it is completely dominated by a magnificent fort. We photograph the fort (outside only). After a short walking tour of Jodhpur and we enjoy refreshments while we visit with a local family. We return to Rohet-Garh for lunch.

Afternoon at leisure.

ROHET: ROHET-GARH LODGE (B L D)

DAY 11, ROHET-PUSHKAR FAIR

This morning we we drive to one of the holiest sites in India, Pushkar. This small desert town clings to the side of a beautiful lake lined with many temples. Pilgrims visit Pushkar to bathe in the lake's holy water. Our travels are timed for the colorful Pushkar Fair.

The sand dunes, surrounding Pushkar, are covered with thousands of colorful dressed people bringing with them thousands of camels and cattle to attend the annual fair, the largest in India. Our accommodations at the fair will be in safari type tents with attached bathing and toilet facilities.

PUSHKAR: SAFARI TENTS (B L D)

Day 12, PUSHKAR FAIR



Sunset at Pushkar Fair

We have the entire day to enjoy and photograph the exciting Pushkar Fair.

PUSHKAR: SAFARI TENTS (B L D)

DAY 13, PUSHKAR-JAIPUR

This morning we travel to the pink city of Jaipur. We photograph

the magnificent Palace of the Wind. Five stories high, but only one room wide, this magnificent palace glows in the sunlight. We ride a handsome bedecked elephant to the Amber Fort. (Subject to availability) Behind high walls are beautiful pavilions and palaces, which will be ours to enjoy and photograph.

JAIPUR: ALISAR HAVELI (B L D)

Day 14, JAIPUR-AGRA

This morning we drive to the city of the Taj Mahal, Agra. In the afternoon we have a fantastic photo excursion across the river to photograph the Taj Mahal as it reflects in the holy waters of the Jamuna River. The evening sunlight bathes this weaver of dreams in a golden glow of light.

AGRA: JAYPEE PALACE HOTEL (B L D)

DAY 15, AGRA-DELHI



This morning is devoted to visit & photograph the most beautiful building in the world, the Taj Mahal. It was built in 1631 by Shah Jahan to enshrine the remains of his queen Muntaz Mahal. The white marble memorial of an emperor's undying love for his queen took 22 years and 20 thousand workers to complete. After lunch we depart for Delhi...
DELHI: SUNSTAR GRAND (B L D)

DAY 16, DELHI

This morning we photograph the onion-domed Jama Masjid mosque, the most beautiful and elegant mosque in India. Also included is the golden domed Gurdwara Sikh temple as it beautifully reflects in a large pool of water that surrounds the

temple complex.

Afternoon at leisure for last moment shopping.

Late evening departure for our flight back to the USA.

DELHI: SUNSTAR GRAND (B)

COST FOR THE ENCLOSED TOUR:

Please call (215) 969-1589

or Email: martysphototours@hotmail.com

for specific costs and details.

This tour is based on the minimum of 6 participants. If the number is 4-5 persons, a surcharge will be necessary in order to run the tour. A notification will be sent in advance if this is necessary.

NOTE: Any member occupying a single room, whether by choice or circumstances Will be charged the single supplement.

TOUR COST INCLUDES

Accommodations at hotels mentioned or in similar class.

Meals as listed.

Transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned motor coach

All hotel taxes and service charges.

Tips and gratuities to porters, waiters and bellboys.

The handling of one regular size piece of luggage per person

Entrance Fees (except at the Taj Mahal)

Photography fees for one still camera

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Departure taxes and visa fees (A VISA IS REQUIRED FOR INDIA)

Meals, other than those listed,

beverages such as mineral water, alcohol

or personal items such as laundry, telephone calls etc.
Entrance fees to the Taj Mahal
Tips and gratuities to driver and helper
(Suggested approx \$7.00 per day for driver, \$5.00 per day for helper),
Services not mentioned in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION FEES (LAND ONLY)

60 – days ----- \$100.00
59 - 45 days ----- \$150.00
44 - 22 days----- 35%
21 - 14 days ----- 50%
13 - 1 day ----- 100%

CANCELLATION: AIR PORTION Subject to airline policy

CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS RECOMMENDED. YOU MAY USE ANY COMPANY THAT OFFERS THIS SERVICE. IN CASE OF A CLAIM, THE TRAVELER NEEDS TO CONTACT THE INSURANCE PROVIDER DIRECTLY.

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RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE RESERVE SPACE FOR THE RAJASTAN PHOTO TOUR AS FOLLOWS

NOVEMBER 12 TO 27TH, 2012

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP-CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. HOME: _____

WORK: _____

CELL: _____

SINGLE ROOM: YES NO

Please fill out and with your deposit of \$500.00 for each traveler and mail to:

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