Jaipur

From magnificent forts to the best of modern luxury, from vibrant performative arts to centuries of history, from handicrafts that have left their mark on the world to stately jewellery everyone desires, Jaipur offers all and more. Come, embark on a kaleidoscopic journey when you visit the marvellous Pink City!

The popular local attractions of Jaipur include places like Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Jal Mahal, Jantar Mantar, Albert Hall Museum and Govind Ji Temple among others. Include all these places in your itinerary for a complete Jaipur experience.

Studded with massive hilltop forts and mesmerising palatial residences, well-laid gardens, and wonders in stone, Jaipur is topped off with a sprinkling of heartwarming Rajasthani hospitality. Discover this oasis of colours in the desert, when you shop for trinkets and handicrafts at Chaura Rasta and Tripolia Bazar; be mesmerised by the marvels of Amber Fort- explore what it was like to be a Rajput king or queen as you stroll through the corridors of the Amber Fort. This 17th-century fort is surely one of the top reasons to visit Jaipur. Consisting of 950 windows, Hawa Mahal is a 5-storey high sandstone structure which was constructed in such a way that it is always blessed with cool breeze no matter what the weather is! Visit the Hawa Mahal to appreciate an Indian architectural marvel!

Jaipur, the Pink City, has attracted filmmakers from across the globe. Once the iconic anthem of the youth “Masti ki Pathshala” from ‘Rang De Basanti’ was shot at the Nahargarh Fort of Jaipur. Amer Fort has been a quite preferred choice for the directors of Jodha Akbar and Veer and Shuddh Desi Romance. Some other movies that were shot in Jaipur were Bol Bacchan, Bhool Bhulaiya, both shot at the Chomu Palace.

Come March and an all new life is unleashed on the city with the celebrations of the Elephant Festival which commence with a pompous procession of elephants, the folk of dancers, camels and horses. One can enjoy the Rajasthani folk dance and music performances which are also a part of the celebration. Don't forget to gorge on some Rajasthani delicacies, bite into some delicious bajre ki roti or dal bati churma. And do go on a shopping spree when you visit Jaipur.

Get a taste of ‘king size’ life when you visit the City Palace-this vast royal complex occupies almost a seventh of the entire Pink City. And get the true taste of Rajasthan when you visit the well loved Chokhi Dhani - from colourful folk dances and puppet shows to camel rides and authentic Rajasthani cuisine, there is so much to experience at Chokhi Dhani Village.

One thing you can't get past in the city of Jaipur is its rich cultural heritage. Spend some time with the people and learn about their intriguing past. You are sure to have a good time doing so! You could also learn a few Rajasthani dance moves or even a song or two.

When To VISIT

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What To SEE
5 Sights
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1  City Palace

Located inside the old city,
City Palace in Jaipur is a blend of traditional
Rajput and Mughal architecture bound to
leave you awestruck. A vast palace complex
that occupies nearly a seventh of the Pink City, this palace was originally built by
Maharaja Jai Singh II in 1932. Today, City
Palace is known for housing the Chandra
Mahal and the Mubarak Mahal, apart from
the series of courtyards, sprawling gardens
and buildings that populate the complex.

One step into the City Palace and the
magnificent architecture and huge gardens
take you to the eras of Rajas and Maharajas.
From the richly decorated gateways to the
classification that awaits you at each of the
museums, the place makes for an exciting
time. At the Mubarak Mahal, you can
see the variety of textiles and the lush
garments the Maharajas of Jaipur used to
wear. From Sanganeri Block Prints to
exquisite Kashmiri Pashminas, you can see it
all here. The most fascinating amongst
these costumes are perhaps the ones of
Sawai Madhosingh I, who weighed about
250 kg and still managed to have 108 wives!

The next step on your adventure in the City
Palace will probably be the Chandra Mahal,
which can be called the most magnificent
structure in the whole building, without a
doubt! With seven floors that have their own
unique names, the building houses some of
the finest paintings, floral decorations and
mirror work art that you would have set
your eyes on.

Only the ground floor of the Chandra Mahal
is accessible as the descendants of the royal
family still reside in the rest of the
building. Other notable places inside
the complex include the two sterling silver
vessels in the Diwan-I-Khas, which are the
largest vessels in the world, weaponry
display at the Maharani Palace and the
Baggi Khana, a museum of the Maharaja's
rides.

2  Hawa Mahal

Built in 1799 by Maharaja Sawai Singh as a
part of the City Palace, Hawa Mahal was an
extension of the women’s chamber with the
purpose of allowing royal ladies to observe
everyday life in the street below without
being seen. A five-storey high red sandstone
structure complete with over 950 windows,
Hawa Mahal was made in such a way that
the breeze circulates through these
windows, giving the palace its name.

If you look at it closely, the five-storeyed Hawa Mahal in Jaipur appears like a bee hive, specially so because the windows are decorated with very fine lattice work. It is said that the designer of this structure, Lal Chand Ustad envisioned the Hawa Mahal in such a way that it resembles the crown of Lord Krishna, the favourite deity of women in Rajasthan. One of the most prominent landmarks in the city, Hawa Mahal is perhaps also one of the most unique historic structures of the country.

Chokhi Dhani Village in Jaipur is a beautifully landscaped area, spread over 10 acres, dotted with machaans & platforms where different folk artists perform concurrently. Buy some pretty stuffs from the national art and craft market or simply walk around the museum displaying Rajasthani village culture and before moving out, get yourself clicked in the traditional look at their photo studio. A village fair is hosted every evening displaying the rich & wonderful cultural heritage of Rajasthan.

4 Jantar Mantar

Lauded as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and located very close to the City Palace, Jantar Mantar in Jaipur is the largest of five astronomical observatories built by Maharaja Jai Singh during the period 1727-1734. Consisting of 14 major geometric devices for measuring time, predicting eclipses, tracking stars in their orbits, ascertaining the declination of planets and determining the celestial altitudes, the observatory is a major attraction for kids and adults alike. There is not a single boring moment as you marvel at the operations of these devices.

The name Jantar Mantar literally translates into instrument of calculation. Visiting the place is a fascinating experience as one can learn how our ancestors used limited technology to study and decipher some complicated facts of science. The biggest instrument here is the Samrat Yantra. This 90 feet structure is used to measure the time of the day by calculating and observing the placement and length of the shadow. There are even some smaller instruments which are a feat of architecture and show noteworthy design and functions like the Ram Yantra.

The Jantar Mantar in Jaipur is one among five built by Maharaja Jai Singh II between 1727 and 1734. The Jaipur Observatory is the largest and best preserved of these structures. The observatory consists of 14 major geometric devices for measuring time, predicting eclipses, tracking stars’ location as the earth orbits around the sun, ascertaining the declinations of planets and determining the celestial altitudes and related ephemerides. Each is a fixed and ‘focussed’ tool. The Samrat Yantra, the largest instrument, is 90 feet (27 m) high, its shadow carefully plotted to tell the time of day. Its face is angled at 27 degrees, the latitude of Jaipur.

Today the accuracy of the structures here is questionable, mainly because of their sheer size and the unskilled labour that constructed it. However, local astronomers still use the place to make predictions for the farmers. All said and done, the place makes for a visit, thanks to the fascination factor it holds!

5 Amber Fort

Near City Palace, Tripolia Bazar, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302002, India

The Amber Fort in Jaipur is one among five built by Maharaja Jai Singh II between 1727 and 1734. Located very close to the City Palace, the Amber Fort is the largest of five such forts and is situated on the raised Maota Lake. The Amber Fort is a tribute to the splendour and grandeur of the Mughal Empire and is a major tourist attraction in Jaipur.
Amber Fort is a fort-palace complex built in the hybrid Hindu-Muslim style dating back to the 17th Century. This magnificent structure was built by Raja Man Singh I and still retains all its stately grandeur. Overlooking the Maota Lake, this attraction is situated on the outskirts of the city and is known for its imposing gateways and cobbled pathways.

The Diwan-e-Aam situated inside the Amber Fort with red sandstone and marble is a beautiful example of architecture, nothing short of poetry in stone. Sheesh Mahal in the same complex is another aesthetic treat, especially when it is lit up by the darting rays of sunlight reflected by the thousands of glasses. The most interesting aspect of this complex is the Sukh Niwas, where an air conditioning effect was created in the ancient times with air blowing through cascading cool water.

1 **Chokhi Dhani Restaurant**

- **Address:** 12 Miles Tonk Road, Via Vatika, Jaipur, Rajasthan 303905, India
- **Contact:** +91-141-5165000 | +91 96672-22203 | +91-96490-88888

Also known as the Lalten Restaurant, Chokhi Dhani Restaurant in Jaipur is one of the most popular places to sample traditional food, and of course, a slice of true Rajasthani culture. Enjoy camel rides and traditional performances or splurge in the in-house flea-market.

2 **Barbeque Nation**

- **Address:** Ground Floor City Plex Mall, Ashram Marg, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302018, India
- **Contact:** +91-141-3138001 | +91-141-6060000 | +91-77420-90502

Barbeque Nation in Jaipur serves North Indian cuisine at its yummiest best. If you're in the mood for some live cooking, give their live grill a spin and feast on some Tikkas and Kebabs, fresh out of the Tandoor.

Drinks of choice are served along with your meal and make for nice accompaniments. Don't finish your appetite at just the starters; there is more yumminess awaiting when you head to the main course. Their desserts provide the perfect ending to a meal so tasty and their tarts are an absolute delight.

3 **Jaipur Jungle**

- **Address:** 6th Floor, UDB Tower, Opposite Mango Hotel, Baraf Khana, Adarsh Nagar, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302004,
- **Contact:** +91-141-2611199 | +91-96104-47939

Jaipur Jungle Restaurant is an artificial jungle that offers an amazing experience to foodies. With beautiful waterfall, natural greenery and cool breeze all around who would believe that it's not a real jungle. The first thing you'll notice here is the friendly and affectionate staff that gives you a warm welcome. Veggie lovers can try out their 'makai malai seekh kabab', paneer tikka, 'dal e khas navabi' and tawa banjara. All the dishes on the menu are simply delicious.

4 **Chitra Cafeteria**

- **Address:** Ground Floor, Sansar Chandra Road, In Hotel Arya Niwas, Sindhi Camp, Jaipur
- **Contact:** +91-141-2372456 | +91-141-5113293 | +91-141-4073456 | +91-9314639592

This village-style restaurant serves authentic Rajasthani cuisine in an authentic Rajasthani ambiance and opens at 6 PM everyday. The usual Rajasthani Thali includes Gatte Ki Sabzi, Daal Baati, Churma, Khichadi and some lip-smacking dessert like Kheer.

5 **Okra**
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Near Jawahar Circle, Tonk Road,
Jaipur, Rajasthan 302015, India
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