



**Osian Dunes & Nagaur Fair Ride,  
Rajasthan, India,  
24<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020**

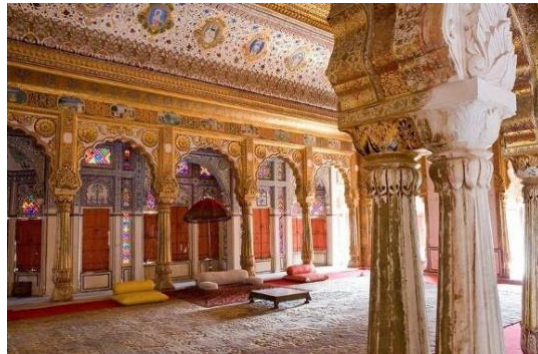
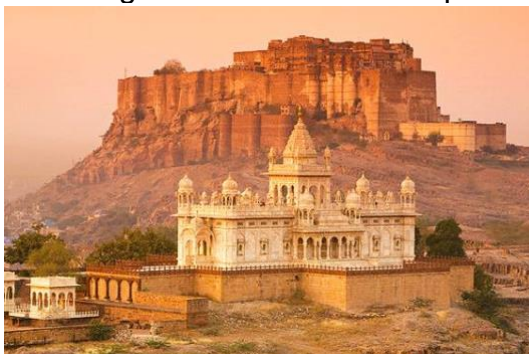
The ride starts and ends at Jodhpur, this city can be reached by internal flights from Mumbai or Delhi, which are International Airports, or by train or road. We can help you with internal arrangements to/from the start/end of this ride at extra cost.

**Day 1 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Arrive Jodhpur.

Afternoon sightseeing Mehrangarh Fort.

Mehrangarh Fort stands a hundred feet in splendour on a perpendicular cliff, four hundred feet above the sky line of Jodhpur. Burnished red sand stone, imposing, invincible and yet with a strange haunting beauty that beckons. Much has been written about the Citadel of the Sun, for truly, it is one of the most impressive in all Rajasthan. So colossal are its proportions that Rudyard Kipling called it “the work of giants”. Today, it is acknowledged as one of the best preserved fort in India.



Overnight: Hotel

**Day 2 – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Morning: Visit to the clock tower and markets.

After lunch, short transfer to our camp at Mathania and to meet the horses for an evening trial ride.

Overnight: Tented Camp



### **Day 3 – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Full day ride Mathania to Osian

Today we ride North West, making our way over the dunes, passing small mud huts and hamlets, taking in the vistas from the edge of the Great Thar Desert of Rajasthan.

We stop for a picnic lunch and little siesta, before heading off again to reach our next camp on the outskirts of Osian.



Overnight: Tented Camp

### **Day 4 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Full day ride Osian to Hacra.

Today we start to head deeper into the dunes. You will see the local huts with thatched roofs as well as the scrub of desert vegetation, acacia bushes etc. We may encounter wild Nilgai and black buck, as well as other flora and fauna local to this desert environment. We arrive at our tented camp close to the community hamlet of Hacra. In the evening a local desert guide will tell the history of the area you have been riding in.



Overnight: Tented Camp

### **Day 5 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

Full Day ride Hacra to Cullu

Today we ride North, the sand is deeper but your trusted Marwari have a stamina not known in other breeds; they are desert horses and you are riding in the heart of their Marwar district, from where their name derives.



Overnight: Tented Camp

### **Day 6 – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Full day ride Cullu to Khichan

Our final day riding. By now you will have built up a partnership with your horse and we can take full advantage of the open sands!

Khichan is also famous for the Demoiselle cranes that visit during the winter season (Oct to March). The birds migrate here from the Mongolian steppes and at the peak (Dec, Jan, Feb) the numbers reach over 10,000 which is a sight to see!



Overnight : Tented Camp

### **Day 7 – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Early morning visit and rooftop breakfast to watch the Demoiselle Cranes coming in to feed.

Mid Morning: say goodbye to the horses and transfer to visit the Nagaur Fair. All day exploring the sights and sounds of the Fair. The Jodhpur Nagaur Fair is the second biggest fair in India. The fair goes on for seven days.

It is popularly known as the Cattle fair of Nagaur. This is because the Nagaur Fair is mainly all about trading of animals. Approximately 70,000 bullocks, camels and horses are traded every year in this fair. The animals lavishly decorated and even their owners dress up wearing colorful turbans and long moustaches. Other trading in the Fair consists of sheep to Marwari horses to spices. Some other attractions include the Mirchi bazaar (largest red-chilly market of India), wooden items, iron-crafts and camel leather accessories.



Overnight: Hotel

### **Day 8 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Daybreak visit to the fair to catch the 'golden hour' light ~ perfect for atmospheric photographs, and wander through the tents watching the fair wake up.

Lunchtime: Departure by road back to Jodhpur.

Overnight: Hotel

### **Day 9 – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Breakfast and departure for onward destination.

End of trip/...



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

### What is included:

- Full Board.
- Mineral Water, and small selection of alcoholic drinks on the ride.
- Horses, grooms, saddlery and transport / care thereof.
- Ride leader: Dr Rao Ajeet Singh
- Internal transfers by road during the ride
- Sightseeing tickets

### What is NOT included:

- International and Internal flights
- Indian Visa costs
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, shopping etc)
- Drinks in hotels.
- Tips

**NB: We reserve the right to alter the itinerary or accommodation, and change horses where necessary, but will keep you informed at all times.**

Ride start / end:	Start at Jodhpur. End at Jodhpur
Timescale:	9 days, 8 nights, 4½ days riding
Riding Ability*:	Novice / Intermediate / Advanced *riders should be confident in canter on open ground
Rider Max Weight:	90kg / 200lbs / 14 stone
Group Size:	Minimum 2, Maximum 12
Riding per day:	4-6 hours
Pace:	Slow/Moderate/Fast according to terrain and group riding ability
Tack:	Indian Sawar saddles
Horses:	Marwari breed, typically between 15 – 16hh of slight build.
Riding Hat:	We thoroughly recommend you wear a riding hat that meets current safety standards.