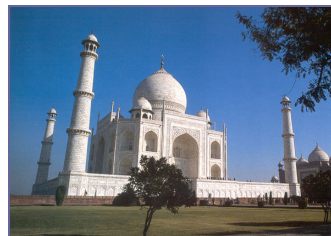
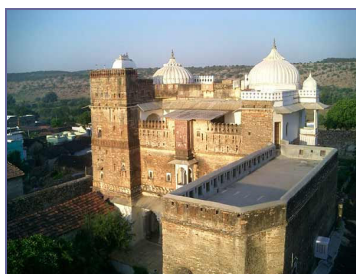


WILD FRONTIERS



Rajasthan: Easter Chill-Out Castle Bijaipur & the Taj Mahal - India

Castle Bijaipur is a fine heritage hotel, situated in the heart of the spectacular Aravelli Hills, surrounded by forests of Jacaranda, unspoilt rural villages, lakes and ancient temples, making it a perfect location for walks, horse rides, painting, bird watching or simple relaxation. There is a swimming pool, a masseur, bicycles and beautiful Marwari horses for your pleasure. Yoga suitable for beginners, as well as more advanced, is on offer everyday to help you unwind and the beautiful lake city of Udaipur is but a couple of hours away.

“Castle Bijaipur really is a magical place” Hazel Marshall

HIGHLIGHTS

- Castle Bijaipur and surrounding villages
- Luxury tents by a lotus lake
- Yoga, cooking lessons, bikes and horses
- Agra and the Taj Mahal
- The historical sites of Delhi

Duration: 11 Days

Average group size: 5 - 18

Start: Fri 06 Apr 12

Finish: Mon 16 Apr 12



Why Wild Frontiers?

As a young, innovative company, Wild Frontiers is delighted to have been voted one of the 'Top 10 Tour Operators' by the readers of both Wanderlust and National Geographic Adventure. We are frequently asked what makes us different from other tour operators, and feel that the factors below answer this important question.

The Traveller's Ethos: WF is a company that has been set up by travellers for travellers, and our ethos is to help adventurous souls get to incredible and inaccessible places in safety and as much comfort as local conditions allow. We are firm believers that travelling is all about the experience and it's the details that make the trip - we specialise in drawing on our own extensive local knowledge and array of contacts to give our clients the very best experience possible.

Personal Service: Our London office is manned by experienced expedition leaders and every trip we run stems from their extensive knowledge - in short, we run the kind of trips that as passionate travellers, we like to do ourselves! When you ring our office, you can be guaranteed to chat to someone that knows the trips and the terrain, and is able to offer sound and practical advice.

Authentic Experiences: Our unique, original itineraries allow our clients to take journeys that venture beneath the surface of the region. Unlike the plethora of 'world specialists' out there who purport to know a hundred destinations, we concentrate on the locations we know and love. We don't run the same tour over and over, thus running the risk of creating a 'tourist circuit' and spoiling untouched regions. Instead, we rarely run any tour more than a couple of times a year and they are on routes we have discovered for ourselves, meaning we are able to give a truly authentic, off-the-beaten-track experience.

Be the First: Our style of travel is all about exploration, and nothing excites us more than opening up new routes to genuine travellers. We keep abreast of new destinations and are often the first to return to places that have vanished from the tourist map. We were the first back into Pakistan after 9/11, the first to return to Kashmir after a decade of tourist isolation, and the first to run a commercial travel trip to Afghanistan for almost 30 years. Since then we have helped bring Colombia, Yemen and Georgia back into the tourist fold, specialising in groundbreaking reconnaissance trips and imaginative expeditions.

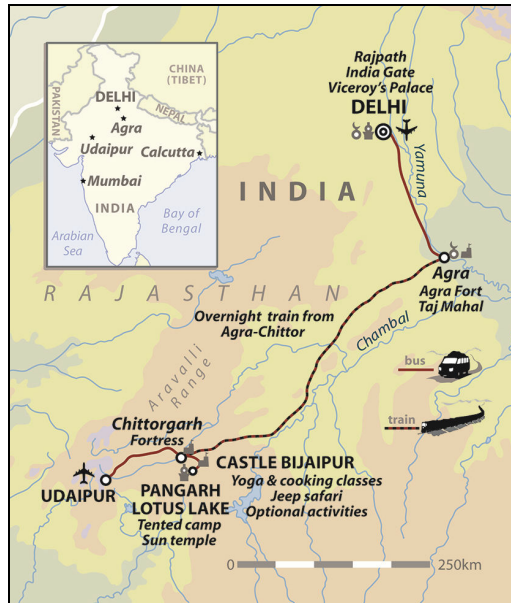
Small Group Size: We believe it is imperative to keep the group sizes small. Most trips are limited to a maximum of approximately 12 travellers, thus giving you more access to fragile cultures, better opportunities to interact with local people, and the knowledge you are making less of an impact while there.

Cost of Tours: We believe in an honest, upfront pricing system so you know exactly what the tour will cost before you book. We avoid local payments, 'optional extras' or forcing our clients to split every meal bill. Our tours are provided on a predominantly full board basis, with mineral water, government permits, entrance fees and transport all included.

Added Value: We aim to give our clients the very best (not the least expensive) experience through whatever facilities are available to us. We always try to provide accommodation that is interesting, characterful and convenient, and transport - another important part of any tour - that is as varied and comfortable as possible.

Our Clients: Your companions can make or break a trip, and it's lucky therefore that our clients are our greatest asset. Travelling to remote regions is not for everyone, and as such we tend to attract open-minded travellers looking for genuine experiences, and a desire to reach those hard to get to places.

Responsible Travel: Awarded 5 star status by AITO (Association of Independent Tour Operators), responsible tourism has always been an integral part of our company ethos and our adventures are designed with the local people, culture and eco-system in mind. For further details please refer to the RT section on this dossier.



Day 1: Delhi: The tour starts at the hotel, around lunchtime. After we have settled in we will head into the New Town, visiting Rajpath, India Gate the Viceroys palace, before returning to the hotel. After some time to freshen up, we will go out for an early dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Hotel (D)

Day 2: Delhi - Agra: This morning we drive southeast to Agra (approximately 5 hours). After lunch we will head to the mighty riverside Agra Fort comprising of exquisite palaces and mosques, and then visit the iconic Taj Mahal. As the sun sets the colours change, and the marble takes on gold and pink hues, so this is an extraordinary time of day to visit. After dinner we will transfer to the train station to catch the overnight train to Chittor.

Overnight Train (B, L, D)

Days 3-8: Castle Bijaipur: On arrival at Chittor we will be met by Rawla Narendra Singh and transferred to his beautiful castle home. We will sort everyone out with one of the castle's charming rooms and generally settle in. Over the following 6 days we will have the opportunity to participate in the varied activities on offer which include yoga, horse rides, walks, cycle rides, swims and jeep safaris. There will be gentle yoga classes for early risers and evening yoga sessions for those who wish to take part. Cooking lessons will also be available, as will horse rides on the beautiful Marwari

horses, cycle rides and walks. For one night we will even decamp en masse to the beautiful lotus lake for a night at the charming lake side camp. We will set up a shamyana (colourful canvas roof on poles) and have a barbeque. We will be able to go boating on the lake with the local fishermen, explore the 5th century fort and sun-worshiping temple.

Hotel and one night camp (B, L, D)

Day 9: Castle Bijaipur - Udaipur: After breakfast, having said our goodbyes, we will visit Chittorgarh Fort en route to magical city of Udaipur. On arrival in the afternoon we will check into our hotel. We have the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure to explore this fascinating city and go out for dinner.

Hotel (B, L)

Day 10: Udaipur: Udaipur is a place best explored at one's own pace. Guides and itineraries will be available for those wishing to have a more structured tour of this beautiful city's sights, but the old town is small, made up of a labyrinth of alleyways and passages, and getting lost is part of the fun. This evening we will have our final dinner.

Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 11: Udaipur: This morning the tour finishes after breakfast.

(B)

Wild Extensions:

Arrive early to adjust to a new time zone or just to get a feel for the country before your tour starts. Explore the country after your tour on a bespoke Wild Extension or just allow a few days to relax afterwards. Maybe choose all of the above and get cheaper flights mid-week?

There are so many options it's hard to know where to begin, but here are a few ideas:

- Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur
- A few days in Kerala or Goa
- Visit one of the nearby Tiger Parks

Contact the office for extension specifics.

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Code: RCX/C

Tour price: All our tours are priced on a LAND ONLY basis, giving you maximum flexibility when deciding how to get to and from your tour.

Single Supplements: These are NOT compulsory for any Wild Frontiers tour. Where single supplements are available please note that a single room cannot always be guaranteed for every night of the tour as depending on the destination, rooms may be limited. On this tour we are happy to offer an optional single supplement that will cover you for all nights except while on the train.

Flights: If you would like us to send you a quote for the suggested tour flight (see GETTING THERE) or on any alternative flight that may suit you better, please let us know.

In all cases, for the latest prices, please refer to our website or contact the office.

Please remember that all Wild Frontiers tour prices mean NO hidden extras, NO local payments or kitty and NO compulsory single supplements.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Full services of a Wild Frontiers Tour Leader with local guides and drivers.
- Meal plan as detailed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) with mineral water as required.
- All transport as outlined in the itinerary.
- All accommodation
- All entrance fees, as per itinerary.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Visas (if applicable)
- Local airport taxes
- Tips
- Beverages & any costs of a personal nature.
- International Flights
- Airport transfers (unless booking suggested flights through WF office)

We also pay for horse riding, cycling, yoga, walking and certain excursions, but trips to Udaipur and other local destinations need to be paid for locally at your own expense. The same goes for massages, which are not included. The other thing to bear in mind is that the castle only has 6 horses so if there are many people wishing to ride we will have to use a rotation basis - though we should state this has never been a problem so far.

Here are a few some approximate costs to help you budget:

Transfer to Udaipur: 2800rp/£40

Hotel in Udaipur (twin share): 1800rp/£25

Massage: 700rp for 45 minutes £10

Drinks, snacks, laundry etc: usual hotel rates (Large Kingfisher beer, 160rps; coke, 35rps; toasted sandwich, 35rps. Laundry: shirt or trousers, 20rps; pants or shorts 15rps;)

(Prices subject to currency fluctuation and are correct at time of writing)

GETTING THERE

For this trip our suggested flights (subject to change) are:

05APR 9W121 LHR-DEL 20:45/10:00+1

16APR 9W2651 UDR-DEL 08:05/09:45

16APR 9W122 DEL-LHR 14:00/18:30

Key:

LHR - London Heathrow

DEL - Delhi

UDR - Udaipur

9W - Jet Airways

NB If you wish to arrange your own flights you are completely free to do so and in this case we can arrange any transfers or supplementary accommodation that you may require.

Please note that if you are making your own flight arrangements, we recommend that you only purchase flights that are totally flexible and refundable as due to the nature of adventure travel, itineraries can change at any time. For more information, please refer to our booking conditions.

PRACTICALITIES

Accommodation: All the rooms at Castle Bijaipur are of a simple but lovely and atmospheric standard, all with en suite facilities. Most are also aesthetically pleasing and whether in the old 17th century wing, or the newer Victorian block, exude charm and character. However, it has to be said that like most of Rajasthan's heritage properties the rooms are all different and therefore some may be deemed better than others. As such we ask that you are patient with us, as we will try to do our best to get everyone a lovely room. If you are not happy please speak to the guide and we'll try to put things right.

Any accommodation mentioned in the itinerary is subject to availability and if not available substitutes will be of a similar quality.

Transport on this trip will be by bus, mini-bus coasters or jeeps and cars, AC sleeper train and aeroplane.

Trip Grading:

Adventure Rating ❖❖❖❖❖

Comfort Grade ❖❖❖❖❖

Fitness Level ❖❖❖❖❖

Cultural Interest ❖❖❖❖❖

Please note that this grading is an indication only and should you have any concerns please contact the office.

Fitness...

Anyone in a reasonable state of health who enjoys walking should enjoy this trip.

It may sound obvious but...

Wild Frontiers tours are not always for everyone and it is important to us that the tour you choose is the most suitable. Please therefore take time to read the dossier carefully. All our tours are graded to give an overall picture of the trip but these are only guidelines and you should check the daily itinerary. Should you have any concerns about your ability to partake in any aspect of the tour then please contact the office.

Insurance: Insurance that provides cover for emergency repatriation in case of a medical emergency is compulsory for all

tours. You should be aware that many standard insurance policies may not cover you adequately for all aspects of a Wild Frontiers trip and so we strongly recommend that you purchase a suitably designed insurance policy. One such policy is the "Wild Frontiers" policy underwritten by Travel & General Insurance Company plc, which is available to UK and Republic of Ireland residents through our website or via the insurance company direct on 0845 408 0583. Under this policy there are two different levels of cover available and for this trip the minimum requirement would be the Standard policy.

Cover explained:

Standard policy: a comprehensive travel insurance policy that provides cover for all Wild Frontiers activities, including trekking up to 6,000m. This policy does not provide cover for travel to areas where the FCO is advising against all or all but essential travel.

Elite policy: provides the same comprehensive level of cover as the standard policy. In addition the Elite policy also provides cover for travel to areas where the FCO is advising against all or all but essential travel. The policy will not provide cover for any claims arising from or relating to the reasons why the FCO is advising against travel.

If purchasing the Elite policy you also have the option to **extend the cover** provided by the policy to include cover for claims arising from a terrorist act in an area where the FCO is advising against travel. You can add this cover to your policy when purchasing online or over the telephone.

These policies are only available to those travelling on a Wild Frontiers holiday.

For more information and to purchase your policy online please visit the Insurance section of our website.

The cover is underwritten by the International Insurance Company of Hannover Limited (IICH), who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). Wild Frontiers Limited is an Introducer Appointed Representative of Travel & General

Insurance Company plc, details of which can be found at the FSA's website www.fsa.gov.uk.

If you do decide to purchase alternative insurance, then you must ensure that it covers you for every aspect of this trip. Should you wish to horse ride then you need to ensure your insurance covers you for this.

Visas: Visas are necessary for many of the destinations we travel to and while we aim to provide you with the most up-to-date information, requirements frequently change and as such we advise that you check with the relevant embassies or contact our recommended visa agency, Travcour (020 7223 5295) www.travcour.com for the latest advice.

For this tour, UK passport holders currently require a visa for India.

Non-UK passport holders should contact the relevant embassies for individual requirements.

Further details will be sent out to you on booking, however ensuring that correct and valid visas are obtained remains the sole responsibility of the client.

Responsible Travel: Responsible travel and sustainable tourism are fundamental ideas that Wild Frontiers has been committed to since our birth. It is our strong belief that these words should not be simply 'tagged on' to dossiers and websites but should be at the very core of each trip, and our adventures are therefore designed with the local people, culture and eco-system in mind. We believe that a successful trip not only delivers a unique and unsurpassable journey for our clients, but that it also benefits the peoples whose lands we are privileged to visit.

The Wild Frontiers Foundation: In order to facilitate an enduring support structure for the communities we visit, and to show a commitment to these values, Wild Frontiers has set up a charitable foundation through which we can channel funds to both existing NGOs and our own development projects. In addition to organising ethically sensitive tours, having our own charitable

foundation allows us to raise money - through the cost of our tours, charity trips and fund raising events - which can then be used to fund various projects in education, sanitation, reforestations and a number of other important issues facing developing communities. Wherever possible we are happy for our clients to visit these projects to see for themselves where and how this money is being spent. For a comprehensive list of all partner NGOs please visit our website. Should you wish to donate to the foundation please contact the office for details.

The Environment: Trying to do our bit for the environment, in 2005 we were among the first UK-based travel companies to automatically offset every client's international flight (if booked with us) with a payment to Carbon Clear to help promote sustainable energy.

Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO): The FCO Travel advice highlights potential hazards people might experience when travelling abroad. Given the nature of destinations offered by Wild Frontiers it is inevitable that from time to time some itineraries contravene this advice. Whilst WF takes the safety and security of its clients extremely seriously, we will not necessarily cancel a trip because of the FCO advice. It is recommended therefore that clients check this advice before booking and contact us if they have any queries or concerns. Please see our website for further information.

Climate: The temperature in this part of Rajasthan at this time of the year will be pretty hot with an average daytime temp will be between 30-32 degrees centigrade, while the evenings, nights and early mornings will range from 18-22 degrees.

<p>Further information: When you make a confirmed booking with Wild Frontiers we will send you our confirmation pack with complete pre-departure information giving you details on visas, health and vaccinations, packing lists, suggested reading on the region, photography and other useful tips to make your trip more enjoyable.</p>

BIJAIPUR - THE FACTS



Destination: Castle Bijaipur is a charming 17th century Rajput fort set amongst some of Rajasthan's most beautiful countryside. Now converted into a fine heritage hotel, it is situated in the heart of the spectacular Aravali Hills, surrounded by forests of Jacaranda, unspoilt rural villages, lakes and ancient temples, making it a perfect location for walks, horse rides, painting, bird watching or simple relaxation.

Daily Events: After an optional sunrise yoga session there will be a particular event each morning and afternoon that you can join or not, depending on how you are feeling. These will include walks, rides, cycle trips, cooking lessons and a half-day trip to Chittorgarh Fort. We will also have an evening jeep safari where we will hope to spot fox, wolf, hyena, jackal, leopard or, if we are unbelievably lucky, one of the two tigers known to frequent these parts. But it should be stressed, if you wish to bow out of any of these trips and do your own thing - be it on a horse, a bike or on foot; be it bird watching, painting or reading - of course you are perfectly at liberty to do so. As far as possible we want everyone to do what he or she wants.



Yoga: Yoga will take place everyday just after sunrise (07:00) and some evenings (depending on interest) on the roof of the Victorian wing. As a variation for a couple of evenings we might also practice under the mango trees at the nearby farmhouse. NB. Please bring own mats.



Excursions: For trips to nearby places of interest we can provide taxis with one day's notice. It is worth remembering though that Ranthambore Tiger Sanctuary is 6 hours away and Jaipur and Jodhpur are about a 5-hour journey. We can also arrange accommodation for you in any of the above-mentioned places with notice. You will cover the cost of these trips directly with the taxi driver and hotel.



Massage: An Ayurvedic masseur will be at the hotel throughout our stay. If you would like to take advantage of their services simply book them as and when you want them and put it on your room bill. An hour-long massage will cost approx 600rps. (Price subject to change)



Camping by the Lotus Lake: This will be a wonderful evening when we decamp en masse up to Pangarh, the Lotus Lake for an evening 'camping'. To be honest

camping is a bit of a misnomer, as we will take advantage of the fabulous walk-in tents complete with comfortable beds, en suite facilities, a shaded dining area and yoga tent. We will cook up a delicious traditional meal, build a fire and sit out under the stars. You will also be able to swim in the lake and go for local walks.

How to book:

In order to confirm your booking we need to have a completed signed booking form for each client together with a £400 deposit per person. You can either return your booking form to us by post or by booking online at www.wildfrontiers.co.uk

You can contact the office by email to info@wildfrontiers.co.uk or we are very happy to take your call on **020 7736 3968**.

Wild Frontiers is a fully licensed and bonded tour operator and our ATOL number is 5975.

You can book your holiday with Wild Frontiers in complete confidence that all monies you pay to us for your tour are fully protected.

We are also bonded with the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO). AITO members comply with the highest standards of consumer protection. Every AITO holiday is backed not only by AITO's Quality Charter but also by full financial protection.

We do recommend that you take out adequate travel insurance at the time of booking in the event that you are no longer able to travel as all deposits are non-refundable - full booking conditions can be found on the booking form and online at our website.